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Mainstreet Waynesboro's 2026 Boro Chili Cook Off - Official Rules & Regulations

As part of the Snowman Stroll Festival

Event Date: Saturday, February 28th, 2026

Schedule: Sampling & Voting will be from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM and Winners will be announced at 2:00 PM

Set-Up & Teardown

- Mainstreet Waynesboro, Inc. will provide sampling cups, spoons, napkins, gloves, and cups to collect sample tickets.
- Each participant receives one 10' x 10' space.
- Tables, tents, chairs, coverings, heat source, and fuel are NOT provided.
- Electricity will be available; extension cords and power strips are limited.
- Vehicles must be unloaded and moved to parking from the Cook-Off area by 10:15 a.m.
- A mandatory participant meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m.
- All equipment and trash must be removed by 3:00 p.m.
- Dumpster is located in the gravel area.

Chili Requirements

- One recipe per entry fee will be judged. Chili may contain meat, beans, or neither and may be any color.
- Peanut warning signs are required if peanuts or peanut oil are used.
- All chili must be prepared in advance.
- Chili must be maintained at 165°F at all times. Participants must bring a metal stem thermometer.
- Minimum of four (4) gallons of chili is required for judging and public sampling.
- Public sampling begins at 11:00 a.m.
- Chili must be attended at all times.
- Leftover chili may be sold near the end of the event.

Sampling Rules

- Spectator sampling is ticket-controlled. One ticket must be collected per sample.
- Only official event sampling cups may be used.
- Failure to collect tickets or providing oversized samples will result in disqualification.
- Remaining tickets and cups will be collected at the end of the event.

Judging & Awards

- Judging criteria: Aroma, Consistency, and Taste.
- Volunteers will manage numbering and sample collection to ensure impartial judging.
- Winners will be announced at 2:00 p.m. at Main Street Park.
- Awards: People's Choice (1st-3rd Place) and Mayor's Choice.
- Judges' decisions are final.

General Information

- Participants must be 18 years or older.
- Participation is at your own risk.
- Mainstreet Waynesboro, Inc. is not liable for loss or damage.

- Rules may be modified; violations may result in disqualification.
- This contest is for non-professionals.