

This is a short letter about Etiquette at the Lithia Artisans Market of Ashland (LAMA).

Folks either don't remember some of these simple rules, or you have not been briefed. Either way, here is a chance for us all to be up to speed on how to treat each other, where to park, when to load in and out, etc.. Bare with me, I will try to be brief.

--Please be to the market early enough so that you are open and ready to sell by opening (Saturday 10am, Sunday 11am), or, preferably, a half hour before we open.

--No smoking on Calle Guanajuato at the market.

--Break down your booth before you go get your car and park it in the parking lot. You should not be parking your car before we close, unless you are set up in the parking lot where it is ok to break down an hour before our actual closing time.

--Break down your booth before procuring the use of one of our market carts. The idea is to use the cart as quickly as possible and get it to the next person waiting for the use of the cart. DO NOT grab a cart and then pack your booth down onto the cart. Break down first.

--We are not allowed to park our vehicles on Winburn Way (the street going thru the park). Additionally, for the sake of good parking for our customers, we should not be parking on Granite Street. Water Street parking lot is an all day lot, and there is plenty of parking on High Street, Baum Street, Church Street, and Pine Street. The further away we park the more parking is available to folks who want to patronize the marketplace.

--The Parking Lot where we have 10x10 vendor booths is NOT PARKING FOR OUR MEMBERS. A couple of exceptions can be made to this rule on a case by case basis, but normally this area is only reserved for the Manager Van. It is ok to unload and load-out from this parking lot; however, please DO NOT park in this lot before you have broken down your booth. Parking there before we close is not acceptable.

--Common courtesy for your neighboring artisans is the unwritten rule. If someone has a customer in their booth who they are doing business with, that might not be a good time to chat. Additionally, if you are in a crappy mood (we all get there at times... me included) please refrain from spreading that around. Gossip, over the top political commentary, etc., is not good for business and should really be left at home, or kept to a dull roar... if you know what I mean.

--If you have an issue with a customer, a vagrant, or another market member, please bring it to the attention of the market manager who will attempt to remedy the issue.

Thank you for your time and attention to this Etiquette Letter.
Marcus Scott (your humble Market Manager)

