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Renton Farmers Market opens 17th season on June 5

Market features fresh local produce and fruits, as well as entertainment and demonstrations

RENTON, WA – The freshest produce and fruits from local farmers and unique goods are all part of the Renton Farmers Market, which opens its 17th season on Tuesday, June 5, 2018, at 3 p.m. The market will run every Tuesday until September 25 from 3 to 7 p.m. at Piazza Park, 233 Burnett Ave. S., in downtown.

Mayor Denis Law will ring the Farmers Market's opening bell at 3 p.m. and attendees will shop for farm fresh produce, fruits, and flowers, as well as honey, baked goods, arts and crafts. There will be several food options, including the popular food trucks on the west side of Piazza Park. The Hazen High School Jazz Band will perform and Washington State University's Food \$ense program will be on hand to present smart shopping strategies and demonstrate how to make healthy, budget-minded recipes.

New in 2018, Logan Avenue South will be closed for the Market between South 3rd Street and the entrance to the Pavilion Events Center parking area. This area is identified as 'The Festival Street' in the City of Renton's recently approved Downtown Civic Core Vision and Action Plan.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)/Fresh Bucks incentive program returns and, new for this year, there will be an unlimited dollar-for-dollar benefit match, further increasing access to market products for everyone in the community.

The Renton Farmers Market welcomes back its partners at Kaiser Permanente, who will host 'National Call Your Doctor Day' on June 12, with information and activities focusing on promoting good health. Other notable days at the Market include Kids Day on June 26, Green Day on July 24, with special events focusing on recycling, reducing and reusing, and a Multicultural Day on September 4. Television and radio host Ciscoe Morris will be at the Market on September 18 for Salmon Day providing tips on salmon-friendly gardening practices and answering questions.

Other returning favorites include Kid's Patch, featuring free and fun activities for the little ones; Kid's Passport, designed to get kids engaged with the Market while learning healthy eating habits; Washington State University's Master Gardeners, helping shoppers with sustainable gardening practices; the aforementioned Washington State University's Food \$ense; weekly live entertainment; and cooking demonstrations by local chefs.

A complete schedule of events and subscription to a weekly newsletter can be found at rentonfarmersmarket.com. Market activities can also be followed on Facebook ([RentonFarmersMarket](#)), Twitter ([@RentonFarmersM](#)), and Instagram ([@rentonfarmersmarket](#)).

The City of Renton

The City of Renton, Washington, with a population of 102,700 (2017), is located on the southeast shore of Lake Washington, just south of Seattle. Renton's strong economic base, diverse marketplace and favorable business climate have attracted the attention of nationally recognized companies that are providing employees and their families an outstanding quality of life. Renton is the home of Boeing, PACCAR, IKEA, the Seattle Seahawks, and the eternal resting place of Jimi Hendrix. More information can be found on the City's website (rentonwa.gov), Facebook page ([CityofRenton](https://www.facebook.com/CityofRenton)) and Twitter ([@CityofRenton](https://twitter.com/CityofRenton)).

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