



*20th Annual*  
**LILAC FESTIVAL**  
& Street Fair



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# *A Letter from our Mayor*

It is my great honor to welcome you to Defiance, Ohio for the 20th Annual Lilac Festival, a cherished tradition that brings our community together in celebration of beauty, history, and hometown pride.

What began as a way to honor Defiance's official city flower has grown into a beloved event that showcases our vibrant downtown, supports local businesses, and brings friends and families together year after year. This milestone anniversary is a testament to the dedication of our organizers, volunteers, sponsors, and all who have helped make the festival a success.

As we celebrate 20 years of tradition, I invite you to enjoy the sights, sounds, and flavors of this special occasion. Be sure to pick up a lilac seedling for your home, visit a new downtown storefront or event vendor, and enjoy strolling our beautiful downtown district.

Thank you for joining us in this annual celebration that helps make Defiance, Ohio "A Great Place to Live".



MAYOR MIKE McCANN



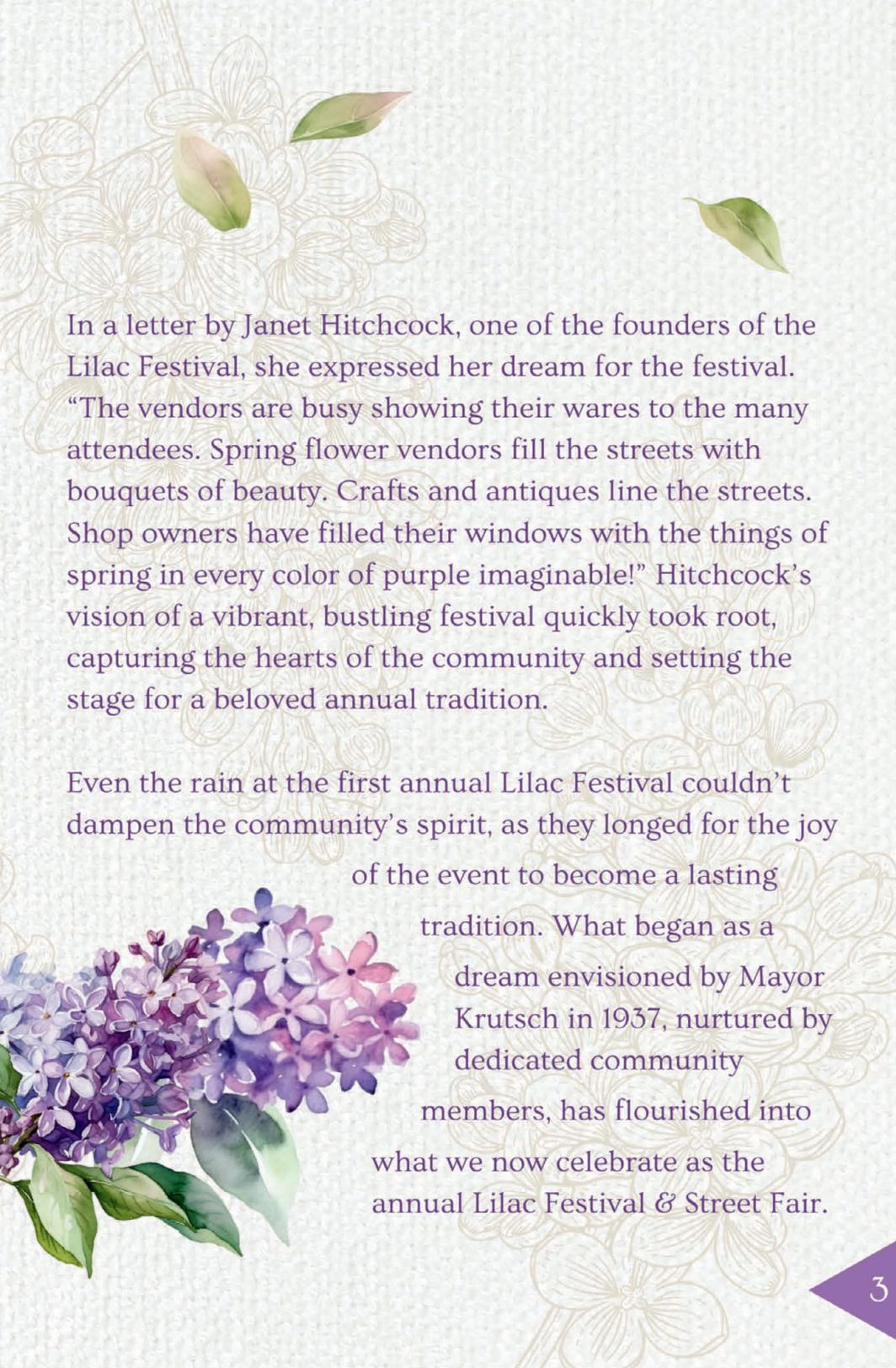


# TAKING ROOT

On April 9, 1937, Mayor Joe C. Krutsch, by the power of Resolution No. 599, designated the lilac as the official city flower. All citizens were urged to plant this colorful and hardy flower on his or her home grounds to “make a more beautiful Defiance.”

This resolution, combined with the dream of a vibrant main street, spurred a group of community members to meet at Charlie’s Bakery & Deli at 200 Clinton Street on February 22nd, 2006. This discussion led to the birth of the Lilac Festival in May of the same year.





In a letter by Janet Hitchcock, one of the founders of the Lilac Festival, she expressed her dream for the festival. “The vendors are busy showing their wares to the many attendees. Spring flower vendors fill the streets with bouquets of beauty. Crafts and antiques line the streets. Shop owners have filled their windows with the things of spring in every color of purple imaginable!” Hitchcock’s vision of a vibrant, bustling festival quickly took root, capturing the hearts of the community and setting the stage for a beloved annual tradition.

Even the rain at the first annual Lilac Festival couldn’t dampen the community’s spirit, as they longed for the joy of the event to become a lasting tradition. What began as a dream envisioned by Mayor Krutsch in 1937, nurtured by dedicated community members, has flourished into what we now celebrate as the annual Lilac Festival & Street Fair.



# BLOOMING TRADITIONS



The Lilac Festival & Street Fair traditions celebrate community, art, and natural beauty. From the vibrant lilac blooms, local artisan vendors, and family-friendly activities, these traditions create lasting memories for residents and visitors alike.



Honoring the tradition set by the original resolution, the Lilac Festival & Street Fair has distributed lilac seedlings since its inception.

When the event first began, the vendors set up along the sidewalks and Third Street, while Clinton Street remained open to traffic.





In addition to the vendors on the sidewalks, there was a large tent on Third Street for additional vendors.

In the early years of the Lilac Festival, a local artist from the Defiance Society of Artists painted a piece honoring the lilac. Each year, the artwork was transformed into a commemorative poster available for attendees to purchase. In celebration of the 20th Annual Lilac Festival, we're proud to bring back this cherished tradition.



What began as a small event with 40-50 vendors has blossomed into a vibrant festival featuring over 150 vendors, stretching across 12 downtown blocks.





ARABELLA STREET

JULIET STREET

FIFTH STREET

CLINTON STREET

## MAP KEY

-  Road Closed
-  Lilac Seedlings
-  Portable Restrooms
-  Handicap Accessible Portable Restrooms
-  Defiance Fire and Police Station
-  Information Booth
-  Food
-  Entertainment
-  Art Activity
-  Kids Activity



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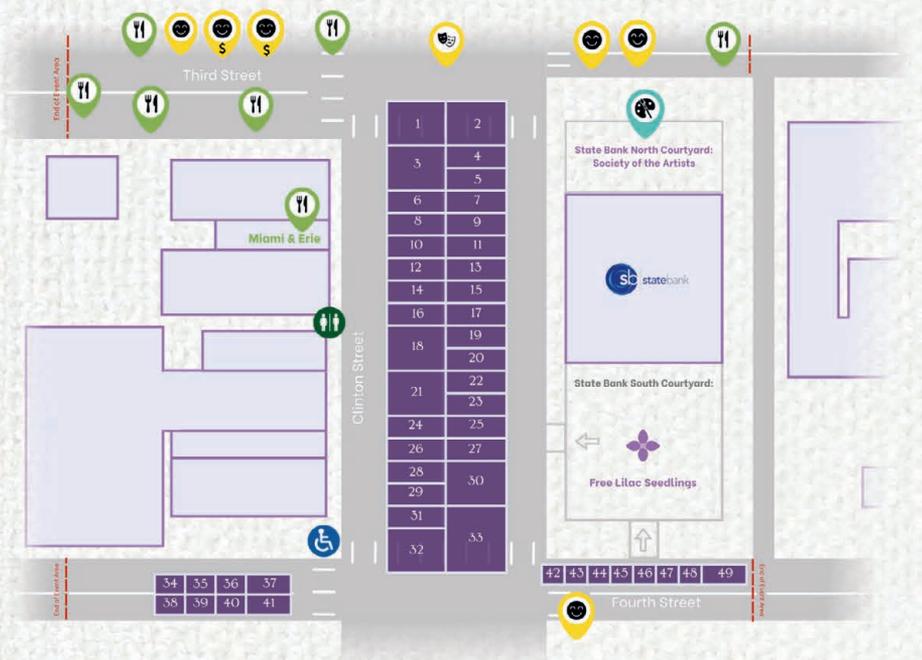
# 300 Block Vendor Map



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| 1. Too Crazy Crafty Sisters            | 16. Julie Jarzembski                    |
| 2. Big Dreams, Small Town Crafts       | 17. P. 31 Macarons                      |
| 3. Anthony & Co. Candles and Wax Melts | 18. Garden Thyme                        |
| 4. M & N Kettle Corn                   | 19. Kel's Crafting Creations            |
| 5. 28 Stitches                         | 20. Love & Joy Earrings                 |
| 6. Jamie Taylor                        | 21. Studio 3740                         |
| 7. Mae's Baby Boutique                 | 22. Forever & Always Permanent Jewelry  |
| 8. Dreaming of Pearls                  | 23. K & B Elderberry Acres LLC          |
| 9. Wispy Willow Farm                   | 24. Graphic Tees & Co.                  |
| 10. CATastrophe Creation               | 25. Color Street Dry Nail Polish Strips |
| 11. Kingdom Seasonings & Rubs          | 26. Tastefully Simple                   |
| 12. Uncle Al's Woodshop                | 27. Maria's Bakery                      |
| 13. Color of Hughes                    | 28. Art in the Making                   |
| 14. Kat's Kitchen                      | 29. Lilac Shrubs for Purchase           |
| 15. Hooked by Stephanie 419            |   |



# 400 Block Vendor Map



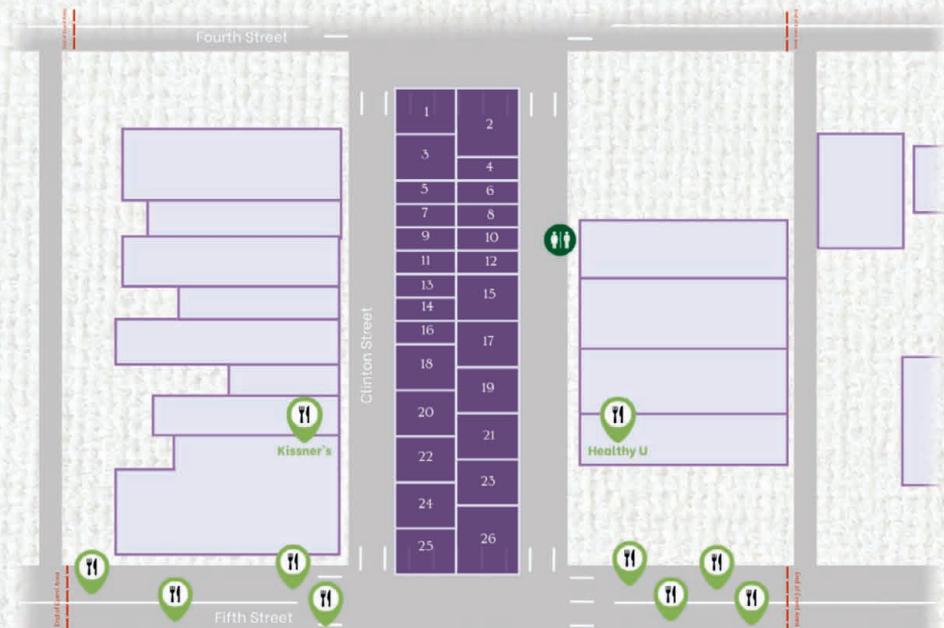
1. Pam's Pantry
2. Crafts by Chris
3. Hill's Heartfelt Creations
4. Jennifer McAtee
5. Author Randy D. Pearson
6. Tumbler Craft
7. Grandma's Tasty Treats
8. Friendly Findings
9. Feel the Burn Hot Sauce
10. Rinehart Acres
11. Vallejo Stitchery
12. Paula's Pursuit
13. Homestead Herbal Wellness
14. L&C Creations
15. Silver Wear by Nadine
16. Damsel in Defense
17. The Little Rae of Sunshine

18. SG Creative Creations
19. Paul's Gourmet Jerky
20. Dee Young
21. DC Soaps/Scented Serenity Candle Co.
22. Cellophone Saddles & Crafts
23. Amanda Holbrooke
24. Osister Jams & Jellies
25. Friends of Feline Rescue Center
26. Kuron Publishing
27. Sewn by Chynna
28. P. Buckley Moss Society
29. Think Goodness Origami Owl
30. A. Little Something Pretty
31. Mulberry Bay Soaps
32. Silver Lane Boutique & Straight Way Farm
33. Family Creations

34. EL BEE CRAFTS
35. Captivating Creations
36. Stitches of Hope
37. Whispering Bees
38. Stateline Sauce Co.
39. Tupperware
40. Miss Mel's Bakery
41. Wood Expressions
42. Highland Ridge Creates
43. Mc's Pics
44. Mark Hohler
45. Brandi's Boutique
46. Beeez Nutz
47. Lazer Etched Creations
48. The Gardens of Shagbark Ridge
49. 3D Printed Store



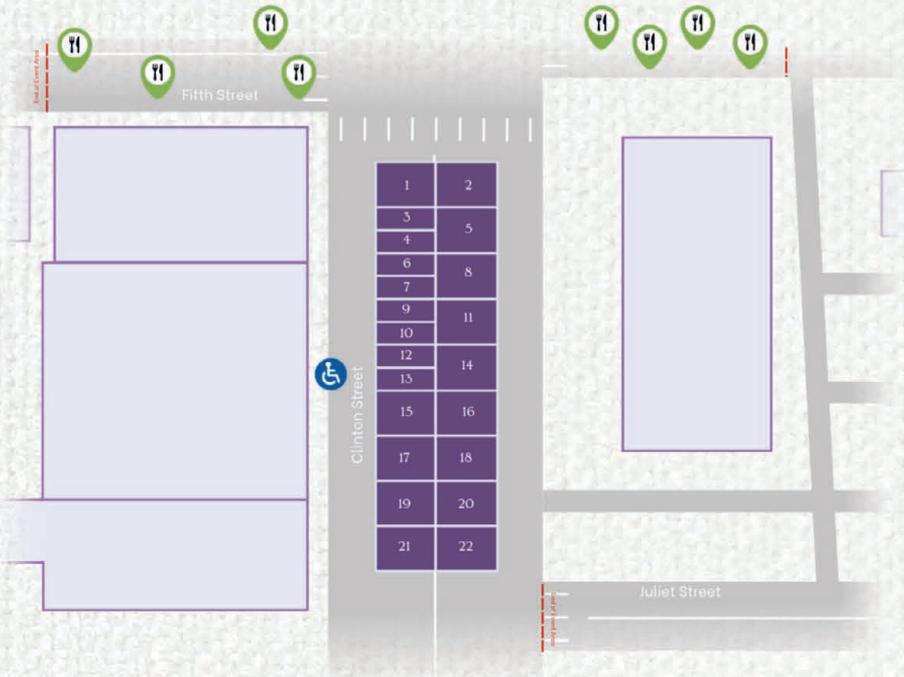
# 500 Block Vendor Map



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| 1. Bella Rae Boutique                  | 18. Sew What!                                  |
| 2. Little Big Woods Farm               | 19. Sew Good Gift Shop                         |
| 3. Arnos Apiaries                      | 20. The Chaotic Crafter                        |
| 4. House Daggett Roasters              | 21. Defining Designs                           |
| 5. Boldman Woodworks                   | 22. WeedWear                                   |
| 6. Relay for Life                      | 23. Crystal's Customized Creations             |
| 7. Make It Sew Crafts                  | 24. Sparkle & Pine Designs/Everlasting Jewelry |
| 8. Simply Stoned Handcrafted Creations | 25. Black Swamp Woodworking                    |
| 9. Beth's Unique Treasures             | 26. Bling-N-Thingz                             |
| 10. It's Knott Pottery                 |  |
| 11. Fragrance Art                      |  |
| 12. Beyond Blessed Signs & Designs     |  |
| 13. TCMEB's                            |  |
| 14. Jewell & Co.                       |  |
| 15. Bgreen                             |  |
| 16. Bella Rose                         |  |
| 17. P & B Special Gifts                |  |



# 600 Block Vendor Map

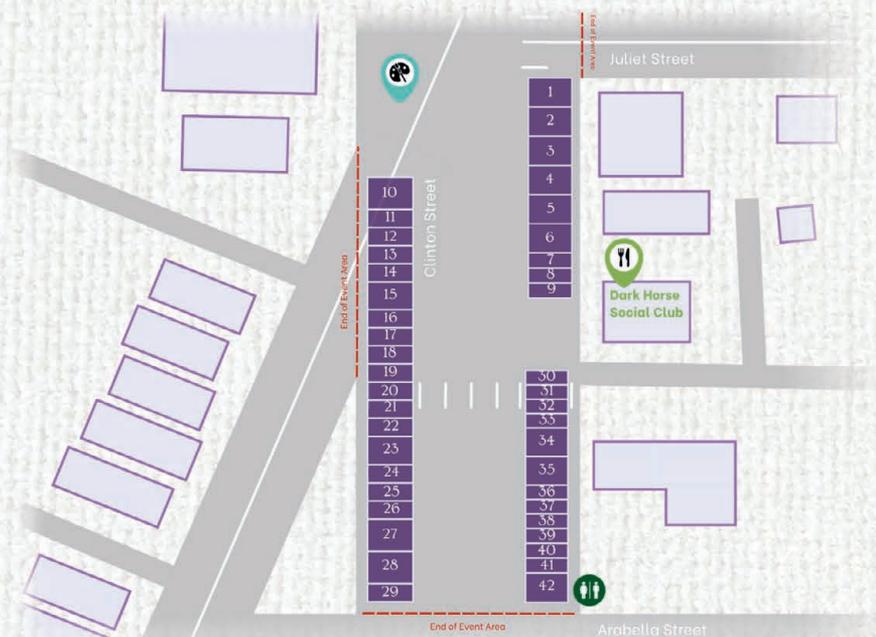


1. Pizzazzed Paper
2. Seven Jays Farm
3. Fateful Findings Jewelry & Collectibles
4. ScentWick Candles
5. Gypsy Swan Boutique
6. Woodcrafts by Bill Wendell
7. Two Crafting Dragons
8. Forever in Bloom
9. Defiance Bark & Run

10. Bluebird Crafts & Crochet
11. Ashlee's Creations
12. Kelley's Creative Side
13. Cobb Cabin Crafts
14. Caszkins Clothing Co.
15. Ray of Hope Creative Metal Art
16. Pens with Personality
17. Gardens of Gaia
18. S Designs
19. Painted Under Moonlight
20. Poletta's Canine Crew Boarding Kennel
21. M&R Produce
22. Craft Shak



# Triangle Park Vendor Map



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| 1. Warrior Clocks & Apparel       | 21. Tina Straub                              |
| 2. Great Lakes Treasures          | 22. Sassy Sisters Creations                  |
| 3. Carlin Honey                   | 23. Artesania's Handmade                     |
| 4. Wood Co. Boutique              | 24. Rustic Wax                               |
| 5. Simply from Scratch            | 25. Sinfully Sweet                           |
| 6. Pop of Sweetness Candy Shop    | 26. The Irresistible Owl                     |
| 7. Crafty Chicks & Co.            | 27. Rose Garden Creations                    |
| 8. Tame Fox Studio                | 28. Crocheted Critters                       |
| 9. KareMor Creations              | 29. Dave's Designs                           |
| 10. Toadily Handmade              | 30. DAM FINE LEATHER                         |
| 11. Owen & Liv's Homemade Goodies | 31. MoseArt                                  |
| 12. Indigo Seas Clay Co.          | 32. More Than a T-Shirt                      |
| 13. Gypsy Chick Creations         | 33. Zhong Zhang                              |
| 14. Copitas Con Amor              | 34. Renlee Custom Crafts                     |
| 15. Concrete Creations            | 35. GG's Crafting Again                      |
| 16. PaperPie                      | 36. WanderMore Creations                     |
| 17. Front Door Designs            | 37. Totes "N" Things                         |
| 18. Snap-tastic Creation          | 38. Heirloom Branch Baked Goods & Seasonings |
| 19. Red Aspen                     | 39. Grandma's Beauties                       |
| 20. Bean Creek Farms              | 40. August Jett Room Sprays & Wax Melts      |
|                                   | 41. Cenci Creations                          |
|                                   | 42. CATARI                                   |

# 20 25 *Defiance Main Street & Visitors Bureau* EVENTS



**June 6**

Family Fun Friday

**July 3**

Defiance Fireworks Celebration

**July 11**

Family Fun Friday

**July 12**

Defiance Jazz Festival

**Aug. 1**

Family Fun Friday

**Aug. 16**

Battle of the Bands

**Sept. 27**

Defiance Rib Fest

**Oct. 9**

Witches Brew for CASA

**Dec. 5**

Santa's Arrival

**Dec. 6**

Cookie Crumble





*Save Next Year's Date:*

**MAY 9TH, 2026**

This is a rain or shine event

A heartfelt thank you to all the incredible volunteers—past, present, and future—who make the Defiance Lilac Festival & Street Fair possible. Your dedication, time, and effort bring this event to life each year, creating a wonderful experience for our community. We truly appreciate all that you do!

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSOR:



**THE LILAC FESTIVAL & STREET FAIR IS PRESENTED BY:**

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