

FAQ: ALLENTOWN BLUES, BREWS & BARBECUE FESTIVAL

What is Blues, Brews & Barbecue?

- Blues, Brews & Barbecue is a music, food and beer festival that takes place in Downtown Allentown on Saturday, July 31st. Now in its 13th year, Blues Fest features five (5) music stages, great food, and craft vendors, and three tents (3) beer, wine and new this year, Mishka Vodka cocktails.

When is Blues, Brews & Barbecue?

- The festival will take place on Saturday, July 31st from 12 noon to 10 p.m. You can stick around after the headliner performance as there will be late night sets at the great downtown restaurants and bars.

Where is Blues, Brews & Barbecue?

- The festival takes place on Hamilton Street in Downtown Allentown between 9th Street to 6th Streets in the 600, 700 & 800 blocks of Hamilton Street and on 7th Street, north and south.

What Street Will Be Closed?

- Hamilton Street will be closed from 9th Street down to 6th Street and 6th, 7th and 8th Street and will also be closed to vehicular traffic.
- Streets begin to close at 7am and no vehicles will be permitted on the festival grounds after 10:30am.

Is there admission fee?

- This event is a FREE and open to the public.

Tickets:

- While the event is free, tickets are required for alcoholic beverages. Alcoholic beverages may be purchase at there (3) locations. The cost is \$6 for beer or wine and \$8 for Mishka cocktail pouches.
- Beer is served in 18 oz. cups, but you can purchase a 24 oz Blues Fest mug for just \$5 (the 24 oz mug is insulated and hold 6 more oz of beer. Just saying...)
- Tickets for alcoholic beverages may be purchased at four (4) locations throughout the event – the Information Booth located at 7th & Hamilton Street and at the 3 beer tents. Stay tuned for the festival map so you can make your plans!

Parking:

- We encourage guests to park in one of our many downtown parking garages. There is \$3 Event Parking available at the Spiral Deck (9th & Linden), the Allentown Transportation Center (6th & Linden), and the Community Deck (6th & Walnut)!

Is there a cost to park?

- Parking in the three above decks is a flat rate of \$3. Guests can pay with cash or credit card at the kiosk in the parking garage lobby before returning to your vehicle. This is the best price.
- <http://www.allentownparking.com/> Click here for more information.

Food and Beverage:

- We have over 25 fantastic food vendors participating in the Blues Fest this year with plenty of options to choose from, including barbecue vendors from all across the US and classic festival staples like gyros, hot dogs, funnel cakes, kettle corn, and more.

What happens if it rains?

- The festival is rain or shine – and the sun will be shining on July 31st!

What forms of payment are accepted by the vendors?

- Cash is the preferred method of payment with most of the vendors; however, individual vendors may also be able to accept credit cards, but each is different. For beer, wine, and Mishka Vodka drinks may be purchased with any major credit card, Apple Pay, or Android Pay. or cash, of course!

Is there an ATM?

- **BB&T** has an ATM located at 9th and Hamilton street in their branch. **ESSA Bank** has a downtown branch inside Tower 6 at 6th and Hamilton and **Wells Fargo** ATM is located at 8th and Hamilton in the ADP building. Plenty of cash options.

What is there to do?

- Eat as much barbecue as you can consume, listen to amazing blues musicians and have yourself a beer or cocktail (or two)! With 5 stages of great music, and fabulous vendors, there is plenty to do.

Is there a schedule of bands and other performances?

- The music lineup is available on our website and our digital program book. DowntownAllentown.Com/Blues.

Can I bring my dog or other pet?

- If they are leashed and friendly – but, Blues Fest tends to get a very crowded – please keep that in mind for the safety of your furry friends and all guests.

Are there restrooms?

- Portable toilets will be set up in 3 locations. Lumbar Street in the 800 block of Hamilton between 8th Street and 9th Street. Hall Street in the 700 Block of Hamilton Street between 8th

Street and 7th Street and also on Church Street in the 600 block of Hamilton between 6th and 7th Streets.

- Stay tuned for our event map so you can view the locations! Restrooms are also available to customers in many of the downtown establishments (with purchase.)

Are there hotels nearby?

- The Renaissance Allentown Hotel is located at 7th & Hamilton street.

Can we bring food and beverage into the festival?

- Please purchase food from our vast array of delicious vendors.

Is the festival accessible for guests with disabilities?

- Yes. Each parking garage has handicapped accessibility parking and the event takes place on a relatively flat surface.

Is the festival safe?

- Yes, we take great pride in providing our guests a safe, fun, memorable experience. We also have Allentown Police Department on site as security.