



## MORTON GROVE FARMERS' MARKET (A Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce Committee)

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### A New Season for the Morton Grove Farmers' Market Coming Soon

*The Morton Grove Farmers' Market (MGFM) is preparing for its 2018 Season with a mix of veteran and new volunteer committee members who are bringing back favorite vendors and attracting new ones - along with seeking the help of additional market volunteers to help out at the market on Saturdays and on various committees at 6140 Dempster Street, Morton Grove.*

On Saturday, May 12, 2018 the outdoor "Mothers' Day Market" will run from 8am to 1pm in the lot outside of the Morton Grove Civic Center (6140 Dempster, the new 2018 location). Starting June 9, the regular weekly outdoor market will be in this same new location and now be open from 8am to 1pm (the new expanded regular hours for 2018). The market will operate every Saturday through October 20 (except for June 30 when it will be closed to accommodate the July 4th holiday carnival).

When this market began, people attended to savor produce at the peak of freshness, purchase unique, hand-made items, meet and discuss life with neighbors, find out how their food was grown (and by whom) along with learning new recipes, sampling various prepared foods, enjoying live entertainment and actively engaging in that thing often find hard to define as "community". The volunteers operating the Morton Grove Farmers' Market this year are inviting one and all to once again enjoy all this and more during the upcoming season.

"How we shop, eat and interact with our neighbors is different from even from just a few years ago due to advances in technology and how people prepare their meals." stated Eric Brodsky, the MGFM's new Chair for 2018. Like the seasons, the people who make up the community are constantly changing too. To meet all these opportunities, the MGFM is taking a fresh approach for 2018 and is reaching out to all "Morton Grover's", their families, neighbors, friends and co-workers asking everyone to take a look at what's planned for its next season.

Last October, the market's vendors, customers, sponsors, volunteers, media, local officials and interested citizens came together to share their ideas and visions for the future; providing one resounding direction, "the market must continue!" Rich Block, a Past-President and current Board Member of the Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce stated " We heard you Morton Grove, and the market will go on!" He went on to thank everyone who has offered their help, expertise and suggestions - including the Village of Morton Grove and the Morton Grove Park District for their continuing support and guidance along with returning MGFM Committee Members Rich Block, Lorri Fishman, Brad Moldofsky and Susan Werth. The new Advisory Committee welcomes Alyse Burman (Education Foundation-Niles Township), Ralph Czerwinski (Village of Morton Grove), Jim Lichon (Chicago Farm Labs) and Jeff Wait (MG Park District) to offer guidance and support.

Eric Brodsky, the MGFM Steering Committee Chair, shared the following reasons to consider when deciding where to buy food and why to visit the Farmers' Market this season. (1) Experience Genuine Taste & Flavors of Food. (2) Engage in Social Networking With Your Community...the old fashioned way, face to face. (3) Support local family farmers, businesses and artists. (4) Experience New & Healthy Ways to Prepare Meals. (5) Go Green and Eat Green by getting produce near your home. (6) Enjoy Nourishing Meals for you and your family.

The Morton Grove Farmers' Market is a Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce Committee. To learn more, visit their website (and blog) at [www.mgfarmersmarket.org](http://www.mgfarmersmarket.org) or their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/MGFarmersMarket/](http://www.facebook.com/MGFarmersMarket/).

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