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Pittsfield Township Farmers Market opens for fifth season on Thursday, June 1 Featuring new vendors and Prescription for Health distribution site

Pittsfield Township, MI (May 23, 2017) – The Pittsfield Township Farmers Market will kick off its fifth summer season on Thursday, June 1st. Shoppers may visit every Thursday from 3:00 – 7:00 pm for fresh, local produce along with specialty items such as pasture-raised meats, farm eggs, baked goods, wine, potted and cut flowers, specialty pasta, and artisan crafts.

Free family-friendly opening day activities, hosted in partnership with Truck Hero, Inc., include live music by Oh Brother Big Sister, the harmonizing brother-sister duo from Northern Michigan, and hands-on “make and takes” including sunflower plantings and farm friend crafts. Join Salt Valley Arts in a Plein Air art demonstration featuring live Blue Cochin chickens and sample healthy, seasonal dishes made by Chef Kristi of Grace Savory and Sweet. “Farmers and vendors put their hearts into their products, and I get to share with Market-goers creative ways to get those products onto their dinner tables and into their hearts,” explains Chef Kristi.

For the first time this year, the Pittsfield Township Farmers Market will 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 weekly. Additional accepted payment methods include cash, credit card (by most vendors), and SNAP/EBT for qualified purchases. Check with individual farmers for Project Fresh WIC coupons.

Join Pittsfield Township in welcoming new vendors to the Market’s fifth season:

- [Earthen Jar](#) – hot prepared vegan, vegetarian, and gluten-free Indian cuisine
- [Petals and Butters](#) – natural bath and personal care products
- [Trout Workshop](#) – handcrafted cutting boards and a variety of woodworking products
- Paint Creek Vineyard – wine produced in Pittsfield Township
- [Betty’s Best](#) – goat milk soap and lotions, and goat meat, from goats on the farm
- [Cheesecake Etcetera](#)– specialty cheesecakes, quiches, and brownies
- And more!

Favorite returning vendors include [Classique Gifts & Bakes](#), [Ed’s Breads](#), [Kapnick Orchards](#), [Makielski Farm](#), [Nemeth’s Greenhouse & Farms](#), [The Pasta Shop](#), pick Michigan, [Prochaska Farms](#), and [Steinhauser Farms](#). (Vendor list continues to grow and may vary week to week. Follow on [Facebook](#) for updates!)

The Pittsfield Farmers Market is open 3-7PM on Thursdays at 6201 W. Michigan Avenue.

For more information, visit www.pittsfield-mi.gov/farmersmarket. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter @PittsfieldTwp, and sign up for [Notify Me!](#) to receive email or SMS alerts. Stay tuned for an invitation to the Farmers Market's 5th Birthday Celebration!

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 travel an average of 16 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. The Pittsfield Township Farmers Market is open 3-7PM every Thursday at 6201 W. Michigan Avenue, from June through September, and the second Thursday of the month in October through April.

