

## Kelsey Ledford

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**To:** Kelsey Ledford  
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**Attachments:** 2016 info for BR City Council Meeting.docx

Hi Kelsey,

Attached is the handout for the City Council meeting on May 10.

Please let me know you received this.

Regards,  
Tina Rice

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Tina's Tie Dye

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Unwrapping tie dye is like having Christmas every day!

2016 marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Downtown Market. With the exception of one season we met at Cohutta Country Store, we have used the downtown city park for our weekly markets.

Our mission, as stated in our application is: (T)o promote and encourage the development of local small-scale sustainable agriculture, to promote local arts and crafts, to support the Blue Ridge Downtown Business Association and local shops, and to build a sense of "community."

Over the years we have averaged between 15-35 vendors. All vendors are local residents and most are retired. All vendors submit an application with photos so that we can ensure items are handmade.

We have contributed funds through market activities to: Feed Fannin, Snack in a Backpack, The Good Samaritans, the Library, the seed bank, and various other nonprofit groups. We have also helped 4H and the high school FFA with cash donations.

For the 2016 season we would like to use the park on Saturday mornings from 7am to 2 pm. Market hours are 8 to 1. Market vendors set up in a spot that corresponds to a parking place. Our projected start date is June 11 and our end date is September 24. This is 15 Saturdays. We will not meet on the Saturday of Blues and BBQ. That leave 14 Saturdays for the 2016 season.