



Hello Friends,

Thank you for your interest in this year's August Quarterly Festival.

The finale of the 212th birthday of religious liberty for African Americans and Wilmington's oldest celebration will be celebrated in its traditional manner beginning Sunday, August 23rd with our opening service and wreath laying in Spencer Plaza. Followed by revivals at various locations throughout the week. On Sunday, August 30th we will be having our closing worship service at the Chase Center on the riverfront followed by our festival at the **Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park** (behind the train station) this tradition will include religious services, reunions, fellowship, heritage music and ethnic foods.

The August Quarterly commemorates and celebrates significant perspectives of our nation in general and the African American experience in particular. It educates participants on a variety of American freedom movements including but not limited to the Underground Railroad, the abolitionist movement and other revered freedom moments. The August Quarterly festival (Big Quarterly) was started in 1814 and is the oldest annual celebration that commemorates African Americans gathering in a sense of solidarity and freedom. August Quarterly events take place the last week weekend in August and historically drew African slaves from the entire eastern seaboard to Wilmington, DE for the event. August Quarterly was the one day when slaves could reconnect with family members and old friends and the slave owners gave their slaves this day of freedom off to attend the festival.

Vending opportunities are available, this does **NOT** include tables, tents, chairs or electricity.

This year the festival dates are Saturday, August 29th and Sunday, August 30th, 2026. You have the option of doing Saturday ONLY, Sunday ONLY or joining us for the entire weekend. **Deadline for all completed forms and payments is August 7th, 2026.** During the week of the festival, you will be contacted by one of the committee members to give you your set-up time. Setup can be anytime between 6am and 11am. **Please be flexible.**

Checks and money orders can be made Payable to: August Quarterly Festival Committee, Inc.

If you pay by **Cashapp** please send payment to **\$AQMerchandise**

Please note: There will be **NO MONETARY REFUNDS** to vendors participating in this event regardless of weather or any extenuating circumstances. We are looking forward to your participation in the 212th August Quarterly Festival Celebration!

Location: Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park Rosa Parks Drive Wilmington, DE 19801

Food Vendors: Trucks, Trailers with no vehicle attached, Tent(s) w/ Fryer, and/or grill and Table Set-Up

Saturday ONLY \$300

Sunday ONLY \$400

Saturday & Sunday \$650

Limited Food Vendors: Ice Cream, Desserts, Beverages ONLY and Water Ice

Saturday ONLY \$250

Sunday ONLY \$350

Saturday & Sunday \$550

Retail Vendors: Clothing, Accessories, Books, Body Products etc.

Saturday ONLY \$200

Sunday ONLY \$300

Saturday & Sunday \$450

If you have any questions after reviewing this letter and attached forms please do not hesitate to contact **Jonelle Monk via email at Jemonk25@yahoo.com** or phone **302-275-5324 (leave a message and you will receive a return call).**

Thank you,

AQ Vending Committee

Jonelle E. Monk, Chair

Sonja Dickerson

Jonae' E. Monk

Adrienne D. Newman

2026 August Quarterly Festival Vendor Application

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Products or Items you will be selling:

Please complete this form and mail to:

Jonelle Monk

403 Shearman Street

Wilmington DE 19801

Jemonk25@yahoo.com

302-275-5324 (leave a message and you will receive a return call)

Even if the Credit Card Payment is made Online, you still must complete this form and mail it in.

TENT, TABLES, CHAIRS OR ELECTRICITY WILL NOT BE PROVIDED.

FOOD VENDORS MUST HAVE THE APPROPRIATE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS AND OIL MATS

ALL VENDORS MUST HAVE APPROPRIATE PERMITS, ETC.



AQ Festival Food & Retail VENDORS

“What you need to know”

Park Location: Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park, 20 Rosa Parks Drive, Wilmington, DE.

Set-Up Timeframe: **6:00am – 10:00am FOOD**

8:00 am – 11:00am RETAIL

Event time: 12:00 noon – 7:00 pm Saturday & Sunday

Arrival: Enter Rosa Park Drive from Market Street entrance. Security will advise where to temporarily park. Look for **Jonelle/Adrienne/Sonja/Jonae** to place you. Please do not just place yourself as you will be asked to move. All items needed for set up must be staged at your assigned location and the vehicle moved off the vendor area. You will be given 15 mins to unload your vehicle, park then you can return to finalize your set-up.

You must be set-up and ready by 11am. FOOD VENDORS please be ready for the Fire Marshall Inspection that will start as early as 10am.

You can leave via French street exit (train station) or park in the park lot next to the park (Rosa Park Dr Garage). When you return, **enter the parking lot from French Street**. The train station will be on your left, parking lot entrance on your right.

Parking: You'll receive 2 discounted parking passes/ per day which can be used when you finally leave the festival. Present during exit of park lot. The parking pass cannot be used for in-and-outs of the parking lot during the day. Vans and trucks will have to find a parking lot to park. Garage has a clearance of 6ft 8in.

Parking Location: 50 Rosa Park Drive Garage.

General Info: We'll have overnight security therefore you don't need to pack up on Saturday evening (your option). We suggest you lower your tent and move everything to the middle of your space. Cover your materials and store them under the table in case of rain during the night. Do NOT leave any products.

Electricity will not be provided. You cannot stake any items into ground (Riverfront Park instructions)

FOOD VENDORS: Please ensure you have the **proper fire extinguishers** as well as the **oil mat** if cooking on the premises.

Contacts: Your primary contact is Jonelle Monk (302-275-5324)