

FARMERS MARKET HELENA, MONTANA

The fifth season of Capitol Square Farmers Market will run from June 15th through September 28th. Held on the historic State Capitol Grounds, there are two agencies behind the program, Department of Agriculture and Department of Administration. The market started in 2017. The goal was to invite neighbors to use the beautiful Capitol grounds, promote local vendors, and give State employees a walkable shopping option during our short summer months.

The market has had some unexpected benefits. One veggie farmer started bringing a couple of loaves of bread to the market, grew a large following, resulting with a new bakery in town.

The Montana State Capitol receives a large number of visitors every summer and this market has provided another opportunity for visitors to experience a taste of Montana by sampling local food and crafts.



2020 VENDORS

Big Sandy Cantaloupe Birch Swing Wood Works Bison Feather Design Donna's Delights Dwyer's Garden Eat Greekish Fractal Wood Burning Golden Whisk Grammi's Creations Gulch Distillers Hicks Garden Lady Forge Jewelry Leroy Buttershell LS Pottery McIntosh Garden Montago Coffee Northern Lights Farm Odd Fellow Farm Oh Lala Cakes Patsy's Creations Port Starfall Art Queen City Gardens Saigon Alley Scrunchies by Karina Spirit of The Valley Sunflower Bakery The Clay Cottage Tropical Sno Truly Simple by Linda Wauzies Creatures Yates Farm XX Bar Farm & Ranch



PROMOTIONAL ITEMS



EMAIL MARKETING

Through GovDelivery and MailChimp, state employees and the general public could receive updates about weekly vendors, special events, live music, and changing processes through the pandemic.

A year-end survey showed this communication style to be very favorable. Customers appreciated the ability to plan to visit the vendors they preferred. There was an overwhelming response to offerings by food trucks.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Our market manager has great success engaging customers through social media by posting live videos, photos of products and shoppers.



Facebook:

1,427 people like 1,530 people follow **Instagram:** 1,121 people follower





FARMERS MARKET Tuesdays | 2:30-6:30PM | June through September TODAY AT THE MARKET August 18, 2020 | 93° | Partly Sunny McIntosh Garden Gulch Distillers beets, potatoes, garlic hand sanitizer summer squash Sundborn Garden - NEW Northern Lights Farm raw honey XX Bar Farm and Ranch fresh micro greens herbs rozen beef and po Sunflower Bakery Patsy's Creations - NEW sourdough bread, cookies Wauzie Shoppe - NEW colorful stuffed animals jewelry, birdhouses, wood signs Oddfellow Inn & Farm Fractal Wood Burning duck & chicken eggs, lettuce, radishes Donna's Delights - NEW vood art made with electricity Hick's Garden creative iewelrv flower bouquets, potted plants, greens Dwyer's Garden **BisonFeather Designs** nature-themed art & note cards peas, arugula, lettuce, pies, scones Queen City Gardens The Golden Whisk cupcakes, sugar cookies, brownies perennial plants, rhubarb, herbs Yates Farm - NEW Leroy Battershell Jewelry - NFW Montana sapphire & gold jewelry Oh Lala! Cakes sweet com hand pies, cake cups, cupcakes >> NOTICE >> Food vendors will be placed outside the market to the west. If vou're attending for food vendors only, please avoid walking through the market Montago Coffee - hot and cold beverages | Eat Greekish - gyros and fries SPECIAL GUESTS Lewis and Clark Library Words on Wheels Bike Offering free wi-fi, items for checkout, account services, and free take-n-make crafts for kids FREE YOGA ON THE LAWN 5:00-6:00PM Please bring your own yoga mat Sponsored by The Gentle Healing Center **TUESDAY'S REVISED** SHOPPING HOURS 1:00 - 2:30pm Vendor set up, no early shopping **Reserved shopping: seniors** 2:30-3:30pm and vulnerable populations Open shopping: ~ 75 people 3:30-5:30pm allowed in per hour NEW drive through market *5:30-6:30pm option *NEW! The drive through market will begin when the limit of 250 market attendees has been met to ensure you can continue to support local vendors. Please stay in your car. Follow posted signs for traffic flow. Vendors will come to you. MASKS REQUIRED Masks or face coverings are required for ages 5 and older. If needed, masks can be provided. Please check in at the market info tent Thank you for keeping your market healthy. To keep us all safe the market looks different this year. Staff and vendors are taking extra precautions to protect the health of all in response to COVID-19, attendees still have the opportunity to buy fresh, local produce and Made in Montana products. The Capitol Square Farmers Market planning committee has developed the following plan based on guidance from Lewis & Clark Public Health for opening during phase two. Read the plan here. SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS

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