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SUMMER OUTDOOR FARMERS MARKET OPENS THIS WEEKEND

Vendors join year-round indoor market to bring more fresh, local food to downtown Dayton.

DAYTON, OH (June 2, 2016) – This Saturday, June 4, additional vendors will set up shop outside the 2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second St. in downtown Dayton. Five produce vendors will join the more than 40 year-round indoor vendors to provide shoppers with even more options to purchase locally grown food. The outdoor farmers market will be open Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. through the fall harvest season, which typically lasts until early October.

The outdoor vendors that will be at the Market starting this Saturday are:

- Garber Farms (indoor and outdoor) Mile Creek Farm (organic)

• Gypsy Chick Farm

- Cressell's Produce
- <u>Hungry Toad Farm</u> (organic)

Other vendors will join the indoor and outdoor mix during the summer season. Visit the Market's webpage or follow the 2nd Street Market on Facebook for updates.

The Market is open Thursday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The 2nd Street Market was named the Best Farmers Market on the 2014 and 2015 Best of Ohio Readers' Ballot from Ohio Magazine. The list of winners was generated by votes cast by Ohio Magazine's website visitors this past fall.

"The 2nd Street Market helps Five Rivers MetroParks serve as the region's conservation leader by providing our community convenient access to local food, which is less taxing on the environment and often healthier," said Market Manager Jimmy Harless. "These additional summer vendors will give our customers even more options for stocking their kitchens with locally grown and produced food."

The 2nd Street Market also is home to eight prepared food vendors offering breakfast and lunch items, as well as vendors offering such kitchen staples as bread, milk, cheese, meats, oils, flour and a large selection of hand-crafted gifts. Learn more about the 2nd Street Market at metroparks.org/localfood.

ABOUT FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS

Five Rivers MetroParks is a nationally renowned park system composed of natural area parks, gardens, river corridors, urban parks and a network of paved trails, celebrating more than 50 years of preserving green space and natural areas. MetroParks protects the region's natural heritage and provides outdoor experiences that inspire a personal connection with nature. Educational programs and recreational opportunities are offered year-round for all ages. To learn more about Five Rivers MetroParks, visit www.metroparks.org or call 937-275-PARK.

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