



**Events Committee  
Meeting Agenda  
October 2, 2025 3:30 PM  
City Hall Training Room  
(2529 J.O. Stephenson Avenue, Kennesaw, GA 30144)**

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The Committee includes members of every department impacted by a special event, and will meet to discuss event scheduling, staffing, and budgeting. This is so that departments can coordinate their efforts, enhance communication, determine publicity requirements, anticipate issues, and address concerns. The Committee will also make recommendations for event improvement to facilitate maximum benefit to Kennesaw citizens and visitors.

Representatives are from the following departments/organizations: Building Services; Building Maintenance; City Manager; Communications; Economic Development; Kennesaw Downtown Development Authority; Parks & Recreation; Police; Public Works; Smith-Gilbert Gardens; Southern Museum. Each entity has one vote.

If a citizen needs special accommodation to attend or participate in a meeting, please contact the Committee Chair at least 24 hours in advance of the specific meeting.

Chair: Marty Hughes; Vice-Chair: Ricky Stewart; and Secretary: Rachel Mikell

- 1. Call to Order / Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes**
  - A. Approval of the meeting minutes from September 4, 2025.
- 3. Announcements/ Public Comment**
- 4. Old Business**
- 5. New Business**
  - A. November 15 - Kennesaw Fall Crawl**  
A Pub Crawl hosted by Reformation in partnership with Downtown businesses.
  - B. May - August - Kennesaw Farmers Market**  
Local Farmers Market hosted in Depot Park.
  - C. Overview of 2026 Event Calendar**

## 6. Adjourn



## Item Report

**TO:**

**FROM:**

**DATE:** October 2, 2025

**TITLE:** **November 15 - Kennesaw Fall Crawl**  
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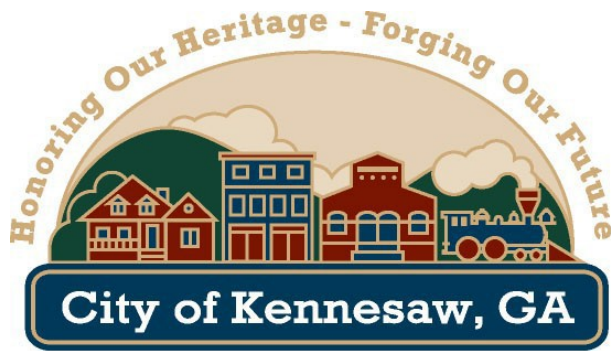
**Summary:**

**Recommendation:**

**Fiscal Impact:**

**Attachments:**

1. ReformationPubCrawl-Nov2025\_Redacted



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You will be notified of the exact Kennesaw Events Committee meeting date so you can be present to discuss your event with the committee members. **You are required to attend that meeting.**

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Name of Event Kennesaw Fall Crawl

Type of Event Pub Crawl hosted by Reformation & Downtown Businesses

Event Date(s): 1st choice Nov 15 2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Event Site being requested: Downtown businesses (no city space requested)

Beginning Time(s) 2pm am/pm to Ending Time(s) 5pm am/pm

Event Set up Time -- Event Clean up Time --

Purpose of Event Community engagement/getting patrons into downtown businesses

Details of the Event Reformation will host/coordinate with all participating downtown businesses.

Patrons will visit businesses and receive a stamp for each valid purchase. Completed cards to be turned in at Pisano's for a chance to win a prize. Pisano's will host an "after party" on thier outdoor patio space. No city property or resources are requested, beyond marketing and promotion (through a KDDA partnership).

1. Applicant/Organization KDDA/Economic Development

Address 2529 J.O. Stephenson Ave

Phone Number 770-424-8274 Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address/Website https://kennesawdowntown.com/

2. Name of Organizer/Contact Person Miranda Taylor

Phone Number 770-424-1919 Email mtaylor@kennesaw-ga.gov

Any Other Organizers Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

3. General Event Information:

Number of person(s) expected \_\_\_\_\_ Have you previously held this Event? No

What types of advertising will you use to promote this event? Social Media

To whom are you marketing Adults over 21

4. **Fees.** Based on your request, you will be invoiced for any fees due that are associated with this event. Fees will be charged for facilities, equipment, and personnel. More explanation of fees will be discussed during your scheduled Event Committee Meeting; see Fee Schedule attached.

Are you requesting **City Personnel**? List required assistance: No

Are you requesting **City Streets** to be closed for your event, if so which ones? No

Are you requesting **City Facilities** for this event? No

Are you requesting **City Equipment** for this event? no

Are you requesting Trash and Recycling? no

5. Is your event a fundraiser? No If yes, for whom or what organization(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

6. **We will need the Following Supporting Documents along with your Application:**

1. **Property Owner's Affidavit** (if Private Property is to be used in conjunction with your event).

2. **A Certificate of Insurance**, in the amount of \$1,000,000 or as determined to be appropriate to  
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the size of the event, naming the City of Kennesaw as an Additional Insured. Certificate must be provided at least 30 days in advance of the event.

- 3. Return a signed **Fee Acknowledgement Agreement** within 30 days of event approval.
- 4. Include your **Cleanup/Recycling Plan**.
- 5. Are you a non-profit organization? If so, provide a **Copy of Your 501C-3**.
- 6. Include additional forms stating you are in Compliance with all other agencies requiring Permitting. i.e.: Cobb/Public Health Department, Cobb Fire Marshal Office, Alcohol Permits
- 7. Attached map showing the event site & set-up.

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**For City of Kennesaw Use Only**

**DEPARTMENT CHECKS**

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ Received by \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewed by Events Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Suggest Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Suggest Denial \_\_\_\_\_

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Events Committee Chairperson

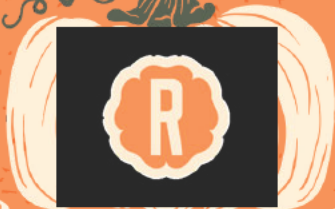
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# KENNESAW



NOV. 15



2PM-5PM

# FALL CRAWL



**BERNIE'S**  
social bar



1 stamp\* = 1 stop. Turn in completed card to  
Pisanos for a chance to win a prize!

**\*with valid purchase**

COMING SOON



# REFORMATION KENNESAW

Turn in completed card to  
Pisanos, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> from 2-5pm

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**AFTER PARTY AT  
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**DATE:** October 2, 2025  
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Local Farmers Market hosted in Depot Park.

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Name of Event Kennesaw Farmers Market

Type of Event Local vendor market

Event Date(s): 1st choice Thursdays, May-Aug 2nd Choice Mondays, May-Aug

Event Site being requested: Depot Park Parking Lot & Trails around circle area

Beginning Time(s) 3:00 pm am/pm to Ending Time(s) 7:00 pm am/pm

Event Set up Time 1:30pm Event Clean up Time 7:30 pm

Purpose of Event Community engagement, access to local produce & handmade goods

Details of the Event Vendors set up booths to sell locally grown produce, farm goods, and handcrafted food items/crafts

For the 2026 season, KDDA is considering a partnership with Cobb County Farm Bureau, where the Farm Bureau would manage the market on behalf of KDDA, providing on-site management, vendor scheduling, and community education. Location change is requested to allow room for growth when using the CCFB's network of farmers and vendors.

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3. General Event Information:

Number of person(s) expected 150-200 Have you previously held this Event? Yes

What types of advertising will you use to promote this event? Social media, print ads

To whom are you marketing Kennesaw/Cobb Co residents

4. **Fees.** Based on your request, you will be invoiced for any fees due that are associated with this event. Fees will be charged for facilities, equipment, and personnel. More explanation of fees will be discussed during your scheduled Event Committee Meeting; see Fee Schedule attached.

Are you requesting **City Personnel**? List required assistance: Yes - coordination with Miranda on logistics

Are you requesting **City Streets** to be closed for your event, if so which ones? No

Are you requesting **City Facilities** for this event? Yes - Depot Parking Lot & Trail area

Are you requesting **City Equipment** for this event? Yes; barricades for parking lot vendor area

Are you requesting Trash and Recycling? Yes, additional 90-gal cans for market area

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Events Committee Chairperson

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Notification \_\_\_\_\_



# Cobb County Farm Bureau

## Kennesaw Farmers Market Proposal



Presented to:  
City of Kennesaw's Downtown Development Authority

September 10, 2025

## Introduction

### **Who We Are and Why We're Interested in Managing the Kennesaw Farmers Market**

Farm Bureau is more than an insurance provider; it is also a nonprofit organization that amplifies the voice of Georgia's farmers. Through its nonprofit work, Farm Bureau is dedicated to improving the quality of life for both producers and consumers by supporting agriculture. We believe that a thriving agricultural industry builds healthier communities, strengthens the economy, and enriches the lives of all Georgians.

Since 1937, Georgia Farm Bureau has been a steadfast advocate for family farmers, rural communities, and consumers, fostering a deeper understanding of where food comes from and why local agriculture is vital.

The Cobb County Farm Bureau (CCFB) proudly carries this mission forward at the local level. Our commitment is to support both farmers and the community, and managing the Kennesaw Farmers Market is a natural extension of that work. By doing so, we create meaningful connections between local growers and residents, promote agricultural literacy, and strengthen the bond between farmers and the families they serve.

## Partnership

Should the City of Kennesaw's Downtown Development Authority (KDDA) and the Cobb County Farm Bureau (CCFB) agree to partner, with CCFB managing the 2026 Kennesaw Farmers Market, this proposal details our approach to market management.

It is the expectation of CCFB that KDDA would continue to provide the following support (including, but not limited to):

- Use of city-owned property for market space
- A designated City of Kennesaw employee to serve as liaison, assisting with access to historical vendor lists, surveys, volunteer information (e.g., promotional signage placement and storage), and other relevant documentation, as well as providing telephone access on market days
- Access to city-controlled promotional channels, including the City marquee, social media platforms, and other publicity outlets
- Guidance and advisement on traffic-related matters

It is the expectation of CCFB that CCFB would assume responsibility for the following:

- Administration and governance of Vendor Agreements
- Facilitating all market-related communications with vendors (see Vendor Evaluation, Selection, Agreements, and Governance section for additional details)
- Providing staffing to ensure smooth market operations
- Offering supplemental promotion through CCFB publicity outlets

## Financial Approach

### Vendor Types & Fees

CCFB will consider two-types of Vendors and they are defined as “Farmers” who grow and sell things such as seasonal produce, flowers, animal products (meat, dairy, eggs, fiber, etc.) and “Makers” who use ingredients (ideally locally sourced) and make value-added products in the form of shelf stable goods or fresh edible food products.

CCFB will also consider three-types of Vendor fees defined below with **fee prices determined after CCFB has had the opportunity to conduct additional market research.**

- **Seasonal** which is a commitment to pay fees for all market dates in advance
- **Date Specific** which are fees for specific market dates

All fees will be paid in advance and will be non-refundable.

### Compensation Structure

CCFB is committed to the following compensation structure:

- All vendor fees will be payable to CCFB upon vendor acceptance
- CCFB will retain all vendor fees. These funds will be used to help offset costs of administering the market.

## Vendor Management

To honor the requests of Kennesaw Farmers Market patrons for locally grown produce and animal products (such as meat, eggs, dairy, fiber, etc.) and to further the Georgia Farm Bureau’s mission of connecting local growers with residents, **the market will prioritize attracting Farmers and Makers who offer prepared foods.** Ideally, Makers would be able to source local ingredients at wholesale prices, creating an added layer of partnership with area farmers. Achieving this next level of collaboration, however, would require additional coordination with our local growers.

Although the market will include some Maker vendors who do not offer edible products (e.g., artisan crafters, hygiene products, etc.), we intend to limit the number of these participants in order to preserve the Georgia Farm Bureau’s mission of connecting farmers with families. Our goal is to ensure that the Kennesaw Farmers Market remains centered on local agriculture and food, and is not perceived as an “craft fair”.

In alignment with our mission to support the local economy, we also seek to explore partnerships with Kennesaw restaurateurs and merchants—whether through a brick-and-mortar discount program, booth space, or hyper-local food trucks. Similarly, we welcome opportunities to collaborate with Kennesaw businesses that provide live music, dance, or other forms of entertainment, further enriching the market experience for patrons.

## Vendor Evaluation, Selection, Agreements, and Governance

With this proposal, CCFB would have the right to:

- Take over custody and management of the current Farmers Market documents such as, but not limited to, Vendor lists and surveys, Vendor Agreements, licenses and Certification, and Rules and Regulations
- Determine vendor selection criteria
- Solicit and accept vendor applications
- Evaluate all vendor applications
- Provide feedback on vendor selection (acceptance or rejection with rationale)

To support Georgia Farm Bureau's mission to support Georgia grown businesses and cultivate healthy vendor relationships, key provisional revisions will include, but not be limited to:

- Product reselling will be reviewed on a case by case basis
- All goods must be Georgia grown
- CCFB will make every effort to only have 1 specialty product vendor (i.e., mushrooms, honey, etc.) of each type per market

CCFB vendor governance would include the right to inspect goods and terminate vendors that do not adhere to their Vendor Agreement.

## Logistics

### When

CCFB anticipates that the Kennesaw Farmers Market will run from May 1 through August 31 (17 weeks), taking place every Thursday from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. However, CCFB would also like the opportunity to further evaluate the feasibility of extending the season.

### Where

Kennesaw Depot Park at 2828 Cherokee St NW parking lot (off Big Shanty Drive) and green space around circular walkways south of the parking lot.

- The Kennesaw Depot Park's parking lot could accommodate up to 40 vendors on the West side and 20 on the East side.
- The intent for the 2026 Farmers Market would be to utilize the 20 spaces on the East side of the parking lot and reserve those spaces for farmers selling produce, meats, flowers, etc.
- Vendors selling made goods would use the green space along the circular walkways South of the parking lot.
- Market patrons could park on the West side of the parking lot with supplemental parking along Main Street or at nearby parking deck.



### Vendor Setup

- Farmers will have first choice on parking lot spaces
- Makers will have secondary access to any remaining parking lot spaces, otherwise they will be placed in the park's green spaces
- Water may be accessed at the Depot building
- Electricity may be accessed at the Depot building
- Additional details will be included in a forthcoming Vendor Certification document

### Path Forward

In the event that both parties agree to partner, with CCFB managing the 2026 Kennesaw Farmers Market, CCFB will conduct additional research and present further considerations to KDDA, with the shared goal of advancing the economic development of Kennesaw.



## Item Report

**TO:**

**FROM:**

**DATE:** October 2, 2025

**TITLE:** Overview of 2026 Event Calendar

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**Summary:**

**Recommendation:**

**Fiscal Impact:**

**Attachments:**

1. 2026-ED-KDDA-Events
2. FY 26 Event Calendar
3. Cemetery Preservation Commission 2026 Dates
4. SGG special events 2026
5. Museum 2026 Programs and Events

**2026 ED/KDDA Events**

January

28 Business Networking

February

17 Mardi Gras Popup Event

25 Business Networking

March

TBD Themed Popup event

25 Business Networking

April

TBD Job Fair

3 First Friday

29 Business Networking

May

1 First Friday

4 Farmers Market

11 Farmers Market

18 Farmers Market

June

1 Farmers Market

5 First Friday

8 Farmers Market

15 Farmers Market

22 Farmers Market

29 Farmers Market

July

6 Farmers Market  
13 Farmers Market  
20 Farmers Market  
27 Farmers Market

August

3 Farmers Market  
7 First Friday  
10 Farmers Market  
17 Farmers Market  
24 Farmers Market  
31 Farmers Market

September

TBD Business Wellness Fair  
4 First Friday

October

2 First Friday  
24 Candy Crawl (TBD)

November

6 Holiday Market  
7 Holiday Market  
28 Shop Small Saturday

## Parks and Recreation Master Calendar

Month	Date	Activity	Road Closure
<b>October</b>	1	Senior Luncheon	
	4	Breast Canceer Awareness Walk	
	4	Concert Series Finale	Cherokee St
	5	Perfect Game Baseball Tournament	
	6	Winter Class Registration Begins	
	14 - 16	Youth Volleyball Championships	
	17	KBSA Trunk or Treat	
	20 - 25	Adult Pickleball League Championships	
	25	Nightmare on Main 5K	Main St + Others
	25	Movie Night at Amphitheater	
<b>November</b>	1	Taste of Kennesaw	Main St
	5	Senior Luncheon	
	7	Veteran's Day Luncheon	
	15	Big Game Day	
<b>December</b>	3	Kennesaw City Tree Lighting	
	6	Breakfast with Santa	
	6	Holiday Parade	Park Drive, Main St, Watts+ others
	6	Pictures with Santa	
	7	Holiday Performance & Drone Show	Cherokee St
	8	Holiday Trivia at the Amphitheater	
	12	Jingle Belles and Bubbly	
	14	Menorah Lighting	
<b>January</b>	5	Spring Class Registration Begins	
	17	Open Round Black History Bowl	
	22 - 24	Book Swap	
	24	Sweet 16 Black History Bowl	
	30, 31	State Pickleball Tournament	
<b>Feburary</b>	7	Black History Bowl Finals	
	13	Valentine's Dance	
<b>March</b>	5	Senior Luncheon	
	7	Touch a Truck Expo	
	15	College Basketball Big Game Day	
	21	Bunny Breakfast	
	28	Concert #1	Cherokee St
<b>April</b>	1	Senior Luncheon	
	11	Fit City 5K	Main St+ others
	18 - 19	Big Shanty Festival	Main St+ others
	23 - 26	State Gymnastics Meet	
<b>May</b>	2	Concert #2	Cherokee St
	6	Senior Luncheon	
	16 - 17	Backyard Camp Out and Movie	
	25	Splash Pad Opens	

<b>June</b>		6 Summer Sun Run 5K	Main St+ others
		6 Movie at Swift Cantrell	
<b>July</b>		3 Salute to America	Main St, Cherokee St + Others
		15 FIFA Semi Final Big Game Day	
		11 Back to School Jam	
<b>August</b>		22 Concert #3	Cherokee St
<b>September</b>		7 Splash Pad Closes	
		19 Harvest Hustle 5K	Main St. Plus Others
		19 Big Game Day	
		26 Concert #4	Cherokee St
<b>October</b>	15 - 16	Pigs and Peaches	Main St, Cherokee St + Others
		30 Halloween Movie	
		31 Nightmare on Main 5K	Main St+ others

## **Cemetery Preservation Commission 2026 Dates**

**Decoration Day** - Kennesaw City Cemetery - Saturday, May 9, 2026, from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Clean Up Day** - Kennesaw City Cemetery - Saturday, October 3, 2026, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

## Smith-Gilbert Gardens – FY 2026 Special Events

DATE	TIME	EVENT	DESCRIPTION
March – May Tuesday- Saturdays	9AM-4PM	Art Blooms Exhibit	Three months of celebrating the arts in the Gardens with temporary sculpture collection, art classes and demonstrations.
April 2026 April 17 & 18, April 25 & 26	Fridays at 10:30 AM and Saturdays 11:30AM and 2PM	KSU Theatre for Young Audiences Performances	Join an immersive theatre experience with KSU's Theatre Department. Presented by Smith-Gilbert Gardens. The performance will be followed by festivities including music, food and children's activities. Location- Smith-Gilbert Gardens
Saturday, April 18, 2026	9AM to 12PM 8-9AM for members	Spring Plant and Print Sale	Shop a variety of plants including shrubs, hanging baskets, trees, perennials and vegetables. Botanical printmaking artwork will also be available for purchase. Artists will be on site demonstrating different printmaking techniques. Try one of the techniques with a hands-on workshop. Location- Smith-Gilbert Gardens
Saturday, April 25, 2026	10AM – 2PM	Art Hatch	Activities around the park include larger-than-life egg installations, scavenger hunts, arts, crafts, music and art vendors. Performances by Cobb County schools' orchestra/band, KSU Theatre and Performance Studies Dept.
Saturday, May 30, 2026	10AM – 6PM	Pollinator Palooza	Celebrate all things pollinators! The Butterfly Exhibit is free with admission on this day. Learn about pollinators and their impact through community partner vendor booths. Enjoy, music, food and art. Location- Smith-Gilbert Gardens
May 19 – August 15	Tuesday- Saturday 9AM – 3PM	Garden with Wings Butterfly Exhibit	Visitors can experience the wonder of butterflies in all stages of life, from egg to adult butterfly. The exhibit will also offer an opportunity to learn about the different plants that are crucial to the survival of butterflies, such as tulip

### Smith-Gilbert Gardens – FY 2026 Special Events

			<p>poplar and passionflower vine, which are great places to spot caterpillars. Members can enjoy the exhibit for free, while non-members will need to purchase tickets in addition to Garden Admission. Butterfly House tickets can be purchased for \$3 per person online or in person in the Gardens Gift Shop. Advanced online purchase is strongly encouraged.</p>
<p>Saturday, October 24, 2026</p>	<p>9AM to 12PM 8-9AM for members</p>	<p>Fall Tree and Shrub Sale</p>	<p>Shop trees and shrubs just in time for fall planting. Proceeds benefit Smith-Gilbert Gardens and SGG Foundation.</p>
<p>November 2026 Dates/Times TBD (based on course schedule)</p>	<p>Fridays and Saturdays</p>	<p>KSU Theatre for Young Audiences Performances</p>	<p>Join an immersive theatre experience with KSU's Theatre Department. Presented by Smith-Gilbert Gardens. The performance will be followed by festivities including music, food and children's activities. Location- Smith-Gilbert Gardens</p>
<p>November 2026</p>	<p>TBD</p>	<p>Foundation Fundraiser Event</p>	<p>Fundraiser event to benefit Smith-Gilbert Gardens Foundation.</p>
<p>December 5,6 &amp; 12,13</p>	<p>Fridays and Saturdays 5-7pm</p>	<p>Garden DeLIGHTS</p>	<p>Extended evening hours in the Gardens with festive decorations, luminaries, music, holiday treats and crafts.</p>

## 2026 Programs and Events The Southern Museum

### January

- 8: Mommy & Me 9:30am – 12:30pm
- 14: Homeschool Workshop 10:00am – 1:00pm
- 15: Mommy & Me 9:30am – 12:30pm
- 24-25: *Trains, Trains, Trains!* 9:30am – 5:00pm
- 27: Sensory Friendly Afternoon 2:00 – 5:00pm
- 29: Mommy & Me 9:30am – 12:30pm

### February

\*\*Each Saturday in February we will have an education table or guest speaker for African American History Month (7, 14, 21, 28)

- 5: Mommy & Me 9:30am – 12:30pm
- 11: Homeschool Workshop 10:00am – 1:00pm
- 12: Mommy & Me 9:30am – 12:30pm
- 17: Winter Break Activities 10:00am – 12:00pm
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- 26: Mommy & Me 9:30am – 12:30pm
- 28: Stay & Play Saturday 9:30am – 12:30pm

### March

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## **May**

- 7: Mommy & Me 9:30am – 12:30pm
- 13: Homeschool Workshop 10:00am – 1:00pm
- 14: Mommy & Me 9:30am – 12:30pm
- 21: Mommy & Me 9:30am – 12:30pm
- 23: Stay & Play Saturday 9:30am – 12:30pm
- 26: Sensory Friendly Afternoon 2:00 – 5:00pm
- 28: Mommy & Me 9:30am – 12:30pm

## **June**

- 4: Mommy & Me 9:30am – 12:30pm
- 6: Tour Through Time 9:30am – 5:00pm
- 9-12: Summer Camp 9:30am – 12:30pm
- 18: Mommy & Me 9:30am – 12:30pm
- 25: Mommy & Me 9:30am – 12:30pm
- 27: Stay & Play Saturday 9:30am – 12:30pm
- 30: Sensory Friendly Afternoon 2:00 – 5:00pm

## **July**

- 3: Southern Spirits 6:00 – 10:00pm
- 7-10: Summer Camp 9:30am – 12:30pm
- 16: Mommy & Me 9:30am – 12:30pm
- 25: Railroad Rendezvous 9:30am – 5:00pm
- 28: Sensory Friendly Afternoon 2:00 – 5:00pm
- 30: Mommy & Me 9:30am – 12:30pm

## **August**

- 6: Mommy & Me 9:30am – 12:30pm
- 12: Homeschool Workshop 10:00am – 1:00pm
- 13: Mommy & Me 9:30am – 12:30pm
- 20: Mommy & Me 9:30am – 12:30pm
- 22: Stay & Play Saturday 9:30am – 12:30pm
- 25: Sensory Friendly Afternoon 2:00 – 5:00pm
- 27: Mommy & Me 9:30am – 12:30pm

## **September**

- 3: Mommy & Me 9:30am – 12:30pm
- 9: Homeschool Workshop 10:00am – 1:00pm
- 10: Mommy & Me 9:30am – 12:30pm
- 17: Mommy & Me 9:30am – 12:30pm
- 22: Fall Break Activities 10:00am – 12:00pm
- 23: Fall Break Activities 10:00am – 12:00pm
- 24: Mommy & Me 9:30am – 12:30pm
- 25: Fall Break Activities 10:00am – 12:00pm
- 26: Stay & Play Saturday 9:30am – 12:30pm
- 29: Sensory Friendly Afternoon 2:00 – 5:00pm

**October**

- 1: Mommy & Me 9:30am – 12:30pm
- 8: Mommy & Me 9:30am – 12:30pm
- 14: Homeschool Workshop 10:00am – 1:00pm
- 15: Mommy & Me 9:30am – 12:30pm
- 22: Mommy & Me 9:30am – 12:30pm
- 24: Stay & Play Saturday 9:30am – 12:30pm
- 27: Sensory Friendly Afternoon 2:00 – 5:00pm
- 29: Mommy & Me 9:30am – 12:30pm

**November**

- 5: Mommy & Me 9:30am – 12:30pm
- 11: Homeschool Workshop 10:00am – 1:00pm
- 12: Mommy & Me 9:30am – 12:30pm
- 19: Mommy & Me 9:30am – 12:30pm
- 24: Sensory Friendly Afternoon 2:00 – 5:00pm

**December**

- 3: Mommy & Me 9:30am – 12:30pm
- 9: Homeschool Workshop 10:00am – 1:00pm
- 10: Mommy & Me 9:30am – 12:30pm
- 12: All Aboard for Holiday Fun 9:30am – 5:00pm
- 17: Mommy & Me 9:30am – 12:30pm

**TBD**

- Silenced Voices Sculpture Unveiling
- 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Speaker Event
- Living Along the Line Exhibition