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We have lived in our home on Lincoln Avenue since October, 1988, and we generally love our neighborhood and friends here. Grand Old Day has always been an enormous imposition for us and our neighbors. Because we back onto Grand, the three venues supplying loud music behind us, within a block of each other, create a tiresome wall of relentless sound. In the past we have often escaped for the day, but we know from experience that when we do so, it will be hard to get back into our neighborhood later (the City overlooks illegal parking in alleys) and that we will have to deal with trash on our property. GABA has been better in recent years with volunteer monitors who tamp down on unruly behavior. Our general question to GABA is who benefits from the festival? My wife, who owned a business on Grand for a decade, had to close for the day, and we've noticed that others do as well. In that regard, COVID was a blessing.