



Frequently Asked Questions - 2012

1. Is there an admission fee for the Festival?

The general admission rate for the Festival is \$4. A weekend pass is available on Friday, June 15 for \$10. This nominal admission provides the opportunity for Festival patrons to enjoy five stages, the Musical Discovery Zone, as well as access to quality artisans and festival food! We are pleased to share that the event will remain family-focused and in turn, children under 12, and military personnel, with an ID will be admitted free. Returning this year: FREE admission on Sunday, June 17 from 12 – 2 p.m. to those who bring nonperishable food items to any admission gate. In doing so, Mid-Ohio Foodbank will continue to help those in need and you'll enjoy a free day at the Festival! New this year: Family Stage located near the Amusement area, south of Granville on the west side of the Big Walnut Creek.

2. Can I bring a cooler?

No. Outside coolers are NOT permitted inside the entrance gates. Beer, soft drinks and water are now available for purchase throughout the main Festival area.

3. Are pets allowed at the Festival?

No. Although we LOVE dogs (and many of us have them, too)... because of limited space and large crowds, people will NOT be able to bring dogs and other pets into the Festival this year.

4. Is parking available?

- a. The Creekside parking garage is open and will offer parking adjacent to the Festival for an event rate of \$5 per car. The entrance is located at the intersection of Mill and Walnut Streets in Olde Gahanna, and accessible from traveling south on Mill Street only.
- b. FREE Park and Ride shuttle transportation is available at Giant Eagle (1250 North Hamilton Rd.), Royal Plaza (Stygler and Agler Roads) and Gahanna Lincoln High School (140 South Hamilton Road)
- c. FREE public parking is also available at Friendship Park (150 Oklahoma) and Shull Park (236 Granville Street) in Olde Gahanna. Although off street parking in Olde Gahanna is permitted, it is very limited.

5. Are there activities for children?

- The Musical Discovery Zone, will be Saturday, June 16th – 12-5pm and Sunday, June 17th – 12-4pm on the Family Stage, near the Amusement area, south of Granville on the west side of the Big Walnut Creek. A great place for children to learn about music, the Musical Discovery Zone features hands-on musical performances on Saturday with entertainers from the Jazz Arts Group and, on Sunday, from the Columbus Blues Alliance. Children interact with the musicians, and as they gain basic knowledge, will play instruments including tambourines, boom wackers and kazoos. Once they've mastered their instruments, they get to take their instruments home.
- Hands on crafts and fun will also be held near the Musical Discovery Stage (near the Amusement area, south of Granville on the west side of the Big Walnut Creek) on Saturday, June 16 from 12-5 p.m. and on Sunday, June 17 from 12-4 p.m.

- Paddleboating is available at the Marina (behind Mezzo Italian Kitchen) and are \$5 per ride. Paddleboats will run during the following hours – Friday, 4pm-8pm, Saturday 12n-8pm, and Sunday, 12n-5pm.
- Amusement rides are also available throughout the weekend. Wristbands are available for purchase in the amusement area, south of Granville on the west side of the Big Walnut Creek.

6. Is the event accessible to people with disabilities?

Yes. Handicapped parking is available in the public parking garage at Creekside (123 Mill St)

7. Are there ATMs available?

Yes, there is a permanent ATM onsite at Creekside Plaza.

8. How do I get to the event?

The Creekside Blues & Jazz Festival is located in Olde Gahanna, just outside the I-270 outer belt which surrounds Columbus. The address is 123 Mill St., Gahanna, OH 43230.

- From the North: Travel south on I-71, exit onto I-270 east toward Wheeling. Take the Morse Road exit #32. Turn east onto Morse Rd. and travel to Hamilton Rd. Turn right at Hamilton Rd. and left into the Park & Ride location at Giant Eagle (at light) at 1250 North Hamilton Rd.
- From the South: Travel north on I-71, to I-270 North toward Cleveland. Take the Hamilton Road exit to the Park & Ride location at Gahanna Lincoln High School at 140 South Hamilton Rd.
- From the East: Travel west on I-70, exit I-270 North toward Cleveland. Take the Hamilton Road exit to the Park & Ride location at Gahanna Lincoln High School at 140 South Hamilton Rd.
- From the West: Take I-70 east to I-670 east towards the airport and take the Gahanna/Route 62 exit. . At traffic light, turn left onto Stygler Rd. and left into the Park & Ride location at Royal Plaza behind Heartland Bank (67 N. Stygler Rd.).
- From Downtown Columbus: Take I-670 towards the Airport, exit at Gahanna/Route 62. At traffic light, turn left onto Stygler Rd. and left into the Park & Ride location at Royal Plaza behind Heartland Bank (67 N. Stygler Rd.).

9. Where can I get information about hotel accommodations?

Gahanna area hotel reservations may be made by contacting the following properties or by contacting the Gahanna Convention & Visitors Bureau at 1-866-GAHANNA, (614) 418-9144 or www.visitgahanna.com:

Candlewood Suites
 590 Taylor Road
 Gahanna, OH 43230
 Hotel Reservations: 1-877-CANDLEWOOD (877.226.3539)
 Hotel Front Desk: 1-614-863-4033
www.candlewoodsuites.com

Holiday Inn Express
 460 Waterbury Court
 Gahanna, OH 43230
 (614) 428-8678 or 1-800-HOLIDAY
www.hiexpress.com

The Lily Stone Bed & Breakfast
106 S. High Street
(Gahanna, OH 43230
614) 476-1976

SpringHill Suites by Marriott
665 Taylor Road
Gahanna, OH 43230
(614) 501-4770 or (888) 287-9400
www.marriott.com/cmhsh

TownePlace Suites by Marriott
695 Taylor Road
Gahanna, OH 43230
(614) 861-1400 or (800) 257-3000
www.marriott.com/cmhta

Comfort Suites at Broad St. and I-270
70 Chris Perry Lane
Columbus, OH 43213
(614) 604-6400
www.comfortsuites.com/hotel-columbus-ohio-oh504

10. Any tips on preparation for a day at the Creekside Blues & Jazz Festival?

The summer weather in central Ohio can range from pleasantly warm to sunny and hot. Therefore, cool, unrestrictive clothing, sunglasses and sunscreen are recommended. A hat with a wide brim or visor is also a good idea. Wear comfortable shoes, as you may be doing a lot of walking and remember to stay hydrated. Beverages are available for purchase throughout the event.