

Grow Gillespie Fourth Friday Cottage Core Street Fair – Vendor Overview

Event date: 08/28/2026

Location: Chestnut St. between Macoupin & Montgomery (street closure approved by City of Gillespie)

Deadline to apply: 08/20/2026

Notification of acceptance: 08/21/2026

Event hours: 5:00 PM–8 PM (setup begins 3:00 PM; breakdown after 8 PM or as needed)

Who we invite

- Cottage core makers, small-scale producers, artisans, homesteaders, bakers, artists, cottage businesses
- Community providers sharing information about local programs and services
- Nonprofits and schools with community-focused programs

Booth details

- Standard booth: 10' x 10' space (bring your own tent, weights, table, chairs) or smaller
- Electricity: Extremely Limited – plan to bring battery/portable power, if needed, unless pre-approved
- All vendors must keep displays within allotted space and weighted tents required (no staking in street)
- NOTE: There are 15-18 available booth slots on Chestnut Street & The Colonial Giving Garden.

Rules & requirements (summary)

- Vendor acceptance is curated to fit Cottage Core and Community theme; organizers reserve the right to refuse items that do not match event focus.
- All vendors must comply with local health permits and food safety regulations; food vendors must supply required permits before acceptance.
- Vendors are responsible for sales tax collection and remittance.
- No selling of illegal/prohibited items; no loud generators or amplified music at booths.
- Clean-up: vendors must remove all trash and leave space as found.
- Organizers are not responsible for loss, theft, or damage to vendor property.
- Proof of insurance (general liability recommended) may be required for food trucks and some vendors.

How to apply

- Submit completed application, and any other requested information to:
growgillespie@gmail.com

Acceptance process

- We review applications quickly. If accepted you will receive an acceptance packet with additional information including: exact load-in times, map, booth number, setup instructions and parking info by 08/21/2026, but usually sooner.

Short checklist for accepted vendors

- Booth photo and product list submitted
- Arrive at assigned load-in time with properly weighted tent and adequate lighting

Contact / Organizer

Fourth Friday Gillespie

Email: growgillespie@gmail.com