

Dear Prospective Vendor,

The annual Dad Fest is returning to Washington Park this year on Sunday, **June 18, 2023**. Dad Fest is a day full of great live music, delicious food, tasty beverages, and a wide variety of retail in celebration of all the fantastic fathers out there.

The City of Albany is looking to accept applications for a limited number of Retail vendors to fill the event with high-quality and diverse menus for patrons to enjoy. Enclosed, please find an application packet. The information sheet explains the application process each vendor must follow. Please use the application sheet provided and be sure to understand the policies and procedures of vendor participation. **Deadline for all applications to be postmarked is Friday, April 28, 2023.**

The event will be held in Washington Park or in case of inclement weather; a rain date has been set for Sunday, June 25, 2023 in Washington Park. If there is rain on the set rain date, Dad Fest will be held at the Corning Preserve Boat Launch. Vendors must be available for the entire length of the event and both days to be considered.

On behalf of the City of Albany Office of Cultural Affairs, we look forward to receiving your application for 2023 Dad Fest. If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact me at 518.434.5416 vendors@albanyny.gov .

Sincerely,



Andre Cowan
Program Aide
City of Albany Office of Cultural Affairs





RETAIL/CRAFT

VENDOR INFORMATION

June 18, 2023

Washington Park Albany, NY

GUIDELINES

- The City of Albany requires all retail, craft, or art products for sale or display to be of professional quality. Vendor's display should be visually appealing to help enhance the overall aspect of the event.
- Booths may not be shared.
- Only products represented in the application and by the attached photos may be sold in booth space.
- **Dad Fest will have a rain date on June 25, 2023 in case of inclement weather. Vendors must be available for both dates.**
- No refunds will be given due to inclement weather, unless rain date is cancelled.
- All vendors must stay for the duration of the event.
- All vendors are allowed to have **ONE** parking permit.

SELECTION

- Applications will be judged on specific application criteria and the overall integrity of the event.
- Acceptance into previous events does not guarantee acceptance into the 2023 series.
- Selection notifications will be sent out on **Friday, May 12th, 2023.**
- Failure to provide all required information will be deemed an incomplete application, resulting in rejection.

TIMELINE

April 28th	Deadline for postmarked application	June 18	Load in 8:00AM – 9:00AM Dad Fest open 10:00am-6:00pm*
May 12th	Acceptance and rejections mailed		
May 19th	Information packets mailed	June 25th	* Rain Date*

FEES

- **\$50** per 10'x10' booth space (if accepted into festival)
- All vendor fees or payment information must be included with the submission of your application. Rejected applicants will receive returned check or money order for booth space After **May 12th, 2023.**
- The City will not accept personal checks from any previous vendor who has had a check returned for insufficient funds.

BOOTH

- Booth space: **10' wide by 10' deep.** All displays and products must remain within the confines of the space provided.
- Vendor to provide their own electricity, water, tents, tables, chairs, weights and displays. Booth may not be level, bring leveling devices for displays. This is an outdoor event; be prepared for all types of weather.
- For safety, all tents must be tied down by weights of a minimum 40lbs. per leg, no staking of tents allowed within the park.
**The City of Albany reserves the right to force the removal of any aspect within their booth if deemed to be unsafe.*

PHOTOS

- Four (4) digital photos submitted with application. Three (3) representative of the work you plan to sell. One (1) booth setup.
- All photos submitted in working JPEG format via CD, USB drive or email, **vendor@albanyny.gov**, to be used in the jury process.
- Be sure to include applicant's name on all photos provided. Please note, CD, and USB will not be returned.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- If accepted, a packet containing load-in procedures, parking information and other necessary information for the event will be provided.
- Proof of Commercial General Liability insurance if vending Packaged Food or Body Care.
- Vendor is required to collect and pay NY State Sales tax. A current New York State Tax ID number must be provided on you application and a current Certificate must be displayed within your booth during the festival.
- The City of Albany maintains the right to close any exhibit not in compliance with the provided Policies and Procedures.
- **Failure to adhere to these requirements or to submit all necessary information required will result in immediate rejection.**



2023 Dad Fest Retail Vendor Application

Application submission deadline **Friday, April 28, 2023**
Fill out completely and please print or type

NAME: _____
(Last) (First)

BUSINESS NAME: _____

RETAIL TYPE/CATEGORY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

PHONE (cell): _____

EMAIL: _____

NEW YORK STATE TAX ID: _____

DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED PHOTOS

Including menu items, pricing, booth display

PHOTO 1. _____

PHOTO 2. _____

PHOTO 3. _____

PHOTO 4. _____

FEES: One (1) check or money orders made payable to "THE CITY OF ALBANY" must be submitted with application.
\$50.00 Booth Fee (returned if not accepted)

INSURANCE REQUIRED (to be attached to application):

- Proof of Commercial General Liability insurance with minimum limit of one million dollar. If vending packaged food or Body Care.

One (1) Vendor parking permit is provided onsite at this event. Provide information for the vehicle/trailer permit.

Vehicle Plate Number	State Plate Issued	Make & Model
Trailer Plate Number	State Plate Issued	

MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS BY APRIL 28, 2023 TO:

DAD FEST Vendor Coordinator
CITY OF ALBANY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS
24 EAGLE STREET, M-252
ALBANY, NY 12207

2023 City of Albany Dad Fest Policies and Procedures

1. Only one business or organization may operate in each exhibit space. Sharing of booth space with other businesses or organizations is prohibited. Booth/tent space may not be reassigned or sublet. Exhibitors may not distribute, display, or sell products, literature, or other items from any business or organization other than the one specifically contracted with the City of Albany to rent the booth or tent space.
2. The City of Albany reserves the right to change the location, dates, hours, or to terminate entirely the operation of the scheduled event, at any time and without prior notice to the vendor. The City of Albany will make reasonable efforts to provide advance notice to vendors of any changes or cancellations.
3. Items and products:
 - a. An Exhibitor Application must be completed, including a full list of all items or products to be sold, distributed free or sampled; these must be approved by the City of Albany prior to the start of the event.
 - b. Balloons and Mass-produced items may not be sold or distributed free without the prior consent of the City of Albany.
4. General Rules for Exhibitors:
 - a. Exhibitors must provide their own water, electric, tables and chairs.
 - b. Exhibitors must make their own arrangements for transport of their products, equipment, etc. to and from their exhibit spaces; event personnel are not available to assist, and cannot provide storage space for product, equipment, literature, etc. for exhibitors.
 - c. Exhibitors must take full responsibility for set-up and other display materials; City of Albany will establish set-up and takedown times.
 - d. Exhibitors must have personnel present and in their booths at all times during the official operating hours of the event: 10:00AM to 6:00pm.
 - e. Exhibitors may not open or close earlier or later than the official operating hours without express permission of City of Albany.
 - f. Exhibitors must keep all displays, merchandise, etc. within the confines of the tent or space itself.
 - g. Exhibitors must keep boxes and cartons out of sight.
 - h. Exhibitors must maintain a neat and clean area, and provide refuse bags to condense and secure all waste produced by the booth.
 - i. Exhibitors may not hawk, peddle, sell, or advertise outside the assigned area.
 - j. Exhibitors may not distribute literature or other items to passers-by while standing outside of the assigned area.
 - k. Exhibitors may not have music or conduct activities that may be disruptive to neighboring exhibitors, passers-by, or Dad Fest personnel; the City of Albany reserves the right to make such determinations.
 - l. Exhibitors must return the areas to their pre-event condition (if repair and cleaning costs are incurred and the City of Albany determines Exhibitor is responsible, the Exhibitor will be billed for the cost of the repair.) Also the Exhibitor must comply with the September 1, 1992 New York State Source Separation Law when vending in the City of Albany (separate all waste for proper recycling and disposal).
 - m. Exhibitors must comply with the event's parking regulations.
 - n. With the exception of food trucks or trailers, no vehicles of any type may be driven on the grass or sidewalks or parked on or near exhibitor's assigned location during the event.
 - o. The City of Albany may, for publicity purposes, use any photographs and information received or obtained.
 - p. Exhibitors must operate their business in a professional manner. At the discretion of the City of Albany, any Exhibitors, or any agents or employees of the Exhibitor who do not conduct themselves in a professional manner and according to the policies contained herein may be removed from the event. Event coordinators reserve the right to remove any objectionable merchandise from any booth. No merchandise shall be displayed or sold with the name "Dad Fest" in any form.
 - q. Exhibitors that are using an electric generator or any other motor must soundproof that device to the satisfaction of the City of Albany. (This will be strictly enforced due to continual complaints. The City of Albany suggests anyone using a generator to either have a backup that runs more quietly or to have their current one serviced. The City of Albany does have the right to make anyone not conforming to this or any policies or procedures shut down for the remainder of the event.)
 - r. Receipts upon sale of merchandise will be given to purchaser. Refunds will also be given if the purchaser is unsatisfied with quality of workmanship or if defect in material or craftsmanship are found to exist.
 - s. Exhibitors that are cooking and/or vending food products (other than using deep-fryers) shall at all times have a 9lb minimum, commercial grade, ABC-type fire extinguisher within the permitted exhibition space. Exhibitors that are using deep fryers shall at all times have a 6-liter, K-type fire extinguisher within the permitted exhibition space. Exhibitors shall allow the Albany Fire Department to inspect said fire extinguisher, as well as the permitted exhibition space. The City of Albany maintains the right to close any exhibit not in compliance with the above policy.
 - t. Exhibitor must comply with City tobacco-free park legislation [Ordinance 38.52.14]. Effective January 1, 2015, all parks in the City of Albany are curb-to-curb tobacco-free. Smoking of any kind is prohibited. Exhibitors in violation of this policy may be subject to fine and may face revocation of permit or termination of contract for events.
5. Permits/Certificates:
 - a. Exhibitors are solely responsible for collecting and paying all New York State sales taxes and shall properly display their New York State Sales Tax Certificate.
 - b. Exhibitors are responsible for obtaining and displaying event permits as required, and operating within any local, state, or federal guidelines or laws.
6. Exhibitor is solely liable for equipment (installation, operation, and tear down), and any other personal property at the event. Exhibitor represents they have insurance coverage for said items to cover loss due to vandalism, theft, or any other casualty. Security is provided at specifically designated times; however, any losses due to fire, theft, damage, or injury are the sole responsibility of the Exhibitor. It is specifically agreed that the City of Albany, Dad Fest and Dad Fest personnel shall be held harmless for any claim of theft, vandalism, casualty, or loss.
7. The Exhibitor shall defend, indemnify, and save harmless the City of Albany, Dad Fest, Dad Fest Five personnel, and their employees and agents, from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees) arising out of, or in consequence of, any negligent or intentional act or omission of the Exhibitor and/or the Exhibitor's employees or agents, to the extent of the responsibility of the Exhibitor and/or the Exhibitor's employees or agents for such claims, damages, losses, and expenses.
8. Exhibitor shall not bring any animal or pet of any kind within the event, except any animal as defined as a service animal under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); this includes vendor booth spaces.
9. Refunds:
 - a. Dad Fest is rain or shine. No refunds will be given due to inclement weather, unless rain date is cancelled.

I have read, understand and agree to abide by the above policies and procedures. Upon acceptance of my application, this form will be binding and will represent the terms of the permit agreement:

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE _____

EXHIBITOR NAME (print) _____ **DATE** _____



2023 CITY OF ALBANY DAD FEST

VENDOR APPLICATION CHECK LIST:

- Application filled out completely with all required information
- Signed Policies and Procedures
- Photos including 1 clear photo of booth display attached to application
- One (1) check or money orders (\$50) made payable to “The City of Albany”
- Proof of Commercial General Liability insurance if vending Packaged Food or Body Care

APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023

SEND APPLICATIONS TO:
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City of Albany Office of Cultural Affairs
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Room M-252
Albany, NY 12207