

IMAGINE

2026 PARTICIPANT GUIDE

HOW TO PARTICIPATE AT IMAGINE

STEP ONE	Review all info in this 2026 Imagine Participant Guide .
STEP TWO	Register for Imagine 6th Avenue North through the Our Streets website.
STEP THREE	Submit food permit and/or Operator Certificate of Compliance (ST19) form by deadline . (If applicable.)
STEP FOUR	Look for an email one week before the event with your assigned location and event details.
STEP FIVE	Arrive, set up, and have fun!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT OUR STREETS

Ember Rasmussen | *they/them*
Community Development & Events Manager

Fermín de Cermon | *she/they*
Community Development Coordinator

Maleah Douglas | *she/her*
Community Events Coordinator

events@ourstreetsmn.org
Call or Text: **612-424-0485**

CONTENTS

ABOUT IMAGINE	3
IMAGINE 6TH AVENUE NORTH 2026 - EVENT DETAILS	4
HEALTH AND SAFETY AT IMAGINE	4
DREAM BIG: HOW TO PARTICIPATE AT IMAGINE	5
FOOD & BEVERAGE PERMITS	6
ALCOHOL & THC SALES AT IMAGINE	6
SELLING ITEMS AT THE EVENT: ST19 FORM	7
MATERIALS & ELECTRICITY	7
FINDING YOUR ASSIGNED SPOT	7
EVENT LOGISTICS & SCHEDULE	8
POLICIES	9



ABOUT IMAGINE

Imagine events create opportunities for communities who experience historical and present harms of unjust transportation infrastructure to remember their past, celebrate their present, and look forward to the future.

During these free, family-friendly events, local nonprofit **Our Streets**, founder and longtime organizer of the Open Streets Minneapolis events, hosts gatherings in local parks, community hubs and on streets closed to car traffic.

At each Imagine event, local businesses, artists, and community groups transform the space, such as public streets with public art, dance performances, pop-up shops, games, activities, and more to showcase the diversity, creativity, and culture of the Twin Cities.

At the events, community members are invited to learn more about transportation decisions in their neighborhoods and to share their dreams, experiences, and ideas for the future design of their streets and neighborhoods.



our streets

Updated September 2026

IMAGINE 6TH AVENUE NORTH - DETAILS

Imagine 6th Avenue North 2026 will take place on Saturday, October 10, 2026 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Bethune Arts Elementary located at [19 Emerson Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55411](#) in Heritage Park Neighborhood.

Vendors should plan to be at the event from 9:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to account for set up and breakdown of the event.

This year's Imagine 6th Ave N will mostly take place indoors, though some activities and food vendors will be placed outside. If you need outdoor space for your activity, please make that note in your registration application.

HEALTH AND SAFETY AT IMAINGE

Covid-19 Response

The health of our community is our top priority. Our Streets events will comply with guidance from public health experts.

Masking is always encouraged, but is not required.

We have masks and hand sanitizer available at the Our Streets table should you need one.

Any person, vendor, participant, or performer who feels unwell, has had a recent COVID-19 exposure, or a positive COVID-19 test within 7 days of the event should not attend the event.

Safety

There are no police at Imagine events. Security at the event will be managed by Strong Arm Protection, LLC, a Black-owned security company based in Minneapolis.

Our Streets practices a [Safer Spaces Policy](#). If you need assistance or feel unsafe or uncomfortable at the event please text or call Ember Rasmussen immediately at 612-424-0485 or find someone wearing an Imagine shirt or Our Streets shirt.

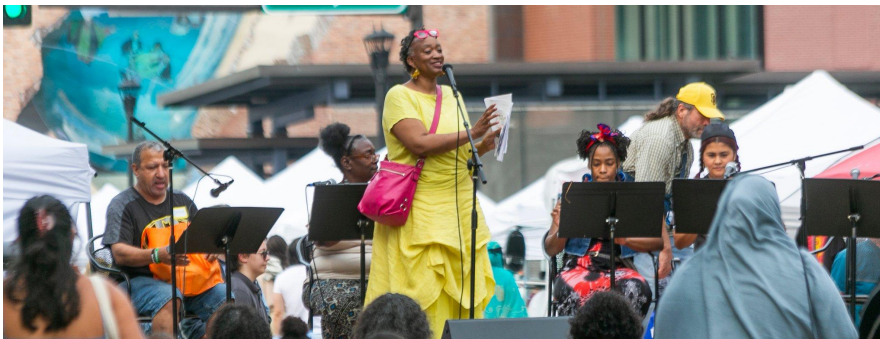
DREAM BIG: HOW TO PARTICIPATE AT IMAGINE

Anyone can apply for a spot at Imagine to sell, promote, engage, entertain, or provide other family-friendly activities or programming! **There are no fees to participate at Imagine events.** The Imagine events series is particularly focused on featuring businesses, artists, and organizations that have established connections with the community in which a given event takes place. An application may be rejected if the applicant does not have a clear connection with the event neighborhood.

Participants in Imagine might include:

- Local businesses
- Artists, zine creators, and crafters
- Community groups
- Advocacy organizations
- Live musicians
- Theater makers
- Food vendors
- Interactive art creators
- Fitness instructors
- Health providers & healers
- Any group or individual with a story to share!

Be creative and think outside the box! All fun, engaging, and family-friendly activities are welcome. Have questions about an activity idea? Contact us at events@ourstreetsmn.org or 612-424-0485.



FOOD AND BEVERAGE PERMITS

If you are selling or giving away food or drink, you will need to submit a food permit to Our Streets. The only types of edible items that do not require food permits are bottled water distribution or pre-packaged candy distribution. Our Streets will cover Short Term Food License and Special Event License fees.

Minneapolis Licenses (through Minneapolis Department of Health)

- Mobile Food License
- Seasonal Food License
- Short Term Food License

State-wide Licenses (through Minnesota Department of Agriculture)

- Cottage Food License
- From-the-farm License

Individuals or organizations who wish to distribute food at the events should reach out to us at events@ourstreetsmn.org for more information.

All food vendors are responsible for complying with guidelines for dispensing food at events as set by the city and county in which the given event is hosted. You may be inspected by a health department official at an Imagine event. Health departments may enact closure and fines for unpermitted vending and food safety violations.

Ensure you have your license at the event.

When setting up, complete the **Event Food Booth Self-Inspection Checklist** on pages 8 and 9 of the Minneapolis [Short Term Food Permit](#). Avoid common food code violations by:

- Ensuring you have hand washing if you have open food
- Ensuring you have mechanical refrigeration for potentially hazardous foods
- Not touching food that is ready to eat with bare hands

ALCOHOL AND THC SALES AT EVENTS

Alcohol and THC sales will not be permitted at Imagine events.

OPERATOR CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE (ST19) FORM FOR SALES

If you are selling anything at Imagine, including food or drink, you must email an [Operator Certificate of Compliance \(ST19\) form](#) to events@ourstreetsmn.org before the event date. Do not send it to the Minnesota Department of Revenue.

MATERIALS & ELECTRICITY ACCESS

Our Streets will provide each accepted participant with a 6 foot long table and two chairs to use during the event. Vendors do need to request a table or chairs.

Our Streets may be able to provide indoor electricity access as requested or note it in your registration application. Most food vendors will be located outside and should plan to support their own electricity needs.

FINDING YOUR ASSIGNED SPOT

One week prior to the event, you will receive an email with an **event map** that includes your exact spot. You will check in with an Our Streets staff member upon arrival to confirm your spot.

Many factors are considered when determining your location, including:

- Your request for a specific location (submitted when completing registration).
- Choosing a location that fits your planned activities.
- Assigning locations in order of sign up; first-come, first-served.
- Ensuring the overall event layout meets legal and safety requirements.

By default, each vendor will be allocated a spot large enough to fit a 6-foot table and two chairs. Registrants may request more space when registering and we will accommodate requests as able.

Please contact Ember at events@ourstreetsmpls.org or 612-424-0485 with any questions about your location or special requests.

EVENT LOGISTICS & SCHEDULE

Exact logistics and schedule may vary. Detailed instructions will be emailed to you before the event, the below schedule is for a general estimate only. Please follow instructions given in the most recent communications from event organizers.

**If you have questions during the event, text or call
Ember Rasmussen, Events Manager, at 612-424-0485.**

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. | Vendor and Participant Check-in

- Check in at the Our Streets table and find your assigned spot.
- Our Streets staff will be available to assist with set up.

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. | Set-up

- Check in at the Our Streets table and find your assigned spot.
- Our Streets staff will be available to assist with set up.

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Event

- Event is live!
- Do not leave your table unattended. Our Streets staff will be available to staff your table for small breaks.
- Do not break down your area until 5:00 PM.

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM | Break-down

- Pack up your area.
- Our Streets staff will be available to assist with break down.



POLICIES

By participating in Imagine, I agree to the following:

1. To obtain a dedicated spot during the event to distribute food, sell things, or conduct other approved activities, individuals or entities must complete the Imagine application form and be approved by event organizers.
2. All persons or entities distributing food or beverage at Imagine (“food vendor”) must be approved by the appropriate City entities to distribute food or beverage at Imagine and be listed on the Event Food Sponsor Permit.
3. As the event sponsor, Our Streets will apply on behalf of the food vendor for permission to distribute food or beverage at Imagine. Our Streets will not apply on behalf of vendors with incomplete or inaccurate information.
4. Our Streets will notify all food vendor applications of their approval or denial prior to the event. Food vendors may not apply for or seek permission to distribute food or beverage at Imagine without Our Streets’ knowledge and consent.
5. Food vendors must comply with all city and county requirements. Vendors not approved by the appropriate entities will not be permitted to participate.
6. Food vendors using tents must not place liquid propane tanks under the tent, a 2A10BC fire extinguisher must be on hand, and each leg of the tent must have 30 pounds of weight.
7. Food vendors may be inspected by health inspectors. Food vendors found not in compliance with relevant food health and safety standards may receive a citation or be asked to leave the event.
8. The food vendor is responsible for any penalties—financial or otherwise—as a result of incomplete or inaccurate license or permit information or health or safety code violations or infractions by that food vendor at Imagine. The food vendor is also responsible for any penalties received by Our Streets—financial or otherwise—a result of incomplete or inaccurate license or permit information or health or safety code violations or infractions by that food vendor at Imagine.
9. If you are selling anything at Imagine you must complete the Imagine registration form and submit an Operator Certificate of Compliance (ST19) form (details provided in the registration form and on the permit page) by the specified date. The seller is responsible for any penalties—financial or otherwise—as a result of incomplete or inaccurate information on their

Operator Certificate of Compliance (ST19) form or other violations or infractions by that seller at Imagine.

10. Payment, food permits, and Operator Certificate of Compliance (ST19) form must be submitted by deadline (See [Dates and deadlines section](#)).
11. Our Streets reserves the right to refuse participation to and/or remove from any or all Imagine events any individual, group, or entity that violates any of the policies in this document, engages in illegal activities, or exhibits behavior deemed dangerous, disrespectful, inappropriate, and/or offensive by Our Streets staff.
12. Our Streets practices a Safer Spaces Policy: Safer spaces are intentional anti-oppression spaces, created with the goal of supporting and welcoming all identities, meaning all genders, races, religions, abilities, orientations, etc. We make safer spaces by being brave enough to enter these spaces, being vulnerable to making mistakes and learning, and by calling out and responding to oppressive behavior. Imagine events are held as safer spaces. As a participant in Imagine, you agree to follow Our Streets' Safer Spaces Policy and support the following statements: All identities are welcome here. We all work together to create safer spaces. Bigotry will not be tolerated.