

Some Oktoberfest History

The first Oktoberfest took place in 1810. It began to celebrate the union of Crown Prince Ludwig I and Princess Therese of Saxe-Hildburghausen and lasted from October 12 through 18. Despite the name **Oktoberfest**, most of these events started being held in September beginning in the 20th century. It is widely believed the change was made to take advantage of the better weather and longer days in September. So don your lederhosen and dirndl—for all things Gemütlichkeit for the stein-hoisting season, from smaller more authentic celebrations to the nation's largest Oktoberfest, check out the list of Oktoberfest events around Greater Cincinnati below, as well as Oktoberfest-style beers brewed and available at area breweries, and apparel and accessories fit for a [sausage] queen.

Local Oktoberfest Beer

Oktoberfest beer is the catch-all term for beer popular during Oktoberfest season, but it includes Märzen and Festbier, too. Oktoberfest-style beers are malty and bread-like in flavor, and copper in appearance. Märzen (German for March) is the base for Oktoberfest beer, which is traditionally brewed starting in March, “just before the weather became a little too warm to make beer without risking spoiling, bacterial infection, or risk of fire from boiling the wort.” (via [Thrillist](#))

The biggest difference between Märzen and Festbier styles is that classic Märzen style beers should be a little darker, richer, heavier, and a little higher in alcohol than Festbier, which is more golden in color. Thanks to our proud German roots and heritage, there are several Oktoberfest-style beers in Greater Cincinnati for the season, including:

13 Below Brewery *Sayler Park* Fall Ale (Oktoberfest style)

Bad Tom Smith Brewery and Spirits *Madisonville* 13 Preachers (Märzen lager)

Braxton Brewing Company *Covington, Barrel House, Cincinnati, CVG* Oktober Fuel (Märzen)

Esoteric Brewing Company *Walnut Hills* Oktoberfest Festbier

Fifty West Brewing Co *Mariemont/Columbia Twp* Veinermobile (Festbier)

Fretboard Brewing *Norwood* Rockin' the Rhein (Märzen)

HighGrain Brewing *Silverton* Meadow (Festbier)

Hi-Wire Brewing *Norwood* Zirkusfest (Märzen)

Hofbräuhaus* *Newport* Jubiläum (Märzen)

Listermann Brewing *Norwood/Evanston* Festbier (Festbier)

MadTree Brewing *Oakley, OTR* Ziegler (Märzen)

Northern Row Brewery and Distillery* *OTR* Brewery (Märzen)

Rhinegeist Brewery* *OTR* Franz (Märzen)

Samuel Adams Cincinnati Taproom* *OTR* Oktoberfest (Märzen)

Taft's Brewing Company *OTR, Spring Grove Village* Oktubberfest (Festbier)

Voodoo Brewpub *CBD* Schnitzengiggle (Festbier)

West Side Brewing *Westwood* Oktoberfest (Märzen)

West Sixth Box Park *Newport on the Levee* DankeChain (Märzen)



Get ready to raise your glasses and celebrate Oktoberfest with us! Join us any day this weekend for our first-ever Oktoberfest! Prost to good times, great company, and of course, amazing beer! Don't miss out on a festive event to kick off the season!





Join us in celebrating the 3rd Annual Village Oktoberfest at HighGrain, on [September 9!](#) Drink a stein of Festbier, eat delicious food, listen to live music, and play Oktoberfest games with the whole family. Party all day with us from 11am-11pm. Live music featuring Push Play, Hillbilly Deluxe, and more!

Stein Pre-Order



Pre-order a limited-edition Village Oktoberfest 0.5L Stein and receive **your first draft fill on HighGrain**, and **\$1 off refills** all day 9/9!

**Pre-order ends 9/8. Above image is a rendering, exact stein will differ.*



Labor Day Hours at Grainworks!

Celebrating this SUNDAY & MONDAY

Join us Sunday night and all day Monday to celebrate the long weekend! We're open from **12pm-10pm on Sunday**, and **12pm-8pm on Monday**.

We'll have plenty of drinks and food to go around the whole weekend, so come celebrate this break in the work-week with us!

Six Years of Brewin' and Rockin' Sixth Anniversary

September 8th-10th, All Weekend Long!

Updates on some happenings in Hamilton and Municipal Brew Works. We just released our 1791 Oktoberfest and our Operation Pumpkin Porter in 4-packs of 16 oz cans. 9/9 is our Ales for Tails event all day. It's a big fundraiser for the Butler County Animal Friends Humane Society. 1/2 off per adoptions, discounted micro-chipping, multiple vendors, food trucks and musical acts all day.. Socialized, well-behaved pets welcome.



PLEASE JOIN US

Municipal Brew Works

20 High Street, Hamilton Ohio

September 9th
12pm – 9pm

CRAFT BEER

Special Beer Release will be at this event.

FOOD TRUCKS

UNIQUE VENDORS

LIVE MUSIC

50% OFF Pet Adoptions: 12pm-4pm
Pet Microchipping: 12pm-2pm

BRING YOUR PETS

Only dog and people friendly, socialized dogs permitted.
All dogs must be leashed at all times (no retractable leashes).



Proceeds benefit
Animal Friends Humane Society

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◆ BENGALS PEP RALLY ◆

SAT, SEPT 9TH | 242 W MCMICKEN AVE
12-4PM | CINCY, OHIO

\$5 BEERS (\$7 WITH SOUVENIR CUP)
**EXCLUSIVE MERCH,
LIVE DJ, GAMES,
AND MORE!**