

Dear Homemade, Handmade, Homegrown Product Vendor and/or Licensed Food Vendor;

If direct sales/manufactured products OR are a community/educational/non-profit group, entertainer, business, or other type of interested party, please email inquiry.

The New Baltimore Farmers Market (NBFM) Board of Directors (BOD) has released the FULL Standard Vendor APPLICATION for their 13th Annual Market Season in 2020. We are looking forward to another successful year and hope that you will choose to participate with us!

Spaces are already filling up quickly! The NBFM BOD puts limits on the product mix of the market. For instance, if the BOD sets a limit of three bakers for the market ~ the first reservation form/full application received gets the 1st choice of dates or to be seasonal, & the second received gets to choose 2nd etc. Applications are accepted throughout the Season; however, the first ones to be received are the 1st vendors to be included with their product. We encourage you to get your application in as soon as possible, so the Board of Directors can include you/your products/company while planning for the upcoming season!

If you submitted a Reservation Form with fee for the 2020 Season; you WILL NEED to just fully complete this application and mail it in...you do not need to pay the application fee and your reservation fee covers it.

You do not have to select weekly or seasonal vendor status upon submitting the application if you are not ready to decide. We encourage you to try a few dates and then, if you decide that you'd like to become a seasonal vendor-the total amount of weekly fees you have paid will be deducted from the seasonal vendor payment due. Payment arrangements can be made for seasonal fee upon approval from the market manager. The application fee (or reservation fee if you submitted reservation form) is applied to your attendance fees for your first and last market applied to attend in the 2020 Season or to your seasonal fee. Seasonal vendors are allowed up to 5 dates off when they select their attendance dates with the seasonal fee being pro-rated to include no payment for dates scheduled to be off. Forms received for products that have already reached the limit will be notified and put on a waiting list with the option to have their application fee returned. Applicants will receive email confirmation of receipt of their application within three weeks of receiving in the NBFM PO Box.

Cottage Food vendors are required by the NBFM to have Michigan Cottage Food Law Food Safety Certification completed on a yearly basis with a copy of their current year's certificate to be turned in before attendance (with Full Vendor Application). This inexpensive course can be accessed at https://www.canr.msu.edu/cottage_food_law/online-michigan-cottage-food-law

We realize the information below is quite a lot...if you have any questions or need further clarification, please do not hesitate to let us know! If you'd like to contact other vendors that have participated in long-standing at our market, please not their contact information at the end of this letter.

We are happy to feature a wide-variety of participants at our market...something that our market has become known for and that our customers much appreciate. Market participants / vendors are to provide their own supplies needed to conduct business at the market; i.e., table(s), chair(s), canopy, etc. We recommend the use of canopies BUT do not require them. Canopies used MUST be weighted down using at least 20 pounds of weight on each canopy leg. Read about canopy safety here <https://www.canopyweights.com/canopy-safety-guide>

We are aware that many people are often not familiar with working in an outdoor environment BUT the many that we have hosted throughout the years are surprised to find out how simple, enjoyable, rewarding & profitable it really is! Our 'vendor-market family' is very friendly and helpful. We encourage you to try us out for a couple of market dates to see for yourself!

All participants are asked to attend the 2020 Vendor Forum on March 24, 2020. The doors will open at 4:30pm for refreshments with 'meet & greet' ~ informational meeting starting promptly at 6:00pm in MacDonald Public Library, 36480 Main Street, Downtown New Baltimore. Those interested in turning in their paperwork/fees or that have questions for the market manager are asked to arrive and sign in no later than 5:00pm.

If you would like to contact other people that have participated with the NBFM seasonally/regularly please note the information below:

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Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Gratefully ~ Debra Williams, MIFMA-Certified Market Manager

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