



CanalFest '08

The third annual Blackstone CanalFest will take place Saturday, September 6th, in Worcester on Harding Street, directly on top of the historic Blackstone Canal.

The Blackstone Canal established a commercial link between Worcester and Providence in the early 19th century and still exists in its original location beneath what is now Harding Street. The city's Canal District Alliance is promoting the replication of this watercourse between Union Station and Kelley Square, to serve as a catalyst for the growth of a mixed-use district. The purpose of the CanalFest is to raise consciousness and excitement for the project and to celebrate the new life that is already unfolding in the neighborhood.

The CanalFest will take the form of a giant street festival featuring vendors of all sorts; horse-drawn wagon tours of the neighborhood; food concessions from neighborhood restaurants; non-stop music and street performers; special canal children's activities; and kayak rides on a 75 foot long, water filled replica of the Blackstone Canal, sitting just above the buried original on Harding Street.

The festival will run from 11 am to 6 pm., and several thousand visitors are expected.

For further information visit our website at www.blackstonecanal.org.

To inquire about exhibiting or participating as a vendor at CanalFest, please contact Seth Derderian at (508)304-3011 or via email at canalfest@earthlink.net.

Vendor Registration Form

Blackstone CanalFest

Business Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ **Cell:** _____

Briefly describe what you will be selling or promoting in your booth space:

Please indicate what type of booth space you would like:

_____ **Non-profit organization** (1 table in Common Tent)
_____ **Non-profit organization** (1 table, no covering)
_____ **Folding chairs** **2 Included** (Additional chairs available)

- Booth assignments will be made shortly before Sept. 8, at the discretion of CanalFest.
- Check or money order for the total amount due should accompany your registration form. Make out check to *Blackstone Canal Fund*.
- Mail payment, Registration Form and a signed copy of Vendor Guidelines to

Seth Derderian

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- CanalFest will be held rain or shine. No refunds. Please rent tent space in case of rain.

Vendor Guidelines

Blackstone CanalFest

Thank you for participating in the Blackstone CanalFest. Please read these Vendor Guidelines carefully and sign a copy to return with your registration form. Let us know if you have questions.

In order to make the day a pleasant experience for everyone we ask that you follow these few guidelines:

- Please check in at the registration table by 9:30 a.m. the day of the event, where you will be given your table assignment and directions for setup and parking.
- Please stay clear of the Canal Replica construction at the corner of Harding and Winter, which will be underway at the time of your arrival. Hoses, water, bricks.
- Please be set up and ready to do business by 11:00 a.m. The festival will start promptly at 11:00 a.m. All vendors are required to staff their booths and conduct business until 6:00 pm, when CanalFest ends.
- You are responsible for your space and area. Please make sure trash, bottles and other debris are picked up both during the event and at the end of the day. There will be an area designated to deposit trash.
- During the day, please address any questions to the committee members at the Information Tent. If you can't leave your booth send a message with one of our volunteers.
- No pets are allowed at the Blackstone CanalFest.
- Food Vendors are required to supply their own temporary food operation permit. City officials will check, so be sure to comply.
- Our image is important to us. When at your booth or table, remember: no smoking, no drinking, no illegal drug use, no weapons, no inappropriate language, no inappropriate signage or displays.
- Our image is important to us. CanalFest provides tents for a moderate fee. No personal tents, please. We recommend that all vendors rent tent space in case of rain.
- Our image is important to us. CanalFest will provide signage identifying your business. Please no branded banners or signs (from soft drink companies, beer companies, etc.).

I have read the Vendor Guidelines and agree that I and others in my booth space will follow them:

Signature _____ Date _____