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In the Fall of 2005 Molly Finn began working with Friends of Ballard Park to develop a Youth Board with Rogers High School students. A recent high school graduate who grew up in Newport, Molly was well known and connected at the high school. The students decided the first event they wanted to organize would be a Battle of the Bands featuring youth bands of various musical genres. Molly was particularly enthused about the event and recruited several of her musician friends to enter their

Sadly, in June 2006 the Free Spirit, a boat Molly was aboard as part of a transatlantic voyage, was lost at sea. Her young friends requested Friends of Ballard Park host the Battle of the Bands in Molly's memory and volunteered to help organize the event. The 1st Annual Molly Finn Battle of the Bands was held on Saturday, July 28, 2007 --Molly's twentyfirst birthday. It was a terrific success with eleven bands with members aged 12 to 35 competing, dozens of volunteers and over 750 attendees. The 2nd Annual Molly Finn Battle of the Bands was held on July 19, 2008 and was equally successfully.

The event engages local youth in a positive way and awards recording time and concert opportunities to top performing bands.

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