



Founders Fest Vendor,

The Wabash County Museum is excited to announce that we have taken over the planning and execution of the annual Wabash County **Founders Festival** (formerly Founders Day). This year's family-friendly event will be held on **Saturday, September 17th** in downtown Wabash and will include a vendors'/artisans' row on East Market Street, a new "Run, Walk, Float" event on the Wabash River Trail and Wabash River, an expanded reenactment at Paradise Spring Park, a Kids' Zone on Market Street, food trucks, downtown Merchant activities, and, of course, the annual Parade which will close out the event with a 3 pm start.

We have also added a Friday evening dinner and vendor preview, **Museum Under the Stars**, where special guests and event sponsors will support the Museum and the future of the festival while enjoying speciality food and drinks under the stars. Guests will get a first-look VIP opportunity to browse and shop at vendor booths inside the Museum while our musical guest entertains.

We are reaching out to invite you and your business to participate as a vendor during the 2022 Founders Festival. A vendor will receive:

- 10x10 space per booth
- \$25 per booth (we do not provide electricity)
- Included in online vendor list
- Security provided for booths set up overnight
- To participate in the Museum Under the Stars, you must be set up by Friday at 6 pm; Saturday vendor hours are 9 am to 3 pm. Option to reopen at the end of parade.

To lock in your space, visit wabashmuseum.org/foundersfest or contact tgalley@wabashmuseum.org.

Wabash County Founders Festival is a program of the Wabash County Museum that connects to our mission "to inspire children, connect families, and create community engagement through an appreciation of local history and culture that focuses on research, education, and quality of life interests." We are excited to partner with you to create a fun, family event for the Wabash County community and those from outside the community who are drawn to downtown Wabash on September 17th. Please contact us with any questions.

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Museum Under the Stars Donor Event & VIP Vendor Preview Friday, Sept 16

Ticketed guests and event sponsors will support the Museum in our work to preserve Wabash County's history for the future while enjoying dinner under the stars at the Museum. Guests will get a first-look VIP opportunity to browse and shop at vendor booths inside the Museum while our musical guest entertains.

Founders Festival Schedule Saturday, Sept 17

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| All Day | <p>Rest, Eat & Listen.....Museum West Lot & Miami Street
 <i>Relax, eat food from several food truck choices, and enjoy music on the Museum's West parking lot stage.</i></p> |
| All Day | <p>Run, Walk & Float Event.....Wabash River Trail/Wabash River
 <i>Choose your preferred method to enjoy the Wabash River Trail by participating in our First Annual Run, Walk & Float event. This is not a competition but rather an opportunity to spend some time on the trail or the river. Strollers and runners can board the bus at the Paradise Spring Historical Park Entrance to be taken to the drop off point where they can begin their stroll or run back to Paradise Spring Park via the River Trail. **If you choose to Float, WCSWM will offer two opportunities to travel down the river on rafts. Each will have an experienced team member along who will guide the group and share some facts along the way. Tickets will be on sale at a later date at wabashmuseum.org/founders-fest beginning (Price & Times TBD)</i></p> |
| 8 am to noon | <p>Downtown Wabash, Inc.'s Farmers Market.....Honeywell Center North Lot</p> |
| 9 am to 3 pm | <p>Kids Zone by Bachelor Creek Church.....Miami Street</p> <p>Artisans, Vendors & Vintage.....East Market Street
 <i>Shop at unique booths and delicious food trucks on East Market Street.
 *Food trucks will be spread throughout the Festival area.</i></p> <p>Downtown Business Special Events & Sidewalk Sales.....Downtown
 <i>Visit your favorite downtown shops for great deals and steals.</i></p> <p>Family-friendly Entertainment All Day.....East Market & Miami Streets</p> <p>Dunk Tank Challenge.....WCM West Lot</p> |
| 9 am | <p>Raising of the Colors.....Paradise Spring Park
 <i>Stop by in time to see our reenactors raise the colors at Paradise Spring Park to open the Living History portion of the event.</i></p> |
| 3 pm | <p>Founders Festival Parade.....Downtown Wabash
 <i>Get your spot early along Canal and Market Streets to enjoy nearly 100 Entries in the Wabash County Founders Festival Parade.</i></p> |
| 5 pm | <p>Lowering of the Colors.....Paradise Spring Park
 <i>Historic group closes the day at Paradise Spring Historical Park</i></p> |