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Pittsfield Township Farmers Market opens for seventh season on Thursday, June 6

Pittsfield Township, MI (May 30, 2019):

The Pittsfield Township Farmers Market kicks off its seventh summer season on Thursday, June 6th with its return to the Township Hall location at Platt Rd. and Michigan Ave. The market was on the move in 2018 as the space was renovated to provide a new smooth parking lot, improved accessibility, electric connections, and Wi-Fi to the Market and Prairie Park. As always, the market is open rain or shine, every Thursday (closed July 4th) from 2:00-6:00 PM.

The Market is a Michigan producer Market with weekly offerings that include local seasonal produce, grass fed and pasture raised meats, farm fresh eggs, honey, sweet and savory baked goods including vegan choices, granola, natural personal care products, artisan goods and more. All your favorite farmers are returning: Ostrowski Farm (Milan), Nemeth Farm & Greenhouse (Milan), Kapnick Orchards (Britton), Stella Matutina Farm (Grass Lake), Common Ground Farms (Ann Arbor, Pinckney, Chelsea), Betty's Best Goat Products (Jackson), JCL Paradise Ranch (Tipton), Heart of the Hive (Ypsilanti), Cactus Harmony (Wayne), and Webber Garlic (Pittsfield Township). Joining the Market this year will be Paint Creek Vineyard (Pittsfield Township) with a selection of local wines, Waltz Cherry Tomatoes (New Boston) with 17 varieties of cherry tomato seedlings, as well as pepper and herb seedlings, and Sweet Creations by Michelle (Canton) with vegan baked goods.

Opening day will feature family-friendly activities including live music from local artist Bob Skon. Market Kids will love the take-home sunflower planting activity and pedaling a delicious smoothie on the bike blender with Fresh Food Is Fun. Taste the Local Difference will host a cooking demo from 3:00-6:00 PM, and a local Master Gardener will be on site to answer spring gardening questions. As a special bonus, the first 100 guests will also receive a FREE Farmers Market tea towel (one per household)!

Weekly market activities throughout the season will include Market Kids crafts and activities including I SPY a frog, scavenger hunts every 3rd Thursday of the month, and interactive music with Kevin Devine. Kids will definitely want to spend some time on the play structure and exploring the trails in the park while you're there. There will also be live music performed by local artists such as Spencer Michaud, Mia Green, and Matt Gabriel. Look for the Taste of Music concert on August 29th in Prairie Park featuring the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra, as well as their popular "Instrument Petting Zoo" where kids can try out real musical instruments. Take in the flavors of the season at the monthly market cooking demos featuring Chef Kristi and guest chefs from area restaurants in partnership with Taste the Local Difference, then pick up a recipe and shop for fresh ingredients to make your own delicious creation at home. Ask a Master Gardener is also back this year. Volunteer Master Gardeners will address topics such as soil health, good and bad bugs, disease in the garden and more. The efforts of these volunteers will set market guests up for successful vegetable and flower gardens and help beautify the community.

Other summer market highlights include a Public Safety Day on June 27th featuring a firetruck display, as well as personal safety and fireworks information. Also, look for Bee Present Honey on June 20th during National Pollinator Week. They'll be on site educating the community about the importance of bees and other pollinators through interactive activities.

The Pittsfield Township Farmers Market will continue to be a distribution site for [Prescription for Health](#), the Washtenaw County program that encourages healthier eating by building relationships with farmers markets. Health care providers write “prescriptions” for their patients to eat more fruits and vegetables, which can be redeemed at the market. The market also supports [Double Up Food Bucks](#), in which customers can double Bridge Card purchases up to \$20 per market day for fresh produce. Additional accepted payment methods include cash, credit card (by most vendors), and SNAP/EBT for qualifying purchases. Check with individual farmers for Senior Market FRESH, Project FRESH, and WIC coupons.

The Pittsfield Farmers Market is open 2:00-6:00 PM on Thursdays at Platt & Michigan Avenue (6201 W. Michigan Ave) June through September (closed July 4th). Free parking available.

For more information, visit <http://www.pittsfield-mi.gov/farmersmarket>. Follow us on [Facebook](#), on Instagram at [@pittsfieldtwpparksandrec](#), and sign up for [Notify Me!](#) to receive email or SMS alerts.

About Pittsfield Township Farmers Market: The Pittsfield Township Farmers Market, hosted by Pittsfield Charter Township, is a local Michigan-producer only market and member of the Michigan Farmers Market Association (MIFMA). All vendors are located within Southeast Michigan and surrounding communities and travel an average of 15 miles to market. The Farmers Market aims to strengthen and support local and regional food and agricultural businesses, increase healthy and wholesome food access, and promote community interaction. See you at the Market!

