



PARKS & RECREATION DEPT.
FOOD VENDOR APPLICATION PACKET 2026
FOOD VENDOR EVENTS & DATES

This is our vendor list for outdoor events with the Parks Department for 2026! Please note the **EARLY** and **LATE** registration fees. The late dates are FINAL for 2026. They are set to reflect the time it will take to ensure all applications are processed, the event is mapped, and that vendors get a minimum of 2 weeks' notice on location, set-up times, etc.

Derby Day

Saturday, May 2, 2026 | 5:00-8:00 pm

Ball Band Biergarten, 230 Ironworks Ave. | Mishawaka, IN 46544

Saddle up and head down to the Ball Band Biergarten. We will be showing the Kentucky Derby LIVE on the big screen for the evening. Place some "bets" and wear your derby hats to win prizes.

Early registration fee ends Friday, February 28, 2026: \$105

Late registration fee ends Friday, March 27, 2026: \$315

Mishawaka Bike Nights with Elkhart Indian Motorcycle

Saturday, May 15, 2026 & Friday, September 18, 2026 | 6:00-9:00 pm

Ironworks Plaza, 230 Ironworks Ave. | Mishawaka, IN 46544

Join us at Ironworks Plaza for a night of motorcycle fun! Our partners at Elkhart Indian Motorcycle and their friends ride to the plaza to enjoy a night of food and music.

Early registration fee ends Friday, March 27, 2026: \$105

Late registration fee ends Friday, April 10, 2026: \$315

Foam Fest

Saturday, June 20, 2026 | 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Ironworks Plaza, 230 Ironworks Ave. | Mishawaka, IN 46544

It's a day full of foam-tastic fun and games! Join us at Ironworks Plaza for the biggest foam party of the summer. **Early**

registration fee ends Friday, April 24, 2026: \$70

Late registration fee ends Friday, May 15, 2026: \$280

Independence Day Celebration

Saturday, June 27, 2026 | 5:00-10:00 pm

Central Park, 295 E. Mishawaka Ave. | Mishawaka, IN 46545

Celebrate our Nation's Independence Day with us at our 10th Independence Day Celebration! The day will feature live music, food, arts and crafts, and fireworks!

Early registration fee ends Friday, April 24, 2026: \$175

Late registration fee ends Friday, May 15, 2026: \$385

Christmas in July

Saturday, July 11, 2026 | 6:00-9:00 pm

Ironworks Plaza, 230 Ironworks Ave. | Mishawaka, IN 46544

Why wait until December to celebrate Christmas. Join Santa and all his little helpers for an evening of Christmas fun at Ironworks Plaza. There will be a Santa photo booth, bumper cars, face painting, bicycle parade, food trucks and more!

Early registration fee ends Friday, May 22, 2026: \$105

Late registration fee ends Friday, June 5, 2026: \$315

Chill with a Cop Night

Tuesday, August 4, 2026 | 5:30-7:30pm

Merrifield Park, 801 N. Indiana Ave. | Mishawaka, IN 46544

Join the Mishawaka Police Department and the Mishawaka Parks Department for an evening of free fun, frozen treats, and conversation! National Night out + Chill with a Cop enhances the relationships between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. The event will include popsicles, games, inflatables, a DJ, Safety Pup and MORE!

Early registration fee ends Friday, May 29, 2026: \$70

Late registration fee ends Friday, June 26, 2026: \$280

Ninja Mayhem

Saturday, August 15, 2026 | 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Ironworks Plaza, 230 Ironworks Ave. | Mishawaka, IN 46544

Join us for a day of ninja fun on the Ninja Nation Mobile Course coming to downtown Mishawaka!

Early registration fee ends Friday, June 26, 2026: \$280

Late registration fee ends Friday, July 10, 2026: \$490

End of Summer Celebration

Thursday, August 20, 2026 | 7:00-9:00 pm

Kamm Island Park, 600 Front St. | Mishawaka, IN 46544

Conclude the Summer Concert Series at Kamm Island Park for a fun night out with music, food trucks and more.

Early registration fee ends Friday, June 26, 2026: \$70

Late registration fee ends Friday, July 10, 2026: \$280

Mish! Fall Fest

Friday, September 25, 2026 | 6:30-8:30 pm

Ironworks Plaza, 230 Ironworks Ave. | Mishawaka, IN 46544

We welcome fall with our new event Mish! Fall Fest. Bring the kids, friends and family down to Ironworks Avenue for a fun night of fall fun. Traditional fall games, music, inflatables, and beverage from the Ball Band Biergarten.

Early registration fee ends Friday, July 17, 2026: \$70

Late registration fee ends Friday, August 7, 2026: \$280

Howl-o-ween Party

Thursday, October 8, 2026 | 6:00-8:00 pm

Rose Park, 1400 S. West St. | Mishawaka, IN 46544

Join us at Rose Park's new dog park for our Halloween themed party for man's best friend. Furry friends can enjoy treats and games, while humans get to enjoy food trucks, music and beverages.

Early registration fee ends Friday, June 31, 2026: \$70

Late registration fee ends Friday, August 28, 2026: \$280

Boos & Brews, Haunted Brew Fest

Saturday, October 16, 2026 | 7:00-10:00 pm

Ball Band Biergarten, 230 Ironworks Ave. | Mishawaka, IN 46544

We don't want the adults to feel left out of the spooky season, so join us for the 21+ Boos and Brews, Haunted Brew Fest!

We've invited local breweries to pour their favorites!

Early registration fee ends Friday, July 31, 2026: \$105

Late registration fee ends Friday, August 28, 2026: \$315

Flannel Formal

Friday, November 6, 2026 | 6:00-9:00 pm

Ball Band Biergarten, 230 Ironworks Ave. | Mishawaka, IN 46544

Calling all our lumberjacks and lumberjanes, Flannel Formal is back for another year! Dress in your best flannel attire and head to the Ball Band Biergarten for axe-throwing, live music, drinks around the fire.

Early registration fee ends Friday, August 28, 2026: \$105

Late registration fee ends Friday, September 25, 2026: \$315

Winterfest

Saturday, December 5, 2026 | 5:00-8:00 pm

Ironworks Plaza, 230 Ironworks Ave. | Mishawaka, IN 46544

Join us for the annual Winterfest Celebration! One of the best events of the year, we will kick things off with a lighted parade and tree lighting at Ironworks Ave! The event will include food vendors, a holiday market, pictures with Santa, trackless train rides, ice carving, fire performers, axe-throwing, and of course, ice skating!

Early registration fee ends Friday, October 2, 2026: \$105

Late registration fee ends Friday, October 30, 2026: \$315



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FOOD VENDOR INFORMATION & RULES

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Vendors serving food and beverages only. Food and beverage vendors must have the necessary permits, at least seven (7) days prior to the event, with the St. Joseph County Health Dept. Vendors will be accepted based on the items served.

FOOD VENDORS

Applications for Entry

Complete and return the Vendor Application Packet via mail or drop off at the Mishawaka Parks and Recreation Dept. Office located in the Battell Community Center at 904 N. Main St., Mishawaka, IN 46545. Cash, check, card, or money orders accepted. Checks and money orders made payable to the City of Mishawaka. **Payment is due upon approval and acceptance of event application. Approval will be sent via email and will include a digital invoice for payment. Do not submit checks with the application.**

Check-in & Set-up

Check-in and set-up times will vary for each event. A Park Representative will contact you prior to the event for details. Being on time is imperative for our programming, so please arrive on time for each event you are approved for. If you continue to be late or do not communicate regarding tardiness, we reserve the right to not include you for future events.

Booth Space

All businesses or other activity must be conducted within the designated rental area only. No distribution, canvassing, flyers, nor vending of any kind by strolling through the festival. **Tents must be weighed and not staked down into the ground, due to the irrigation systems.**

Closing & Tear Down

Closing and teardown times will vary for each event. A Park Representative will be in contact with you prior to the event for details.

Parking

Parking is limited, and is first come, first serve. After unloading and setting up, vehicles must be moved to the designated parking areas outside of the festival.

Refunds

Application fees received from accepted vendors are **non-refundable, no exceptions.**

Weather

All these events are outdoor events. In the case of inclement weather, a decision will be made to either cancel or postpone the event. A minimum of a 48-hour weather check-in email will be sent out. However, the weather can change at any moment. Please be sure to check your emails the day of the event. Refunds are not awarded for weather cancellations.

***Note: Electric and water are available for food and beverage vendors ONLY.**



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Business/Booth Name: _____ Date: _____
 Contact Name: _____ Contact DOB: _____ Phone #: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Email: _____ Website: _____

Indicate which event you are participating in.

Derby Day Mish Bike Nights Foam Fest Independence Day Celebration Christmas in July Chill w/ a Cop Ninja Mayhem	End of Summer Celebration Mish! Fall Fest Howl-o-ween Party Boos & Brews, Haunted Brewfest Flannel Formal Winterfest
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Trailer Information

Serving Window Location: Long Side Short End Three Sides Other _____
 Trailer Dimensions: Without Awnings or Hitch: _____ With Awnings or Hitch: _____
 Electrical Requirements: 110 220 # of amps? _____ # of outlets _____
 Can be hardwired? _____ Self-contained? _____ Need running water supply? _____
 List menu items: _____

Food and beverage vendors must follow all St. Joseph County Health Dept. rules and regulations, as well as the Mishawaka Parks and Recreation Dept. rules and regulations. Below, list booth space requirements, including food trailer or truck dimensions with service window orientation, as well as electrical requirements, (i.e. electric can be hard wired, 110/20v, etc.). Supply trucks may remain onsite but will be required to park away from the main festival area.

Application & Rules Agreement

I have read and will comply with the rules of the Mishawaka Parks Department, and I will comply with all applicable laws. By signing, I understand that any Food and Beverage vendors selling items not made by them will be asked to leave the festival with no refund of space rental fee.

Vendor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Release & Indemnification Agreement

For and in consideration of the City of Mishawaka allowing the undersigned to participate in the Mishawaka Parks and Recreation Dept. Special Events for 2026, the undersigned hereby releases and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Mishawaka, Indiana, the Mishawaka Parks and Recreation Department, their agents, employees, and officials from any and all actions, causes of action, claims, damages, demands, judgments, executions, costs, expenses, including attorney fees, and all other claims for damages whatsoever which may hereafter be made, instituted, filed or recovered against the City of Mishawaka, Indiana, the Mishawaka Parks and Recreation Department, their agents, employees, and officials by the undersigned and any other person as the result of participating in this event.

Vendor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Payment Date: _____ Invoice #: _____ Amount Paid: _____