

## **WALKER COMMUNITY FARMERS' & CRAFTERS MARKET INFORMATION – 2017 Season**

**DATES:** THURSDAYS, June 8-September 21 (16 Market Days)

**TIME:** 9:00AM-2:00PM **NEW EXTENDED HOURS!**

**LOCATION:** Green Scene Market, 617 Michigan Avenue W, Walker MN 56484

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**The Walker Community Farmers' & Craft Market** serves as a gathering place for community members and visitors. Guests can purchase vendor- grown produce, specialty foods, consumables, crafts, jewelry & much more. The market promotes and supports education, healthy living, local agriculture, and community interaction all in an upbeat, welcoming atmosphere. Farmers and producers sell their products directly to the public, allowing consumers to have a direct relationship with the vendor.

**Operational Guidelines:** Please read and adhere to the operational guidelines for Farmers Market Vendors as set by the MN Department of Agriculture.  
<http://www.mda.state.mn.us/food/business/farmersmarket.aspx>

**Cottage Food Law:** Register for the new Cottage Food Law if applicable. This is a new requirement set by the Department of Agriculture.  
<http://www.mda.state.mn.us/cottagefood>

**Set up & Breakdown:** Our market begins at 9:00am and ends at 2:00pm. Please arrive in enough time to be ready to open by 9:00am. We ask that you do not disturb customer traffic or other vendors at any time during your breakdown.

**Parking:** Please park on the adjacent streets or behind the brown building located at the end of the market space. Please do not block access to the brown building. Charlie & Debbie Thompson have generously donated their property for part of our vendor booth space and the parking behind the brown building. You can “thank” Charlie & Deb at their restaurant, “Charlie’s Up North”. Please do not park in the Green Scene, Sanford Clinic, Super One or in front of the Quilt Shop parking lots.

**Hand Washing:** We do provide a hand washing station on the sidewalk behind the Green Scene building.

**Signage:** We encourage your booth to have very clear signage of your business name and what you are selling. Green Scene staff puts out directional signage for the market on both ends of town the evening before the market.

**Advertising:** We advertise for the weekly market in several area publications in Walker, Park Rapids, Longville, Hackensack and throughout Hubbard & Cass County. Green Scene advertises for the market through Facebook and Instagram. The market is listed in the Leech Lake Chamber of Commerce calendar of events flyer. We are members of MN Grown and our market is listed in its publications and website.

**Music:** We have an acoustic band play each week from 9:30-1:30. Please let us know of any issues due to volume.

**Vendor Location Map:** We are in the process of restructuring the map layout and we will do our best to keep your space from the previous year.

**EBT:** We will once again be offering the opportunity to participate in EBT token program. EBT customers to the market can receive wooden tokens inside Green Scene Market to be used at participating booths. The participating vendors will collect the tokens and turn into Green Scene for reimbursement the following week. Please contact Green Scene to learn more.

**POP Program:** The Power of Produce (POP) Club provides a fun opportunity for children to engage in the local food system through conversations directly with farmers, educational games and demonstrations, and exposure to new fruits and vegetables. In addition to participating in educational activities, POP Club kids receive vouchers to spend at the market, allowing them to make their own shopping decisions at the market.

**Story Time:** Every Thursday at 10:00am our local librarian will be taking the stage for Story Time. Story time will be followed by a craft.

**Food:** The Green Scene booth offers coffee, juice, breakfast, wood fired oven pizzas, sandwiches, salads and much more.

**Attendance:** Please notify market manager or call Green Scene 24 hours prior to the market day if you are unable to attend. The market manager reserves the right to fill your space if not occupied by 8:45am.

**Seasonal Vendor Perks!:** Seasonal vendors will now receive free coffee & 10% discount from the Green Scene Market Store & Deli. (*Wood fired pizza & sale items excluded*)

**Stalls:** Having a stall in one season is no guarantee that a vendor will have the same stall in any subsequent season. Stall space is assigned by market staff to allow for the best product mix, traffic flow, electrical needs, etc. Every effort is made to keep vendors in the same location throughout the market season. However, vendors may be temporarily or permanently reassigned at the sole discretion of market management.

**Weather Policies:** While the Market is rain or shine, instances of severe weather can effect market operations. The Market manager/staff will decide whether to hold the market or delay the opening. This determination will not be made until set-up time, 8:30 am, on market day. Every effort will be made to provide ample time for vendors and customers to safely respond to hazardous weather conditions. Occasionally the market can be windy. Tents and canopies should be weighted down on each canopy leg.

***Vendors assume full responsibility for any injury, loss, or damage of any kind that may result from improperly or inefficiently securing tents, awnings, display equipment, products or other items.***

**Seasonal Members Rate:** (16 market days): \$240 for the season

**Drop In Rate:** \$20/day

# Important Dates

- June 8, 2017:** First Farmers' Market of the Season!
- April 1, 2017:** Application deadline for returning vendors. (New vendors are considered for acceptance throughout the season.)
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- May 22, 2017:** Vendor orientation meeting at 6pm, located at Green Scene Market. Please RSVP at [erin@walkergreenscene.com](mailto:erin@walkergreenscene.com) or call (218) 547-2880. Dinner provided.
- July 6, 2017:** **Independence Day Celebration!** Watermelon Eating Contest & Pie Baking Contest.
- July 20, 2017:** Meet & Greet/Book Signing with Chef Amy Thielen
- August 31, 2017:** Zucchini Baking Contest
- September 21, 2017:** Last Farmers' Market for the season!
- September 24, 2017:** Vendor Wrap-Up Pot Luck Party 4-7pm.

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Date Received:
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## 2017 VENDOR APPLICATION

THURSDAYS 9:00AM-2:00PM June 8-September 21

\_\_\_\_\_ Seasonal membership - \$240

**Seasonal Vendor Perks:** Seasonal vendors receive free coffee and a 10% discount card for store purchases (inside store only) during the market day.

\_\_\_\_\_ Daily drop-in seller rate - \$20

Seasonal membership includes one 10 x 10 space.

Please provide the following information for all individuals or entities intending to sell from one booth space.

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Items for Sale: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email & Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Notes:

*I have read and agree to the market guidelines and policies.*

*I have registered for the new MN Cottage Food Law (if applicable)*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_