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Renton Farmers Market opens 18th season on June 4

The market features fresh local produce and fruits, as well as entertainment and demonstrations

RENTON, WA – The freshest vegetables and fruits from Washington farmers and unique goods from local crafters are all part of the 18th annual Renton Farmers Market, which opens on Tuesday, June 4, 2019, at 3 p.m. The market is open every Tuesday until September 24 from 3 to 7 p.m. at Piazza Park, 233 Burnett Ave. S.

The day's festivities begin with Renton Mayor Denis Law ringing the opening bell at 3 p.m. Attendees can then shop to their heart's content for farm fresh produce, flowers, honey, meats, cheese, baked goods, arts & crafts, as well as beer and wine. There will be several dining options, including food trucks in a new "food court" at Market West. Logan Avenue South will again be closed between South Second and Third Streets and designated as a 'Festival Street,' allowing easy access between Piazza Park and Market West.

The Hazen High School Jazz Band will perform from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and Washington State University's Food \$ense program will be on hand from 4 to 5 p.m. with a cooking demonstration featuring fresh market produce in a healthy, budget-minded recipe.

The market accepts Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards and participates in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)/Fresh Bucks incentive program. Fresh Bucks is an unlimited dollar-for-dollar match for SNAP benefits, further increasing access to market products for community members.

The Renton Farmers Market welcomes back partners at Kaiser Permanente, King Conservation District, Piazza Renton, CarMax, and the Renton Downtown Partnership. Notable days at the market include National Call Your Doctor Day on June 11, focusing on promoting good health, Kids Day on June 25, Green Day on July 30, with special events focusing on recycling, reducing and reusing, and Multicultural Day on August 27. Television and radio host Ciscoe Morris will be at the market on September 17 for Salmon Day, providing tips on salmon-friendly gardening practices and answering questions.

Other returning favorites include the Kid's Patch, 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; community booths; food options; and cooking demonstrations by local chefs.

A complete schedule of events and subscription to a weekly newsletter can be found at <u>rentonfarmersmarket.com</u>. Market activities can also be followed on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>Instagram</u>.

About the City of Renton

The City of Renton, Washington, with a population of 104,100 (2018), is located on the southeast shore of Lake Washington, just south of Seattle. Renton's strong economic base, diverse marketplace and favorable business

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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 our <u>website</u>, <u>news releases</u>, or <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>Nextdoor</u> pages.

