



Presented by the Tinley Park Chamber of Commerce

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FOOD VENDOR

Willkommen Oktoberfest Friends!

We are very excited to be hosting the 8th Annual German Oktoberfest at Harmony Square on Friday, September 18th, Saturday, September 19th, and Sunday, September 20th, 2026. This year's event moved into downtown Tinley Park in Harmony Square! We will be featuring German and American Food, Traditional Oom-Pah and Polka Musicians, a ceremonial keg tapping to kick-off the event and lots of Oktoberfest beers.

There will be heightened security measures put in place again at this year's event. Please allow some extra time when checking in and for any deliveries during the event.

This is a great opportunity to present your business to a diverse group of attendees. The last few years have ranged from 10,000-30,000 attendees. Even with the venue change, we still anticipate a large crowd. The Tinley Park Chamber of Commerce will continue to promote this event through our official Oktoberfest website, Facebook, online articles, flyers and email blasts. We encourage you to bring brochures, coupons, literature and flyers to distribute on the day of, which will help in marketing yourselves to an anticipated large crowd.

This packet provides detailed information along with the Vendor Application and checklist of documents required to attend this year's event.

Please note application deadline is August 21st, 2026.

Due to a limited number of booths, we encourage you to return the completed packet as soon as possible. Booth spaces will be determined in the order that applications are received.

We are very eager to start promoting your attendance at this year's event. "Like Us" on our Facebook page, *Tinley Park Oktoberfest*, to help engage with our attendees and build excitement for you at our event.

We are looking forward to working with you and making the 2026 Tinley Park Oktoberfest a huge success! If you have any questions, please contact the Tinley Park Chamber of Commerce at 708-532-5700, email [<info@tinleychamber.org>](mailto:info@tinleychamber.org) or visit our website tinleychamber.org

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Camryn Ivanciets

Event Coordinator

Tinley Park Chamber of Commerce

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FOOD VENDORS - INFORMATION & APPLICATION

We are excited to feature local restaurants to participate in the Tinley Park Oktoberfest. In order to assure that we keep the fest authentic, food vendors will be asked to provide some kind of German or German-themed cuisine. Your menu must be approved in advance by the Tinley Park Oktoberfest Committee to avoid duplicate items. Any changes made to your menu after your application has been submitted must be approved by the Festival Committee prior to the event. Food production, storage and serving must comply with all state and local ordinances and vendors will be subject to inspection. *Absolutely no cooking devices with flames will be allowed under tents.*

RESERVATION & BOOTH FEE

A \$500 booth fee is required for each booth space. We will provide a 20'x20' tent with globe lights. You are responsible for all payments in your designated area, and you will keep 100% of your profits from your sales that evening. Due to the festival location, Wi-Fi will not be available on site. The booth fee is non-refundable and must be paid in full before the application can be accepted. **The application deadline is August 21st, 2026. All paperwork must be in no later than August 21st to participate in the event.** You are encouraged to submit your paperwork as soon as possible so that we can include your business in the event promotion (e-newsletter, website, Facebook, Chamber member announcements).

We will provide a banner for your booth with your restaurant name. All other decor, including the menu and pricing, is the responsibility of the Vendor. Please remember to bring along your own signs, banners, stand up displays, table runners, brochures and handouts. We encourage all vendors to decorate their areas with the Oktoberfest theme in mind!

If you are planning to leave merchandise overnight: The Chamber will provide overnight security but will not be liable for any missing, stolen or broken items. Booth locations will be determined by the Oktoberfest committee with all Tinley Park Chamber Members receiving priority.

ON-SITE CONTACT

The name and contact information for day-of-event on-site manager/supervisor **MUST** be provided on the application. Applications that fail to provide this information will be returned.

VENDOR SET UP

Vendors may begin set up at 10:00am before the festival begins on Friday, September 18th. All booths must be set up at least 30 minutes prior to the event start time. Specific details regarding vendor entrances and loading/unloading areas will be provided to the on-site contact the week of the event. Set-up times and instructions are subject to change until final instructions are sent.

I have read all the information provided on this page and understand that I must adhere to these guidelines. Initial: _____



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EVENT SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship opportunities are available that will provide additional exposure for your business. Please contact Camryn Ivancic <info@tinleychamber.org> at the Tinley Park Chamber Office for more details.

LIABILITY INSURANCE

All vendors are required to carry proof of Liability Insurance while participating in the Tinley Park Oktoberfest. The Tinley Park Chamber of Commerce MUST be named as the Certificate Holder and the Village of Tinley Park as additional insured. Information for COI's is as follows:

Event Information:

Location:

Tinley Park Harmony Square
6700 North Street
Tinley Park, IL 60477

Certificate Holder:

Tinley Park Chamber of Commerce
17316 S Oak Park Ave
Tinley Park, IL, 60447

Additional Insured:

Village of Tinley Park
16250 S Oak Park Ave
Tinley Park, IL 60477

****** IF COI IS NOT FILLED OUT CORRECTLY, WE WILL SEND IT BACK AND YOU WILL HAVE TO RESUBMIT IT ******

If you have any questions or concerns with regard to Insurance requested, please contact Camryn Ivancic directly: <info@tinleychamber.org> or 708.532.5700.

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FOOD VENDOR APPLICATION

Business Name: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Description of food items to be sold: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____ Website: _____

ON SITE CONTACT (day of event) REQUIRED:

Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

\$500.00 Fee Per Booth Required

- 20' X 20' Booth Space – \$500.00 How many booth spaces requested? _____
- I will require an electrical hook up (no charge)

METHOD OF PAYMENT

☐ Check (Made payable to Tinley Park Chamber of Commerce)

OR

☐ Please charge my credit card:

- MasterCard
- Visa
- Discover
- American Express

Amount to be charged: \$500 per booth space (20'x20') x _____ (# of booths) = _____

Card Number: _____ Security Code: _____ Expiration Date: ____/____

Print Name: _____ Cardholder's Signature: _____

Cardholder's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____



FOOD VENDOR WAIVER AGREEMENT

All participants in the Tinley Park Oktoberfest are required to abide by the following agreement. Please sign and return to the Tinley Park Chamber of Commerce. In consideration of said approval and as an expressed condition thereof, participant hereby agrees to assume any and all risk of loss, injury or damage of any kind or nature whatsoever which may occur as a result of participating in the Tinley Park Oktoberfest held on Friday, September 18th, Saturday, September 19th, and Sunday, September 20th, 2026.

By participating as a Vendor at this event, Vendor hereby agrees to indemnify and hold the Tinley Park Chamber of Commerce and the Village of Tinley Park harmless from and against any loss, damage, or expense including reasonable attorneys' fees incurred or suffered by any third party, person, firm, entity or corporation in connection with the event. Vendor also indemnifies the Tinley Park Chamber of Commerce from and against any and all loss, damage, personal injury, and expense resulting from any damage or destruction to Vendor's belongings, including but not limited to damage or destruction occasioned by force majeure events.

Date: _____

Print your Name: _____ Title: _____

Your Signature: _____

Business or Corporate Name: _____

Business Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

•You may wish to make a copy of a completed page for your records.

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FOOD VENDOR CHECK LIST — REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ☐ \$500 Booth Fee (per booth) payment must be included with application.
- ☐ Information & Application Packet (including ALL FOUR pages requiring initials at the bottom)
- ☐ Signed Waiver (Page 4)
- ☐ Temporary Food Permit (Village of Tinley Park document) – **FOOD TRUCKS/TENT VENDORS ONLY**
- ☐ Copy of most recent Health Inspection Report (*if outside of Tinley Park*)
- ☐ Certificate of Insurance with ALL the following event information included:
 - **Date:** Friday, September 20, 2024, 5:00pm - 11:00pm
Saturday, September 21, 2024, 1:00pm - 11:00pm
Sunday, September 22, 2024, 1:00pm - 6:00pm
 - **Location:**
80th Avenue Metra Train Station
18001 S 80th Ave North Lot
Tinley Park, IL 60477
 - **Certificate Holder:**
Tinley Park Chamber of Commerce
17316 S Oak Park Ave
Tinley Park, IL, 60447
 - **Additional Insured:**
Village of Tinley Park
16250 S Oak Park Ave
Tinley Park, IL 60477

Return completed Application and Paperwork to:

MAIL or DROP OFF:

Tinley Park Chamber of Commerce

17316 Oak Park Avenue, Tinley Park, IL 60477

EMAIL:

info@tinleychamber.org

QUESTIONS:

708-532-5700

