Pigeon River Farmer & Artisan Market

Located in the Village of Vanderbilt Trailhead Park

2024 Market Guidelines

The mission of the Pigeon River Farmer & Artisan Market is to bring our community together by sharing in our local arts, crafts, homemade foods, fresh garden produce and provided a venue for economic growth for our local agricultural community and talented vendors.

1. The market is currently held weekly on Wednesday 3-7 pm starting the 1st Wednesday in June through the last Wednesday of September. (If interested in alternate days; please contact the Village office or Market Manager.)
2. All Vendors interested in participating should contact the Village of Vanderbilt @ 989-983-4244 or vandyclerk10@gmail.com
3. All Vendors will complete the required vendor application that includes a hold harmless prior to participating in market (Forms will also be available at the pavilion through the market manager).
4. Anyone who has a vehicle or trailer as part of their space needs approval through the Market Manager. The Market Manager will assign spaces for each vendor (if necessary).
5. The market will be open rain or shine and will not be cancelled due to inclement weather. Both fees and other expenses sustained by the vendors are not reimbursed by the Village of Vanderbilt or the Vanderbilt Community Farmers Market for any reason, including, but not limited to, inclement weather or lack of sales (when applicable- no fees will be collected for the 2024 season).
6. The intention of the market is to provide local farmers, artisans and crafters an outlet for selling their items here in our local community. The market manager will work to keep the balance of farm goods and value-added goods including baked goods to be fairly proportioned. The rules for selling in the market are as follows:
7. Fished or foraged products must be fished or foraged in Northern Michigan.
8. The market manager has the authority to determine when a certain product has reached capacity in the market and can reject any additional offerings of that type by any farm. The Market Manager will work with a committee if further discussion is needed on what is approved for the market.
9. No CBD/marijuana *products are allowed to be sold/distributed at the market. Any vendor who violates this rule will have their right to participate immediately revoked.*
10. The market manager will assign market spaces in advance of the market and the vendor will keep the same space throughout the season (if necessary).
11. Market vendors will fully comply with any federal, state, local or cottage food law regarding the sale of any item at the market and will hold the Market Manager/Village of Vanderbilt harmless regarding the same. All processed foods of any kind should come from a licensed facility or follow cottage food law and the vendor will provide a copy of the said license to the Market Manager prior to participating in their first market. Certified organic growers will be required to provide current certification proof. It is the responsibility of the vendor to be knowledgeable regarding the Michigan Food Code and work with the market manager and local inspection officials in this area.

[MDARD - Michigan Cottage Foods Information:](https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/michigan-cottage-foods-information)

1. Each vendor will be responsible for his/her own area during the market and for cleaning up at each day’s closing. All refuse must be taken disposed of properly in provided waste receptacles. Tents must have weights on all four corners for the entire duration of the Market. It is recommended to have at least 25lb weights on each leg of your tent.
2. The Market Manager along with the Village of Vanderbilt volunteer advisory committee will make final decisions on any discrepancy of interpretation of these guidelines.
3. Violations of any of these guidelines will be handled as follows: 1st – verbal warning, 2nd – written warning, 3rd – dismissal from Market and review by management prior to being allowed to participate in future years.
4. As situations present themselves, the Pigeon River Farmers & Artisan Market guidelines may be amended. In this event, vendors will be advised in writing a week prior to the amended guidelines start date.