

# **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, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Now in its 15<sup>th</sup> year, Blues Fest features six (6) music stages, great food, and craft vendors, and three tents (3) beer, wine.

## **When is Blues, Brews & Barbecue?**

- The festival will take place on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> Street to 9<sup>th</sup> Streets in the 500, 600, 700 & 800, 900 blocks of Hamilton Street and on 7<sup>th</sup> Street, north and south.

## **What Street Will Be Closed?**

- Hamilton Street will be closed from 5<sup>th</sup> Street down to 9<sup>th</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Street and will also be closed to vehicular traffic.
- Streets begin to close at 6am and no vehicles will be permitted on the festival grounds after 10:00am.

## **Is there admission fee?**

- This event is a FREE and open to the public.
- There are beer tents (21+) and food vendors where you can purchase items.

## **Parking:**

- We encourage guests to park in one of our many downtown parking garages. There is \$5 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 \$5. 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 June 24<sup>th</sup>!

### **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. Beer and wine may be purchased with any major credit card, Apple Pay, or Android Pay. or cash, of course!

### **Is there an ATM?**

- **Wells Fargo** ATM is located at 8<sup>th</sup> 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 6 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.
- [DowntownAllentown.Com/blues-brews-barbecue-2023](http://DowntownAllentown.Com/blues-brews-barbecue-2023).

### **Can I bring my dog or other pet?**

- If they are leashed and friendly – but, Blues Fest tends to get 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 8<sup>th</sup> Street and 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Hall Street in the 700 Block of Hamilton Street between 8<sup>th</sup> Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Street and also on Church Street in the 600 block of Hamilton between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 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 Americus Hotel is located at 6<sup>th</sup> & Hamilton Street.
- The Renaissance Allentown Hotel is located at 7<sup>th</sup> & Hamilton Street.

## **Can we bring food and beverages 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.**