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Pittsfield Township Farmers Market Turns 10 Years Old on June 1

Pittsfield Township, MI (May 31, 2023):

The Pittsfield Township Farmers Market kicks off its 10th summer season on Thursday, June 1st at the Township Hall location at Platt Rd. and Michigan Ave. The Market was established in 2013 after the adoption of the 2010 Pittsfield Master Plan with a vision to preserve the economic viability of agricultural use, promote access to local produce especially to those living on the east side of Washtenaw County and in multi-unit housing neighborhoods.

“The Farmers Market is the perfect encapsulation of a myriad of goals outlined in Pittsfield’s Master Plan, the most important being promoting equity and sustainability. That is why we took a chance a decade ago to pilot a Market in the heart of suburbia riddled with traffic congestion, which created a lot of doubt about its long-term viability. However, its success serves to further prove the fact that inclusive and vibrant public gathering spaces are the lifeblood of healthy communities,” noted Supervisor Mandy Grewal.

The Market is open rain or shine, every Thursday from 2:00-6:00 PM.

It is a Michigan producer Market with weekly offerings that include local seasonal produce, grass fed and pasture raised meats, farm fresh chicken eggs, honey, sweet and savory baked goods including vegan choices, granola, natural personal care products, artisan goods and more. All your favorite vendors are returning: Ostrowski Farm (Milan), Nemeth Farm & Greenhouse (Milan), Kapnick Orchards (Britton), Heart of the Hive (Ypsilanti), Webber Garlic (Pittsfield Township), Burkies Superfoods (Manchester), Bastian Farms (Milan), and Lissy’s Bits n’ Bites (Ann Arbor). Some of the vendors joining the outdoor Market this year: Flo’s Bakery (Tecumseh), Hauk’s Hen House & Farm (Milan), and S&S Family Produce (Milan).

Opening day will feature family-friendly activities including live music from local jazz trio Djangophonique. Market Kids will love the take-home flower craft, and the Briskets n’ Biscuits food truck will be serving up delicious food. We’ll also have a photo display showing the Market’s history from its start in 2013 up until today! As a special bonus, attendees will also receive a FREE Farmers Market potholder or a colorful farmers market recipe cookbook (one per household, while supplies last)!

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 enjoy the play structure and exploring the trails in nearby Prairie Park. There will also be live music performed by local artists such as Bob Skon, Jonathan Crayne, Stacey Murray, Grayson Alderink, Corn Daddy, Detroit Route 66, and The Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic. Take in the flavors of the season at the monthly cooking demos featuring guest chefs and local food artisans, 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 be on site to address topics such as soil health, good and bad bugs, disease in the garden and more. These friendly volunteers will set market guests up for successful vegetable and flower gardens and help beautify the community.

Other summer market highlights include celebrating National Pollinator Week on June 22nd, featuring special guests and fun pollinator-friendly activities; a Kids Craft Vendor Day on July 13th, where young entrepreneurs can sign up to sell their crafts; and Public Safety Day on July 27th featuring a firetruck display.

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 \$10 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 Project Fresh WIC and Senior Project Fresh 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, and online year round. Free parking available.

For more information, visit www.pittsfield-mi.gov/farmersmarket. Sign up for [our mailing list](#) or follow us on Facebook @PittsfieldTwpFarmersMarket, 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. 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!

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