



To Whom It May Concern,

As the planning committee of the Bigfork Village Market (BVM), we have received several questions about the potential impact of the Market on businesses and homeowners in Bigfork Village. In response to common questions, we would like to provide the following information.

The BVM is designed to be a family-friendly event and an opportunity for the community to come together in downtown Bigfork on Monday evenings -- typically a quiet night, when the Bigfork Summer Playhouse stage is dark, and many restaurants are closed. We intentionally selected Monday nights for the BVM, so as not to increase crowds during existing events and entertainments, and to encourage traffic that may also patronize local businesses and restaurants on this night. We believe the BVM will be a positive event in the Bigfork community, connecting residents and travelers to local produce, handcrafted goods, and live entertainment.

All BVM selected vendors, including food trucks, will be located on property owned by Brookside Yard and the Averill Family. We realize that one previous map indicated that food trucks would be parked in Osborn Landing parking spaces; this is incorrect, and we regret any confusion caused by this earlier version of our market map.

However, we do note that periodically food trucks independently choose to position themselves in and around Bigfork; the BVM committee will not have any control of independent food trucks that are not vendors of the market.

The BVM schedule includes live musical performances, but in keeping with our desire to be family friendly and aware of our neighbors, the live musical entertainment has been scheduled to occur from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. This allows us to avoid potential disturbance during normal business hours, and ensures the performances will not continue late into the evening. BVM also recognizes that Brookside Yard and other venues in town host musical guests throughout the summer, and will have no control of musical performances hosted at Brookside Yard or elsewhere on any other night of the week.

The BVM realizes that parking is always at a premium in downtown Bigfork. This also led to our decision to schedule the market for Monday evenings, when other events are not often scheduled. Thus, we hope to reduce the impact of additional vehicle traffic in the Village. However, we encourage any concerned businesses or residents who wish to preserve a parking space to take the same measures they would take on any other summer night in Bigfork.

We will have at least two representatives of the BVM planning committee, as well as other volunteers, on site for each market evening this season. Should you have concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to approach our volunteers and ask to speak to a committee member.

Thank you, and we hope to see you at the market!

~The Bigfork Village Market Planning Committee

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