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MEMORANDUM

To: City Council
From: Jena Stasik, Community Relations Manager
CC: Thomas Sheridan, City Manager, Brian Griffith, Assistant City Manager, Greg Hannan, Community Development Director
Date: May 15, 2025
Subject: 2026 Art on the Green

As one of the most longstanding events in the Hudson community, Art on the Green has existed for nearly 50 years. The event currently hosts 150+ local and regional artists and makers amongst the exhibitors and offers a variety of handmade goods. The event is held the weekend prior to Labor Day and attracts thousands of visitors to the area. The 2026 dates are:

- Friday, August 28 (Set Up Only)
- Saturday, August 29 (Event Day 1)
- Sunday, August 30 (Event Day 2 and Tear Down)

New Location for 2026

City staff met internally on April 28, 2025 to discuss hosting Art on the Green in downtown Hudson. The new location is proposed on the four primary developed greens (Clocktower, Gazebo, Park Lane/Merino, and First & Main) with no vendor extending south of St. Rt. 303. This will allow easier pedestrian flow and only require one road closure at Church Street between Clocktower and Gazebo Greens.

With the new location and size of the event, other event organizers may be impacted by use of the greens and will be provided an advance notice of the blackout dates. Potential events impacted include the Farmer's Market, Hudson Bandstand Concert, and Screen on the Green. Alternative suggestions will be made to event organizers to ensure each are accommodated, such as offering another location or date/time to host. To date, no formal discussion has taken place with impacted groups.

Public Safety Considerations

The following items were identified and recommended:

- **Off Duty Officers**
 - 2 during the event (10:00 am to 5:00 pm),
 - 4 to cross 91 (if the crosswalk lights are shut down), and
- **Overnight Security**
 - Organizers may choose to hire private security for Friday and Saturday.
- **EMS On-site**
 - Desire to include a med tent and staffed ambulance on-site.
- **Road Closures**
 - Desire to keep all streets downtown open to traffic except for Church Street between N.

Main Street and E. Main Street

- **Other Items**

- No Parking signs on both sides of Ravenna Street to maintain access for public safety vehicles.
- No generators of amongst the vendors.
- Set RV restrictions for City-owned property.
- Cap vendors at 150 assuming they do not require anything beyond a 10' x 10 tent.
- Shuttle
 - Due to parking limitations within downtown, it is recommended an off-site shuttle be coordinated for this event.

Event Logistics

Additional areas in the event planning process include:

- Compliance with all standard event rules and fire code.
- Food vendors
 - Food trucks and/or food tents are set up on the Clocktower and Gazebo Greens (tents) or on Church St. (trucks).
- Portable Restroom Trailers
 - A minimum of two portable restroom trailers to be set up for the event.
 - The event organizer would be responsible for cost and this recommendation is consistent with other events and current guidance.
- Site Plan
 - Develop a final site plan in early 2026 once vendors are finalized.

Next Steps

Community Development will work with the Art on the Green Committee and Hudson Fire to develop a site layout. Meetings will continue to be held routinely to ensure all logistical concerns are identified and remediated. Once the event is publicly communicated, the Community Relations Manager will issue notices to event organizers that may be impacted.

Recommendation

Staff recommends City Council confirm the 2026 Art on the Green will be hosted on the developed greens (Clocktower, Gazebo, Park Lane/Merino, and First & Main) in downtown with the identified safety and logistical considerations outlined in this memo.