

Dear Spring Folly Commercial Vendor,

First of all, thank you for your interest in the Kernersville Spring Folly, held the first full weekend in May each year. This year the dates are May 7, 8, & 9. This event attracts 25 to 30 thousand people per year.

Jim Waddell, Spring Folly Chair, and all of the Spring Folly committee members strive to promote a wholesome, family-friendly atmosphere for this 3-day event. There is a special effort to promote activities for kids and teens. These include rides for the kids, a rock climbing wall, a petting zoo, and hands-on creative events for the kids. There are several stages that provide a variety of music during this event.

Food provided by local civic and non-profit organizations include: blooming onions, corn, turkey legs, corn dogs, hot dogs, Polish sausage, hamburgers, BBQ, ice cream, funnel cakes, cotton candy, candy apples, etc. Food and beverage sales are restricted only to civic clubs. No food or water is to be sold or given away in the commercial vending spaces. Doing so will forfeit your participation in the Spring Folly.

The Spring Folly is a 3-day event, but commercial vendors will exhibit from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM Friday night and 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM Saturday night. Sunday the streets are open and all events take place in Harmon Park. There are 2 generators and 2 spotlights provided in the commercial area. The application suggests a 200-foot cord for vendors to provide for hook-up to power. This is not always adequate, so my suggestion is if you need power that you bring an extra cord. Vendors may leave their tents, tables, chairs, etc. up overnight Friday night. The Kernersville Police Department provides excellent security during the Folly. Both sides of the street and all vendor spaces from 1 to 85, or higher if needed, receive equal patronage during the Folly. There are no "good" or "bad" spaces. Spaces are 10 x 10 with 1 foot in between. You may choose to purchase more than one space. You may choose to be a vendor on one or both days. The price of the vendor space is the same. If you can only be there for one day, I suggest that you come on Saturday. If you decide that you want to wait and set-up Saturday, please let me know so that I will know not to re-assign your space.

We start planning for the Folly in January of each year. We send out packets to the vendors who exhibited the past 2 years. We send out information based on the information you provided for us the year(s) before. If there have been any changes in your business since last year and you want to be a vendor again, call us to let us know. Also, please do not assume that because you have been a vendor in years past and had a set space that it will be held for you without you notifying us. I send out confirmation packages/parking passes approx. 2 weeks before the event. I am in constant contact with the Chamber, and they will forward any information concerning the commercial vendors to me, so if you don't reach me directly, you can reach them. Also, from their website you can print a copy of the application. Please do not complain or ask for special favors if you wait until the last minute.

Approval of all items that vendors wish to sell must be met by Jim Waddell. If you have a question about the appropriateness of a particular item, or if it is consumable, please ask Jim- he can be reached through the Chamber. An example of an inappropriate item would be toy weapons, especially those that shoot projectiles. We cannot discriminate or "limit" the number of similar or same-name businesses.

To help avoid confusion, we have tried to distinguish between Arts and Craft vendors and Commercial vendors. Arts and crafts will have an "A" on their information and

Commercial vendors will have a “C” on theirs. Also, the parking passes will be a different color and will have an “A” or “C” on them .

I, or one of the ABWA members will be on site on Friday afternoon from noon until close. There are stringent guidelines that the banks and merchants want us to adhere to. Remember that they are conducting business until 6:00 PM on Friday. You cannot block or park in their parking lots. You can pull up briefly to your space and unload on the sidewalk, park your vehicle, and return to set-up. There is always a brief meeting in front of the library about 15 minutes before the Folly starts. Jim Waddell will give instructions and answer any last minute questions you may have.

Finally, we cannot control the weather. There is no “rain date” or refunds. We will all be watching and praying for good weather during the Folly.

Happy Spring Folly,

Diane C. Hightower

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Chair: Commercial Vendors

The Spring Folly website is: www.KernersvilleSpringFolly.com

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