



NEW MARKET SEASON



A new market season has arrived! We are excited to kick off our 2020 farmers market season here at the Farmers Market Annex starting tomorrow!

We will be open every Saturday and Sunday, from 7:00am till 1:00pm, rain or shine, now till October 25th.

Wait, we're open? Now? With all this? *waves hands around frantically* Yep! Farmers markets are able to be open under the current Minnesota guidelines. Know that we are taking a host of precautions to ensure that our market is clean and safe for both our guests and our vendors. We ask you follow proper social distancing when you come to visit the market. Please review the infographic at the end of this newsletter for more details.

On a happier topic: yea, the market is back! What else can you say? The Chicken is ready to welcome guests and everyone here at the Annex is excited for another season. This newsletter will tell you more about some of the NEW things here this year. We look forward to seeing you, even if we don't recognize you right away behind a mask. Our staff will have a smile on their face, our vendors ready to help you, and you are sure to bring home some good, fresh eats and much, much more from the Annex this season.

See you at the market!

Thank you for choosing to be a part of the Farmers Market Annex and supporting small, family businesses!

**Open
April 25, 2020
thru
October 25, 2020**

**Saturday & Sunday
7:00am - 1:00pm**

Rain or shine!

When you visit the Annex, please remember:

- No dogs
- No smoking
- Many vendors accept plastic. They all take cash!
- Review safety recommendations

We are a family friendly market and welcome everyone to visit and see what makes us a Next Generation Farmers Market!

New Website

We have a shiny new website we launched last week! It's sleeker, modern, mobile friendly, and filled with all the information you need. Find out about our 2020 vendors. Get directions straight to your google maps app. See what events or music are coming up. Learn how to join the market as a vendor. Stare lovingly into the eyes of the Chicken. It's all there! Check it out and let us know what you think!

Enjoy the new FarmersMarketAnnex.com



In Season

- Farmers Markets
- Giant Chickens
- Fresh Air
- Facemasks

Minnesota Grown produce will come into season in late May or early June. It all depends on what Mother Nature does, so root for warm weather!



New Joke

Why does a chicken coop have two doors?

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Because if had four doors it would be a chicken sedan!

OK, it's not new, it's stolen. We just wanted to stick with the "new" theme in the headlines. Made you chuckle though right? Smile? Groan and roll your eyes?

New Vendors

As with every year, we are excited to have several new vendors at the market this season!

- Blue Egg Farmstore - Organic Body care products
- Chef Fransisco - Burritos and sandwiches
- Foozy's Socks - Selling comfy socks
- Grace and Company - Handmade jewelry, cards and more
- HarpStone - Handmade jewelry
- International Gourmet - Gluten and sugar free baked goods
- Ka Vang and Family - With fresh, Minnesota grown produce
- LaVonne's Creations - Paintings and prints
- M2Designs - Up-cycled items made into jewelry and household goods
- Sorento Pizza & Pasta - Pizzas and Pastas



Come patronize these new vendors this season. Patronize all our vendors; old and new! These are all small businesses who need our support now more than ever. We, at the Farmers Market Annex, are proud to have supported small businesses like these for over 20 years!

New Opening Date

Unfortunately one vendor you won't find here opening weekend is Market Flowers. Their opening day has been delayed. The hope is for them to open by Mothers Day weekend, but it all depends on the recommendations from the state. They are sending him flowers daily hoping to butter him up.



Even though their physical store isn't open, you can still call Tom or Diane, find out about what all Market Flowers offers, and book a DIY table for your wedding later this summer and fall. We hope to see you soon at Market Flowers!



New Not To Be Here

In order to keep the market as safe as we can, and to adhere to social distancing guidelines, there are a few things you sadly won't find right away here at the Annex.

- We won't have live music for a while so as not to encourage people to congregate.
- All concessions are to-go. You don't have to go home, but you can't eat here. We also will not be putting out our picnic tables.
- The bounce house and other kids activities are on hold.



We are anxious to get all of this back into the mix here at the market. However, we will wait until it is appropriate to re-add these in one form or another. But, fear not, there is still plenty to do and see here at the farmers market!

Upcoming Events

May
9-10

- Mother's Day Weekend

May
23-24

- Memorial Day Weekend

Music

- Music is temporarily suspended at the Market

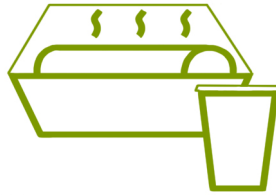


WE WILL OPEN APRIL 25!

We Will Have:



Many of our normal vendors



To-go concessions



Hand sanitizing stations

We Will Be:



Creating extra space between vendors



Doing extra sanitation

We Ask You:



Keep at least 6 giant Chicken feet between you and those around you



If you feel sick please
STAY HOME!



Wash your hands!



Consider wearing
a face mask

65+

If over 65, please take
extra precautions

We Will Not Have:



Kids activities



Picnic tables



Food samples



Live music

These precautions are effective immediately and will continue until further notice. We will continue to change and adapt these policies as guidelines change. Please check back weekly for the latest updates.

Thank you for your understanding during this challenging time and thank you for choosing to continue to support the local, small businesses here at the Farmers Market Annex! Stay safe!