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Downtown Waltham Partnership Announces the Return of the Watch City Steampunk Festival

WALTHAM, MA – The Downtown Waltham Partnership’s Watch City Steampunk Festival will return to Waltham Common on Saturday, May 7th, 2022. This free outdoor community festival will run from 10:00am to 5:00pm, rain or shine. Interested attendees can learn more at www.watchcityfestival.com.

“Steampunk” is a literary and artistic movement that combines elements of Industrial-Revolution-era history and fashion with modern technology, science fiction, and whimsy. “What did the Victorians think the future would look like, and what if that’s the future that happened? What if everything that H.G Wells and Jules Verne wrote about came true?” said the Festival’s lead organizer, Melissa Honig.

This year’s event will feature multiple stages with music and performances; childrens’ activities; historical presentations; food trucks; and over 60 vendors bringing unique wares to Waltham the day before Mother’s Day. The Festival’s finale will feature rock band Celtica Nova.

The Festival is looking for volunteers on May 7th to help make everything run smoothly. Local businesses are invited to sponsor the event. Information on how to help the Festival can be found at www.watchcityfestival.com.

The Festival was originally created in 2010 by the Charles River Museum of Industry and Innovation. In 2015 the Downtown Waltham Partnership took over the event, presenting it in addition to its Riverfest event in June. Due to the pandemic, the Festival turned to virtual presentations in 2020 and 2021. The 2022 event marks the return of the in-person event to Waltham.

The Watch City Steampunk Festival is supported in part by a grant from the Waltham Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. Additional funding is provided by a grant from the Jones Partnership Fund, and grants from the Waltham Tourism Council.

Downtown Waltham Partnership's goal is a downtown that is friendly, diverse, safe, sustainable, and thriving. DWP promotes the downtown as a vibrant cultural, retail, and entertainment destination reflecting the best of this diverse community.