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FARMERS MARKET OPENS JUNE 30 **Market's Second Season to Offer Summer's Abundance in Franklin Park**

FRANKLIN PARK The Village of Franklin Park will open its Farmer's Market on Saturday, June 30 and will include at least a dozen vendors providing fresh fruits and vegetables, breads and other baked or prepared goods, specialty food items, spices, plants, hand-made gift items and products for the home.

"Shopping at our Farmer's Market allows you to access the very best selection of seasonably fresh and ripe produce," stated Mayor Barrett Pedersen. "Not only is this a good idea for your health, but it is also good for the health of our environment. The selection at the Market comes from a nearby source, and does not require us to waste lots of energy and petroleum to ship the produce from across the country or the globe."

The Franklin Park Farmers Market has been steadily adding vendors since it opened last summer and area residents and visitors have shown strong interest in the offerings featured at the open-air market. The Village hopes to continue to grow the market this summer and is looking to offer additional fresh and prepared food items as the season progresses, as well as special programming, including live music, at various points during the summer.

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“This is a village of neighbors and we encourage our residents to use the summer months to get to know their neighbors,” said Pedersen. “Holding block parties, attending festivals and shopping at our Farmer’s Market are the types of activities that bring our neighbors together and a community where families know each other, is safer and more connected.”

The Franklin Park Farmers Market will be open every other Saturday of the month through September (June 30, July 14, July 28, August 11, August 25, September 8 and September 22) during the hours of 8AM to 1PM. The market is located in the Police Station parking lot at 9545 Belmont, on the southeast corner of Rose/25th Street and Belmont. Free parking is available. For more information, call 847-671-4800 or go to www.vofp.com.

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