



2026
ATTENDEE GUIDE

Welcome to the 2026 NFA Expo!

Dear Attendees,

On behalf of the National Fireworks Association Board of Directors and myself, welcome to the 2026 NFA Expo & Trade Show in Fort Wayne, Indiana!

We're excited to have you joining us for another incredible week of connecting, networking, learning, and celebrating the fireworks industry. Our attendees are a huge part of what makes the NFA Expo successful, and we appreciate the time, investment, and preparation you put into being here.

This Attendee Guide was created to make your Expo experience as smooth as possible. Inside, you'll find the important information you need before arriving in Fort Wayne and throughout the week, including trade show information, demo information, venue details, policies, and more.

Please take time to review this guide in its entirety before arriving. Many of the questions that come up during Expo week, such as where to go, when to arrive, what is required, and what deadlines need to be met, are covered here. Sharing the applicable information with everyone on your team who will be attending is also strongly encouraged.

Our goal is to make expectations clear ahead of time so that when you arrive, you can spend less time worrying about logistics and more time making the most of the Expo.

We know questions will still come up, and we're here to help. If you're unsure about a deadline, requirement, schedule, or anything else related to your participation, please reach out.

As you review this guide, pay special attention to any deadlines, required forms, and safety requirements that apply to your group.

Thank you for being part of the 2026 NFA Expo. We truly appreciate your participation and everything you bring to our industry. We're looking forward to welcoming you to Fort Wayne and to a safe, successful, and memorable Expo week.

We'll see you in Fort Wayne!

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allyson". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letter 'A' being particularly large and stylized.

Allyson Cowgill
Operations Manager & Expo Coordinator
National Fireworks Association



2026 National Fireworks Association Fall Expo

Grand Wayne Convention Center | September 14 - 18, 2026



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Quick Reference

- **Expo Dates**
 - Monday, September 14 – Friday, September 18, 2026
- **Important Addresses**
 - Grand Wayne Convention Center
 - 120 W Jefferson Blvd
Fort Wayne, IN 46802
 - Kruse Plaza
 - 5634 Opportunity Blvd
Auburn, IN 46706
- **Expo Office Location**
 - Jefferson A (Registration)
- **On-Site Contact**
 - Allyson Cowgill - 202-788-0419
- **Website**
 - www.nationalfireworks.com/nfa-expo
- **Wi-Fi Information**
 - Network: GWCC Guest
 - No password

Before You Arrive

- **Registration Deadlines**
 - There is no cutoff for registration.
 - Anyone who registers before Thursday, September 10, will have a badge on-site and ready. Anyone registered after the 10th may have to wait for a badge to be printed on site at check in.
- **Payment Deadlines**
 - All outstanding invoices must be paid in full prior to check-in. Vendors with an unpaid balance will not be permitted to check in unless prior arrangements have been made with Allyson.
- **Hotel Information**
 - Hilton at Grand Wayne – Host Hotel
 - 1020 S Calhoun St.
Fort Wayne, IN 46802
 - 260-420-1100
 - Cutoff Date: August 20 @ 11:59 PM
 - Courtyard by Marriott Downtown Fort Wayne
 - 1150 S Harrison St
Fort Wayne, IN 46802
 - 260-490-3629

Arrival & Check-In

- **Registration Hours**
 - Monday : 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
 - Tuesday : Thursday – 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
 - Friday : 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- **Registration location**
 - Registration will be in Jefferson A in the Grand Wayne Convention Center.
- **Check-In process**
 - Upon arrival, enter Jefferson A and proceed to the appropriate registration lane. Lanes will be organized by company name.
 - A registration representative will ask for your company name, locate your registration envelope, confirm the badges included, and check your company in.
 - All outstanding balances must be paid before credentials can be released. If your account has an unpaid balance, you will be directed to the Issues/On-Site Registration area for assistance.
 - After check-in, each registered attendee will receive a swag bag containing the Expo Guide, Demo Book, sponsor promotional items, and other important Expo information.
- **Company representative badge pickup**
 - The first representative to check in for your company is encouraged to pick up the entire envelope containing credentials for all pre-registered attendees from your company, however you may send your attendees individually as well.
- **Problem resolution (Issues Desk)**
 - There will be a section of the registration area designated for check in issues, unpaid balances, and onsite registration.

What to Bring

- **Important Items**
 - Photo ID
 - Business cards/contact information
 - Company information
 - Product spotlight information, if applicable.
- **Good to Have**
 - Comfortable shoes
 - Refillable water bottle
 - Portable phone charger
 - Light sweater or jacket
 - Extra business cards

Trade Show Information

- **Trade Show hours**
 - The trade show will be open from 1:00 – 4:00 PM on Tuesday & Wednesday, 1:30 – 4:00 PM on Thursday, and 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM on Friday.
- **Daily announcements**
 - Be sure to download the app and sign up for text alerts to stay up to date with announcements.

Parking & Transportation

- **Parking**
 - There are 2 parking garages available for you to park regular sized vehicles in.
 - Civic Center Parking Garage – 1021 S. Calhoun St.
 - This is the best choice for the Hilton and Grand Wayne Convention Center. It's directly across Calhoun St. from the Hilton/GWCC and has a skywalk connection.
 - This garage is specifically used for Hilton guest parking.
 - Harrison Square Garage – 1210 S. Harrison St.
 - This is the best choice for those staying at the Courtyard and is also extremely convenient for the GWCC. It's beside the Courtyard & Parkview Field and only a short walk from the convention center.
- **Shuttle information**
 - The Hilton offers a complimentary shuttle to and from the Fort Wayne Airport. You will need to make a reservation for this in advance.
- **Bus schedule to demo site**
 - We will be offering charter buses to and from Kruse Plaza each evening. Buses will leave from in front of the GWCC at 5:30 & 6:30 PM on Monday, and then at 6:30/7:00 PM Tuesday – Friday.
 - The buses will stay through the end of the demos each evening.

Demo Information

- Demos will start at 7:50 PM each evening with announcements and the National Anthem.
- There will be provided seating at Kruse Plaza, however you are encouraged to bring your own chair as well!
- There will be parking attendants directing you where to go once you're in Kruse Plaza. There will be regular attendee parking, as well as VIP parking.
- You **MUST** have your parking pass hanging to be allowed entry to the demo site. If you happen to come after check-in at the Convention Center has closed, just have your registration confirmation email or invoice to show that you're registered.



GRAND WAYNE CONVENTION CENTER

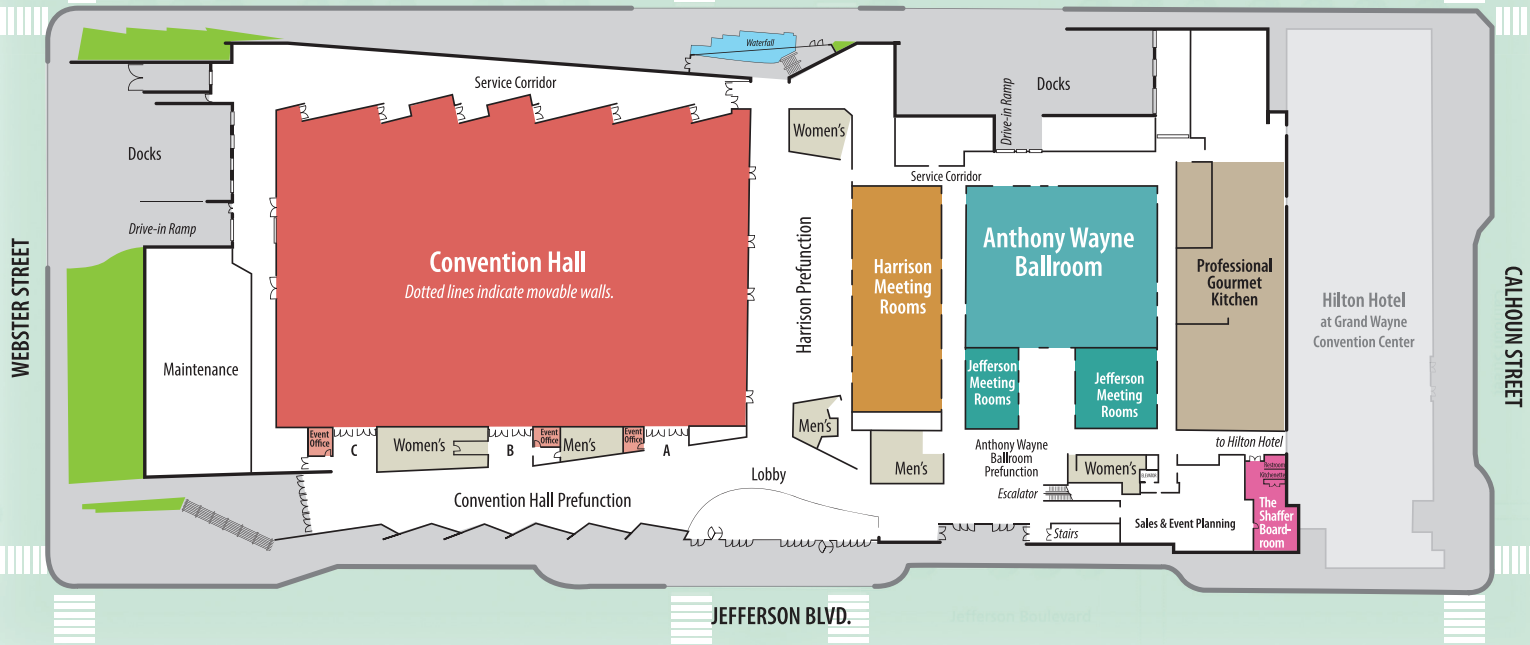
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LEVEL 1

WASHINGTON BLVD.



LEVEL 1 CAPACITIES

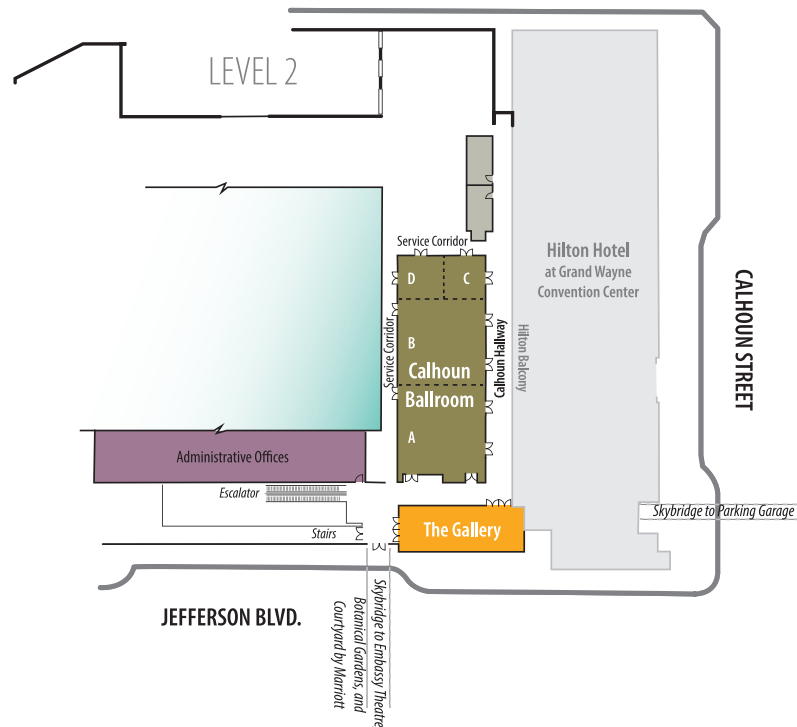
	Sq. Ft.	Banquet	Theatre	Classroom	Booth
The Convention Hall	50,000	3,080	4,500	2,880	264
1/3 Convention Hall	16,000	980	1,344	900	85
1/2 Convention Hall	24,360	1,500	2,184	1,440	120
2/3 Convention Hall	32,300	1,960	2,688	1,980	175
Harrison Rooms 5 sections	6,420	400	660	360	27
1 Section	1,280	80	100	63	0
2 Sections	2,250	160	200	126	8
3 Sections	3,850	240	320	216	16
4 Sections	5,100	320	480	288	20
Anthony Wayne Ballroom	10,000	630	1,152	540	45
Anthony Wayne Ballroom A	4,035	280	384	180	15
Anthony Wayne Ballroom B	5,890	350	672	360	25
Jefferson A	1,260	80	144	63	0
Jefferson B	1,120	70	100	63	0
Jefferson C	1,015	70	100	63	0
Jefferson B and C	2,135	140	200	126	6
The Shaffer	1,123	30	68	30	N/A
Shaffer Conference Room set:	16				

LEVEL 2 CAPACITIES

	Sq. Ft.	Banquet	Theatre	Classroom	Booth
Calhoun Ballroom	6,000	400	660	360	32
Calhoun A or B	2,400	160	200	126	10
Calhoun C and D	1,200	80	100	63	0
Calhoun C or D	625	40	50	27	0
Calhoun A and B	4,800	320	480	288	24
Calhoun B, C and D	3,600	240	320	216	16
The Gallery	1,680	100	150	90	10

WASHINGTON BLVD.

LEVEL 2



JEFFERSON BLVD.

Hampton Inn
& Suites

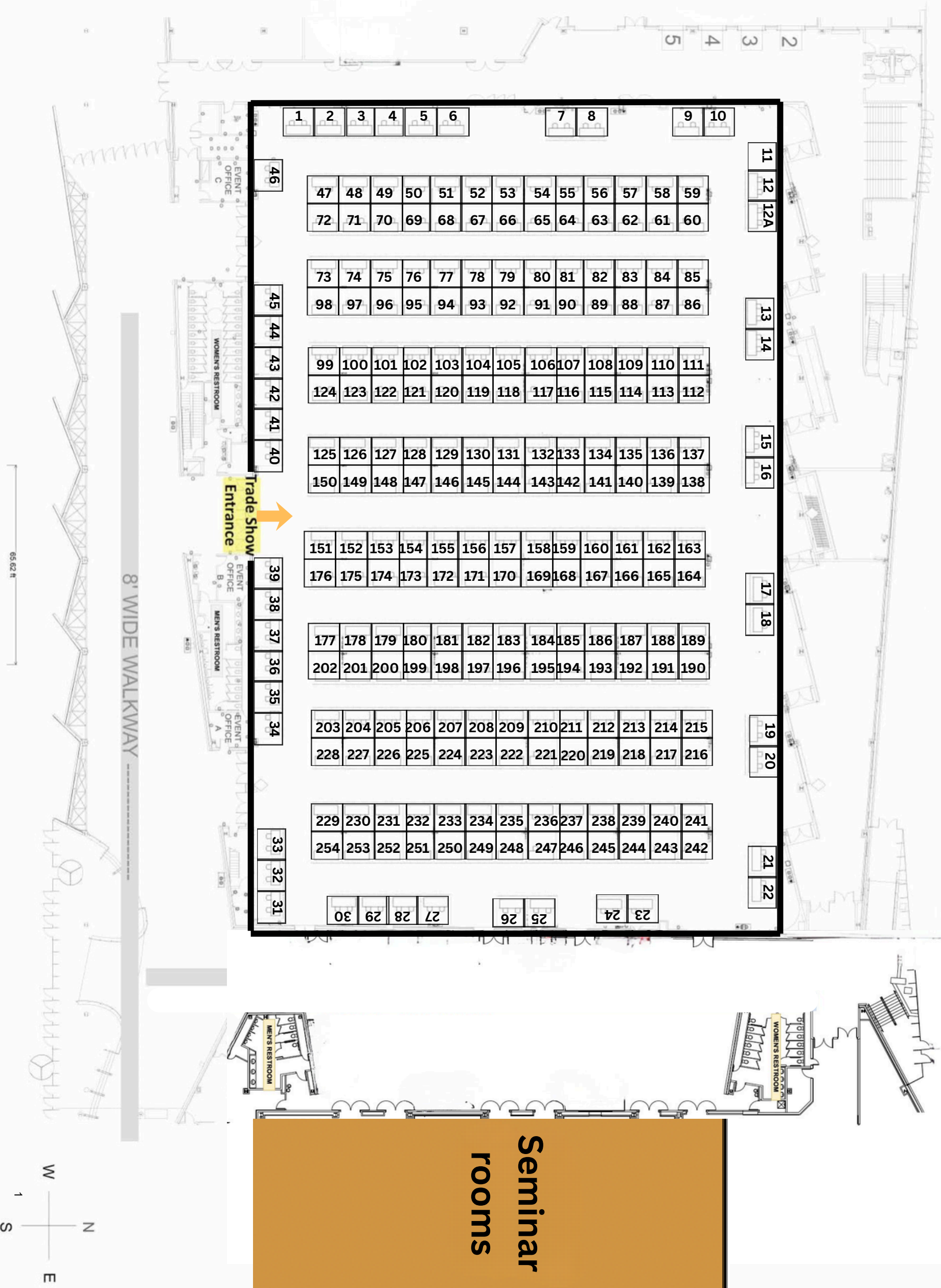
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Historic
Embassy Theatre

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Gardens

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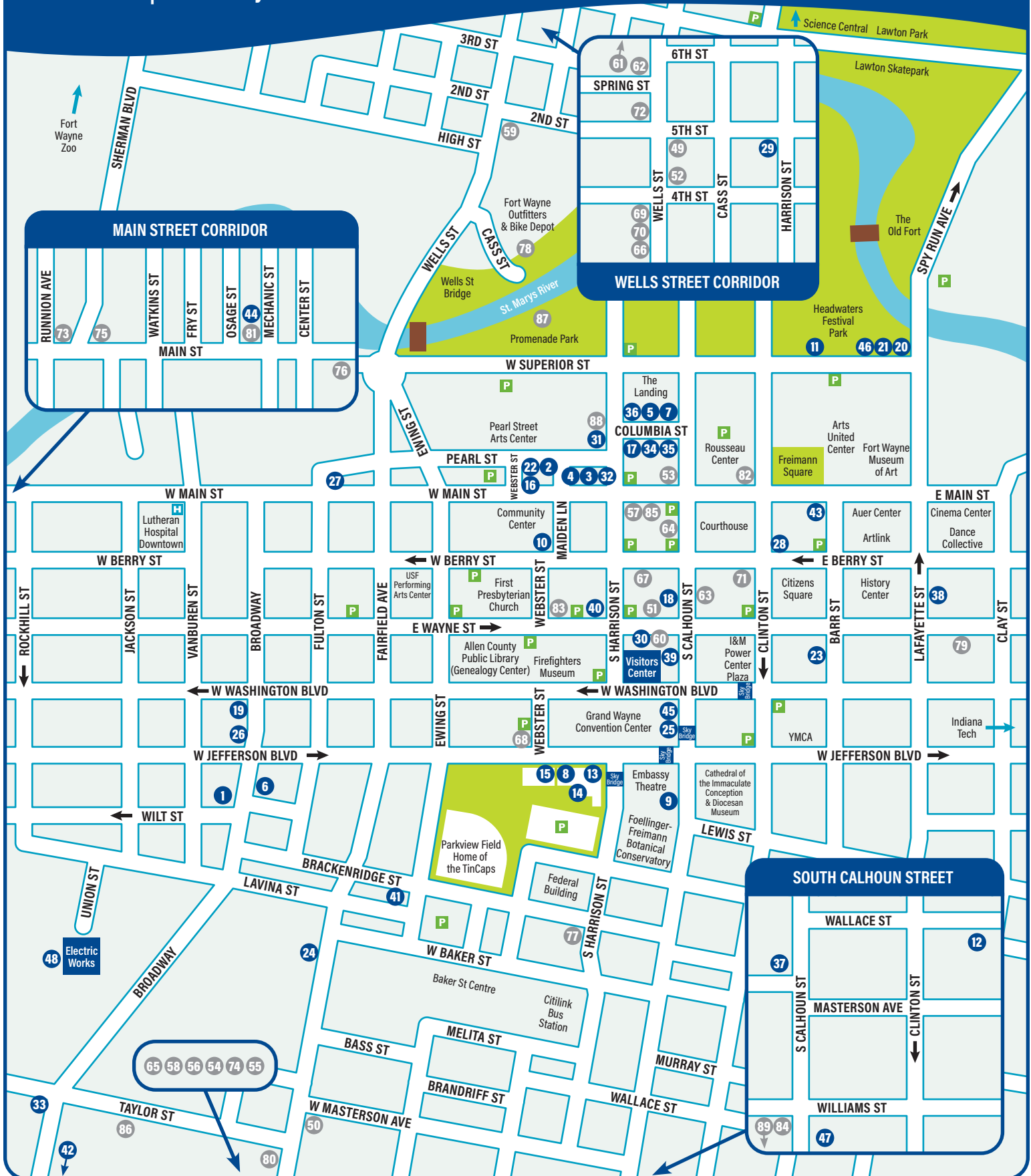
Food & Hospitality

- **Breakfast Options**
 - Breakfast is included for those staying at the Hilton and the Courtyard. Anyone staying at the overflow hotels will need to confirm breakfast is available.
- **Lunch information**
 - Lunch will be provided every day Monday – Friday in Anthony Wayne Ballroom from 12:00 – 1:00 PM each day.
- **Water Stations**
 - There are refillable water bottle stations/water fountains spread throughout the convention center. There will also be water stations provided.
- **Afterglows**
 - **There will be 3 Afterglows this year.**
 - **Kickoff (Monday)**
 - This will be from 11:00 PM – 1:00 AM at the GWCC in the Anthony Wayne Ballroom.
 - We will have music, food, drinks, giveaways, and line dancing!
 - **All American 250 (Tuesday)**
 - This will be from 11:00 PM – 1:00 AM at the GWCC in the Anthony Wayne Ballroom.
 - This is our themed night this year. We are encouraging everyone to dress in their best red, white, and blue, and show up ready to celebrate America's 250th birthday!
 - There will be food, drinks, a photo booth, karaoke, and some giveaways!
 - **Send Off (Friday)**
 - This will be at Kruse Plaza following the Grand Display on Friday night from 10:30 PM – 12:00 AM.
 - There will be food and drinks provided!
- **Nearby Restaurants**
 - Downtown Fort Wayne has an amazing selection of local restaurants if you're needing dinner ideas. Check out Visit Fort Wayne's restaurant guide for more information.

Fort Wayne's Downtown Restaurants

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Fort Wayne's Downtown Restaurants

Welcome to Fort Wayne, known as the City of Restaurants for its wide variety of eating establishments. This listing includes restaurants which are within easy walking distance of the Grand Wayne Center and downtown Fort Wayne attractions.

Information was correct at the time of printing. Please call for reservations, hours, and additional information.

- 1

The Abstract

1126 Broadway • (260) 387-6263

A cozy cocktail bar and full service restaurant in downtown Fort Wayne featuring elevated food, craft drinks, and work from local artists. Live music, rotating art displays, and regularly programmed events make it a coner's destination for locals and visitors alike. **L D \$\$\$** ☀️🌿🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

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Amoré

239 Pearl St. • (260) 363-0202

We offer authentic Italian cuisine, premium steakhouse cuts, and a superior seafood selection. **L D \$\$\$\$\$** 🍷

3

Arbor

204 W Main St. • (260) 800-8665

A modern take on the quintessential offerings of Northern Italy combined with the classic American steakhouse. **B L D \$\$** ☀️🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

4

Birdie's

204 W Main St. • (260) 800-8666

Located on the rooftop of The Bradley, Birdie's is a place to gather around the central fireplace to enjoy classic cocktails and sup on small bites and sandwiches. **L D \$\$\$** ☀️🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

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Bittersweet Cate & Deli

118 W. Columbia St.

A coffee shop, deli, wine bar, and bakery located in the heart of Downtown Fort Wayne on The Landing. **B L \$** ☀️🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

6

The Brass Rail

1121 Broadway • (260) 267-6303

Downtown's spot for live music, craft beer and cocktails. A Fort Wayne original for over 70 years. **D \$\$\$** 🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

7

BRU Burger Bar

118 W Columbia St, Ste 101 • (260) 326-3008

Enjoy gourmet burgers, creative bar snacks & craft beers in a fun and exciting atmosphere. **L D \$\$** 🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

8

Burger Bar on Jefferson

223 W Jefferson Blvd. • (260) 702-0349

Unique and handcrafted burgers that are not just delicious but memorable. **L D \$** ☀️🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

9

Cafe Flora

1100 S. Calhoun St. • (260) 427-6440

This cozy café offers a carefully curated menu of coffees, teas, and specialty beverages alongside convenient grab-and-go options, light fare, and locally inspired treats. **B L D \$** ☀️🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

10

Cindy's Diner

230 W Berry St. • (260) 422-1957

Authentic 50's Diner. Serving the "WHOLE WORLD" 15 at a time. Breakfast served any time. **B L \$** ☀️🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

11

Club Soda

235 E. Superior St. • (260) 426-3442

Sizzling steaks, cool jazz and commodious cocktails. Club Soda brings a bit of Chicago to downtown Fort Wayne. **L D \$\$\$\$** ☀️🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

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The Compound

224 E. Wallace St. • (260) 746-4734

The Compound features Papi's Pizza, Brixton BBQ, Smyth Event Venue, and more. Come hang out! **L D \$\$** ☀️🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

13

Conner's Kitchen + Bar

1150 S Harrison St. • (260) 268-9600

Enjoy elevated Midwest cuisine and a hangout worthy atmosphere. **B L D \$\$\$** ☀️🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

14

Conner's Rooftop

223 W Jefferson Blvd. • (260) 247-6915

Fort Wayne's first rooftop restaurant serving dimer overlooking Parkview Field. **D \$\$\$** ☀️🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

15

Copper Spoon/The Sidecar

301 W Jefferson Blvd. • (260) 756-1019

Enjoy a seasonal menu prepared with locally sourced ingredients. In the summer, try the Sidecar patio bar. **D \$\$\$** ☀️🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

16

Crescendo Coffee & Cafe

258 W Main St. • (260) 363-0303

Located inside The Pearl, enjoy delicious coffee and food while soaking in the charm and sophistication of this unique setting. **B L D \$\$** ☀️🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

17

Dana's / Night Train

135 W Columbia St

Dana's serves quality cocktails and French brasserie-style food in an elevated atmosphere. Experience late-night at Night Train, an underground, playful, and welcoming environment. **D \$\$\$** 🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

18

Dash-In

814 S Calhoun St. • (260) 423-3595

A locally owned 21+ destination for 30 years, specializing in gourmet grilled cheese, all day breakfast, with brunch items on weekends. **B L \$\$\$** ☀️🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

19

Davey's Delicious Bagels

1006 Broadway • (260) 424-2233

Fort Wayne's Favorite Breakfast Sandwich & Coffee Shop. Voted #1 4 years in a row! Davey's Delicious Bagels. So Dam Delicious. **B L \$\$\$** ☀️🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

20

The Deck

305 E Superior St. • (260) 426-3411

A favorite spot for outdoor dining. Situated on the bank of the St. Marys River. **L D \$\$** ☀️🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

21

Don Hall's Old Gas House

305 E Superior St. • (260) 426-3411

Prime Rib, seafood, steaks and Cajun specialties. **L D \$\$\$** ☀️🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

22

Ducky's

249 Pearl St. • (260) 205-8639

The sports bar redefined--offering classic American eats with a gourmet twist, duckpin bowling, and refreshing cocktails. **L D \$\$\$** ☀️🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

23

Eggster

236 E. Wayne St., Ste. 1 • (260) 515-1627

Eggster Grab & Go Café serves hot, fresh breakfast bowls and burritos, mini pancakes, coffee drinks, our famous Creamsters, and more. **B L \$** ☀️🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

24

The Fairfield / Pinhouse Social / Urban Golf

1510 Fairfield Ave. • (260) 203-2316

A multi-level entertainment and dining destination. Whether you're looking for a night out, planning a private event, or seeking something new to do, The Fairfield has something for everyone. **L D \$\$\$\$** ☀️🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

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Features at the Hilton

1020 S Calhoun St. • (260) 420-1100 x7104

We connect out of town visitors with local regulars, great drinks with great food, and business with pleasure. **D \$\$\$** 🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

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Good Bread

1016 Broadway

Sweet and savory Parisian-inspired gluten-free and vegan bakery. Big on flavor. **\$** ☀️🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

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Henry's Restaurant

536 W Main St. • (260) 426-0531

Popular late night menu. Family owned and operated since 1959. **D \$\$\$** ☀️🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

28

The Hoppy Genome

203 E Berry St. • (260) 422-0070

Scratch-made tacos, hearty sandwiches, and chef-driven creations. Craft cocktails, a curated wine list, and 48 taps of the best local brews. **L D \$\$\$** ☀️🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

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Hop River Brewing Co.

1515 N Harrison St. • (260) 739-3931

This local brewery is all-ages with award-winning beer, a seasonal food menu, and community events. **L D \$** ☀️🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

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J.K. O'Donnell's Irish Ale House

121 W Wayne St. • (260) 420-5563

Traditional pub and housemade fare. 90+ beers, ciders and whiskeys. Visit The Pitch, offering a seasonal outdoor soccer themed bar and event space. **L D \$\$** ☀️🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

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Kanela

618 S Harrison St. • (260) 755-1838

Enjoy a variety of options, including all-natural smoothies, juices, and delectable coffee and lattes. **B L \$** ☀️🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

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Kilwins

625 S. Harrison St. • (260) 444-3569

Visit Kilwins Chocolates, Fudge, and Ice Cream shop, where people celebrate vacation, and share the experience of life, family, and gifting in a very nostalgic Americana setting. **\$** ☀️🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

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Mad Anthony Brewing Co.

2002 Broadway • (260) 426-2537

Fresh, natural handcrafted ales. Gourmet pizza, pasta, salads & munchies. Family dining. **L D \$\$\$** ☀️🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

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Marquee at the Landing

123 W Columbia St. • (260) 295-3777

An upscale urban bar/restaurant with scratch kitchen featuring locally sourced ingredients. Our creative dishes are updated seasonally. **D \$\$\$** ☀️🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

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Mercado

111 W Columbia St., Suite 103 • (260) 387-6160

Latin-inspired flavors and seasonal dishes, paired with craft cocktails in a lively, upbeat setting that's perfect for sharing unforgettable moments. **L D \$\$\$** ☀️🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

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Nawa

126 W Columbia St. • (260) 399-7501

Nawa features culinary influences from Thailand and elsewhere in Asia and custom-crafted cocktails. **L D \$\$** ☀️🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

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The Oyster Bar

1830 S Calhoun St. • (260) 744-9490

Landmark since 1886 with a great atmosphere and superb seafood. **L D \$\$\$** ☀️🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

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Penny Drip

815 Lafayette St

All-day café serving coffee, cocktails and flavorful bites in a unique, family-friendly atmosphere. **B L \$** ☀️🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

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Poplique

912 Calhoun St. • (260) 422-3777

"Pop" in for FREE samples of fresh made gourmet popcorn in a plethora of sweet & savory flavors. Custom corporate gifts, popcorn samplers, tins, gift baskets & shipping services available. **\$** ☀️🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

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Proximo

898 S Harrison St. • (260) 459-6150

Latin-inspired meals from breakfast to dinner in a vibrant space with a full patio and curated cocktails. **B L D \$\$\$\$** ☀️🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

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Rudy's Wine Chocolate and Cigars

409 W Brackentridge • (260) 451-0115

Serving Indiana wines, beers, and DeBard Fine Chocolates. Smoking on large rear patio only. **L D \$** ☀️🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

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Rune

2725 Broadway • (260) 278-0674

Rune offers a striped down and cozy atmosphere, an inspired food and cocktail menu focused on ingredient driven drinks and dishes, and a wine list highlighting innovative winemakers. **D \$\$\$** ☀️🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

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Saisaki

200 E Main St, Ste 120 • (260) 739-5286

Whether you're craving fresh sushi, savory teriyaki, hearty bento boxes, or flavorful Thai specialties, we have something to satisfy every palate. **L D \$\$\$** ☀️🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

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Spoke + Ivy

1402 W Main St. • (260) 458-8150

An elegant yet relaxed escape with seasonal dishes, curated cocktails, and a rustic-chic vibe. Check out Black Rabbit — A basement bar below. **L D \$\$\$** ☀️🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

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Starbucks at the Hilton

1020 Calhoun St. • (260) 420-1100

Full-service Starbucks location inside the Hilton downtown. Earn and redeem points, mobile order available. **B L \$** ☀️🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

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Takaoka of Japan

305 E Superior St. • (260) 424-3183

Showmen chefs create your meal tableside! **D \$\$\$** ☀️🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

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Tall Rabbit Cafe + Community

2001 Calhoun St. • (260) 745-9164

Enjoy our artisan coffee blends, specialty drinks, and gourmet baked goods and sandwiches. We offer quaint meeting and studying spaces and build community through open mic nights and other special events. **B L \$** ☀️🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

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Union Street Market at Electric Works

1620 Broadway

Union Street Market is a food hall and public market offering diverse fare from locally owned food and beverage merchants, shopping, and events. **B L D \$\$\$** ☀️🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

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Baba's Steak and Lemonade

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Banh Mi Pho Shop

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Big Apple Pizza

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Big Eyed Fish

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Bistro Nota

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Bravas

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Chance Bar

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Columbian Delights

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Coney Island

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Cozumel Restaurante Mexicano

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Don Chava's Mexican Grill

L D \$ ☀️

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Double Dragon

L D \$ ☀️

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Draft Taproom & Coffee

L D \$ ☀️

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El Rinconcito Pupperia

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Fortezza Coffee

B L D \$ ☀️

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Full Circle Cafe

B L \$ ☀️

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The Friendly Fox

B L D \$ ☀️

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Indiana Mexican Bakery

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Katey's Cafe

B L \$ ☀️

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King Gyros

L D \$ ☀️

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Kiernin's on Wells

B L \$ ☀️

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La Michoacana Restaurante

L D \$ ☀️

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Lincoln Tower Soda Fountain

B L \$ ☀️

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Ophelia's

B L \$ ☀️

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O'Sullivan's Italian Pub

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Peckard Taphouse

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Paula's on Main

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Pedal City

\$\$ ☀️

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Powers Hamburgers

L D \$ ☀️

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Pufferbelly Ice Cream

\$ ☀️

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Purple Mountain Cheesecakes & Desserts Inc.

\$\$\$\$ ☀️

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Raspados Tiaquepaque

L D \$ ☀️

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Redwood Inn

D \$ ☀️

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Revitalize Cafe

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Ruth's Chris Steak House

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Saigon Restaurant

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Sweets on Main

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Taqueria Salsa Grille

L D \$ ☀️

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West Coast Grille

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Meal offerings:

B = Breakfast

L = Lunch

D = Dinner

Average cost per person:

\$ = under \$10

\$\$ = \$10-20

\$\$\$ = \$20-30

\$\$\$\$ = Over \$30

☀️ = Outdoor Dining

🍷 = 21 and Over

🍷 = Group Dining

Navy dot denotes partner of Visit Fort Wayne.

Please check individual restaurants for hours of operation.

Downtown Fort Wayne is also home to many fast food options.

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For our most current dining list, visit
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Group Dining in Fort Wayne

Restaurants offering space for groups of 20 or more.

This map includes restaurants who are partners of *Visit Fort Wayne* and offer group rented spaces, which are within easy walking distance of the Grand Wayne Center and downtown Fort Wayne attractions.

Information was correct at the time of printing. Please call for reservations, hours, and additional information.

Note: Reservations for large private parties may warrant a fee.

1 The Abstract

1126 Broadway • (260) 387-6263

A cozy cocktail bar and full service restaurant in downtown Fort Wayne featuring elevated food, craft drinks, and work from local artists. Live music, rotating art displays, and regularly programmed events make it a dynamic destination for locals and visitors alike. **L D \$\$\$ ☀️ 🍷**

Group Capacity: 25

2 Amoré

239 Pearl St • (260) 363-0202

We offer authentic Italian cuisine, premium steakhouse cuts, and a superior seafood selection. **L D \$\$\$\$**

Group Capacity: 49

3 Arbor

204 W Main St • (260) 800-8685

A modern take on the quintessential offerings of Northern Italy combined with the classic American steakhouse. **B L D \$\$ ☀️**

Group Capacity: 22

4 Birdie's

204 W Main St • (260) 800-8686

Located on the rooftop of The Bradley, Birdie's is a place to gather around the central fireplace to enjoy classic cocktails and sup on small bites and sandwiches. **L D \$\$\$ ☀️**

Group Capacity: 40

5 Bittersweet Cafe & Deli

118 W. Columbia St.

A coffee shop, deli, wine bar, and bakery located in the heart of Downtown Fort Wayne on The Landing. **B L \$ ☀️**

Group Capacity: 50

11 Club Soda

235 E Superior St • (260) 426-3442

Sizzling steaks, cool jazz and commodious cocktails. Club Soda brings a bit of Chicago to downtown Fort Wayne. **L D \$\$\$\$ ☀️**

Group Capacity: 100

12 The Compound

224 E. Wallace St. • (260) 745-4734

The Compound features Papi's Pizza, Brixton BBQ, Smyth Event Venue, and more. Come hang out! **L D \$\$ ☀️**

Group Capacity: Summer - 110, Winter - 50

13 Conner's Kitchen + Bar

1150 S Harrison St • (260) 268-9600

Enjoy elevated Midwest cuisine and a hangout worthy atmosphere. **B L D \$\$ ☀️**

Group Capacity: 34

14 Conner's Rooftop

223 W Jefferson Blvd • (260) 247-6915

Fort Wayne's first rooftop restaurant serving dinner overlooking Parkview Field. **D \$\$ ☀️ 🍷**

Group Capacity: 75

15 Copper Spoon/The Sidecar

301 W Jefferson Blvd • (260) 755-1019

Enjoy a seasonal menu prepared with locally sourced ingredients. In the summer, try the Sidecar patio bar. **D \$\$\$ ☀️ 🍷**

Group Capacity: 50

18 Dash-In

814 S Calhoun St • (260) 423-3595

A locally owned 21+ destination for 30 years, specializing in gourmet grilled cheese, all day breakfast, with brunch items on weekends. **B L \$\$ ☀️ 🍷**

Group Capacity: 40

21 Don Hall's Old Gas House

305 E Superior St • (260) 426-3411

Prime Rib, seafood, steaks and Cajun specialties. **L D \$\$\$**

Group Capacity: 44

22 Ducky's

249 Pearl St • (260) 205-8639

The sports bar redefined—offering classic American eats with a gourmet twist, duckpin bowling, and refreshing cocktails.

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Group Capacity: Dining - 118, Bowling - 48

24 The Fairfield / Pinhouse Social / Urban Golf

1510 Fairfield Ave. • (260) 203-2316

A multi-level entertainment and dining destination. Whether you're looking for a night out, planning a private event, or seeking something new to do, The Fairfield has something for everyone. **L D \$\$\$**

Group Capacity: The Fairfield: 999, Pinhouse Social: 185, Urban Golf: 175

25 Features at the Hilton

1020 S Calhoun St • (260) 420-1100 x7104

We connect out of town visitors with local regulars, great drinks with great food, and business with pleasure. **D \$\$**

Group Capacity: 200

28 The Hoppy Gnome

203 E Berry St • (260) 422-0070

Scratch-made tacos, hearty sandwiches, and chef-driven creations. Craft cocktails, a curated wine list, and 48 taps of the best local brews. **L D \$\$ ☀️**

Group Capacity: 24, Over 21 Capacity - 75

29 Hop River Brewing Co.

1515 N Harrison St • (260) 739-3931

This local brewery is all-ages with award-winning beer, a seasonal food menu, and community events. **L D \$ ☀️**

Group Capacity: 200

30 J.K. O'Donnell's Irish Ale House

121 W Wayne St • (260) 420-5563

Traditional pub and housemade fare. 90+ beers, ciders, and whiskeys. Visit The Pitch, offering a seasonal outdoor soccer themed bar and event space. **L D \$\$ ☀️ 🍷**

Group Capacity: 45

33 Mad Anthony Brewing Co.

2002 Broadway • (260) 426-2537

Fresh, natural handcrafted ales. Gourmet pizza, pasta, salads & munchies. Family dining. **L D \$\$ ☀️**

Group Capacity: 30

34 Marquee at the Landing

123 W Columbia St • (260) 255-3717

An upscale urban bar/restaurant with scratch kitchen featuring locally sourced ingredients. Our creative dishes are updated seasonally. **D \$\$\$ ☀️**

Group Capacity: 20

35 Mercado

111 W Columbia St, Suite 103 • (260) 387-6160

Latin-inspired flavors and seasonal dishes, paired with craft cocktails in a lively, upbeat setting that's perfect for sharing unforgettable moments. **L D \$\$\$ ☀️**

Group Capacity: Summer - 140, Winter - 86

36 Nawa

126 W Columbia St • (260) 399-7501

Nawa features culinary influences from Thailand and elsewhere in Asia and custom-crafted cocktails. **L D \$\$ ☀️**

Group Capacity: 40

40 Proximo

898 S Harrison St • (260) 459-6150

Latin-inspired meals from breakfast to dinner in a vibrant space with a full patio and curated cocktails. **B L D \$\$\$ ☀️**

Group Capacity: 42

41 Rudy's Wine Chocolate and Cigars

409 W Brackenridge • (260) 451-0115

Serving Indiana wines, beers, and DeBrand Fine Chocolates. Smoking on large rear patio only. **L D \$ ☀️ 🍷**

Group Capacity: 20 (Seasonally)

43 Saisaki

200 E Main St, Ste 120 • (260) 739-5286

Whether you're craving fresh sushi, savory teriyaki, hearty bento boxes, or flavorful Thai specialties, we have something to satisfy every palate. **L D \$\$ ☀️**

Group Capacity: 35

44 Spoke + Ivy

1402 W Main St • (260) 458-8150

An elegant yet relaxed escape with seasonal dishes, curated cocktails, and a rustic-chic vibe. Check out Black Rabbit — A basement bar below. **L D \$\$\$ ☀️ 🍷**

Group Capacity: 115

47 Tall Rabbit Cafe + Community

2001 Calhoun St. • (260) 745-9164

Enjoy our artisan coffee blends, specialty drinks, and gourmet baked goods and sandwiches. We offer quaint meeting and studying spaces and build community through open mic nights and other special events. **B L \$**

Group Capacity: 2 Private Rooms - 15, 30, Entire Cafe - 50-60

48 Union Street Market at Electric Works

1620 Broadway

Union Street Market is a food hall and public market offering diverse fare from locally owned food and beverage merchants, shopping, and events. **B L D \$\$ ☀️**

Group Capacity: 50

53 Bistro Nota **B D \$\$\$\$ ☀️**

Group Capacity: 28

55 Chance Bar **D \$\$\$\$ ☀️**

Group Capacity: 20

75 Paula's on Main **L D \$\$\$**

Group Capacity: 30

83 Ruth's Chris Steak House **D \$\$\$\$ ☀️**

Group Capacity: 100

88 Tolon **D \$\$\$ ☀️**

Group Capacity: 35



Social Media, App, & Event Photography

- **Social Media hashtags**
 - We are encouraging everyone to use #NFA26 on social media to help others find pictures and event updates!
- **Event app**
 - We are using the app again this year! There will be emails coming with links to the app store, but there will also be QR codes on site to take you directly to the download page.
 - The app will be able to put out real time notifications, information about the speakers, and the week.
- **Photography**
 - There will be a vendor onsite taking photos and videos for the NFA to use on our social media, in our newsletters, podcast, or in other promotional videos.
 - By attending the event, you are consenting to your photo being used for these things throughout the year.
 - If you do not consent, please contact Allyson directly to discuss.

Important Policies

- **No product pickup policy**
 - The NFA's policy is that, due to the hazardous nature of fireworks and related materials, product pickups are not permitted on-site during the event. The NFA is not involved in, nor does it coordinate, facilitate, or oversee any pickup arrangements.
 - 'On-site' includes the entire convention campus and all NFA event locations, including but not limited to:
 - The convention center and surrounding property
 - All host and affiliated hotels, including those with NFA group rate blocks.
 - The product demonstration/shoot site
 - Any additional venues or locations where NFA-sponsored events are being held.
 - This restriction applies to all indoor and outdoor areas, including parking lots, parking garages, and other common areas associated with these locations.
- **Code of conduct**
 - All attendees will be given a copy of the code of conduct prior to arrival. One representative from each group must confirm receipt.
- **Badge policy**
 - All attendees must always be wearing the provided credentials. Anyone not wearing their credentials is subject to being stopped and removed from the event until proof of registration is shown. This applies to the convention center and demo site.
 - Replacement badges will be available for \$5 in the case of a lost credential.
- **Alcohol policy**
 - There is to be no outside alcohol at both the convention center and the demo site. Anyone found with outside alcohol will be subject to disciplinary action as deemed by the site managers.
- **Security information**
 - Any event with alcohol will require the local police department to be on site.
 - We also have the convention center security and our security teams available during the day.

FAQs

- **Can I add registrants on-site?**
 - Yes! Registration will be open and we will offer on-site registration for anyone who needs it.
 - On-site registration will be \$325 per person, regardless of when they arrive.
- **Where is the expo office?**
 - The expo office will be both in Registration (Jefferson A) throughout the week.
- **What happens if it rains?**
 - Rain does not affect the trade show or events at the convention center.
 - In the event of rain during the demos, we will delay as necessary.
 - In the event of a full rain cancellation one evening, those companies will be offered a refund or the opportunity to shift their demo spot to the following year.
- **How do I update my registration?**
 - Allyson will be sending out registration confirmation emails with a list of those registered within your company/group. You can confirm or make changes at this time.
 - You are also welcome to email office@nationalfireworks.com with any changes that need to be made.