



Request for Proposal - Visit Canton Merry Mixer 2026

Event Overview

Visit Canton is seeking proposals from venue and event partners to host the **2026 Merry Mixer**, our annual holiday celebration for Stark County's tourism and hospitality industry.

The Merry Mixer brings together tourism partners, community leaders, and hospitality professionals for an evening of networking, celebration, and holiday cheer. Visit Canton is seeking a venue partner that can provide a festive atmosphere and memorable experience while showcasing the unique hospitality offerings available throughout Stark County.

Event Details

Event: Visit Canton Merry Mixer 2026

Date: Thursday, November 19, 2026

Time: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Attendance: Up to 150 Visit Canton tourism and hospitality partners

Venue Requirements

Please submit venue capabilities and event details for consideration, including:

- Event space accommodating up to 150 guests
- Flexible layout conducive to networking and mingling
- Tables, seating, linens, and standard event setup included
- Festive holiday décor and atmosphere
- Staffing support as needed for event operations
- Parking accommodations for attendees
- Accessibility accommodations as required

Experience & Entertainment

Visit Canton encourages creative proposals that enhance the guest experience. Examples may include:

- Live music or holiday entertainment
- Interactive experiences or activities
- Unique holiday-themed activations
- Experiences that showcase your venue and organization
- Opportunities for attendee engagement and networking

Food & Beverage Requirements

Please include proposed menu options and service style for:

- Heavy hors d'oeuvres, appetizer stations, or similar offerings for up to 150 guests
- One (1) to two (2) beverage tickets per attendee
- Beer, wine, cocktails, and/or non-alcoholic beverage options
- Additional beverage service options available for purchase, if applicable

Budget

The total proposed cost, including venue rental, food and beverage, staffing, entertainment, décor, and any associated fees, must **not exceed \$4,500.00**.

Submission Information

Interested partners are invited to submit proposals and pricing details for consideration in PDF format **by 5:00 PM on Friday, July 10th**.

Questions and proposal submissions can be submitted to Gabe Baker, Partner Content Coordinator, GabeB@VisitCanton.com.