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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **FARMERS MARKET OPENS JUNE 1 Market Will Be Held Weekly at New Location**

**FRANKLIN PARK** The Village of Franklin Park will open its Farmers' Market on Saturday, June 1 at a new location. The Farmers' Market will be held at the northwest corner of Franklin Avenue and 25<sup>th</sup> Street, next to the Crossings Condominiums. Due to popular demand, the Market will also be open every Saturday, from 8 AM to Noon, through September.

"Shopping at our Farmers' Market on Saturday morning is becoming a routine for many of our area residents who are interested in accessing the very best selection of seasonably fresh and ripe produce," stated Mayor Barrett Pedersen. "As a Let's Move community, we are working to promote the idea that eating a good variety of fruits and vegetables is good for your health. As a sustainably-conscious community, we promote shopping at the Market because the produce is from a regionally-grown source and it does not require utilizing as much energy and petroleum to ship the produce from across the country or even the globe."

Beginning its third season in Franklin Park, the Farmers' Market will include at least a dozen vendors providing fresh fruits and vegetables, breads and other baked or prepared goods, specialty food items, spices and plants. 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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“Support from the community has been very strong for our Franklin Park Farmers’ Market,” said Pedersen. “We have had many great ideas from the community about adding new vendors and products and we hope to grow the market throughout the summer. The more activity we generate at our Farmers’ Market this year, the easier it will be to attract new vendors and farmers in the coming years.”

The Market will also feature specialty food items produced by local businesses including the award-winning tamales from Aracely’s Bakery. The Market will include other local Franklin Park merchants and vendors who sell unique household items.

“Spending time with family and neighbors at the Farmers’ Market is a great way to enjoy the summer weather,” added Pedersen. “Communities that come together and work to get to know their neighbors are stronger, more vibrant communities.”

The Franklin Park Farmers Market will celebrate its third anniversary with a special event to kick-off the season. On Saturday, June 1, at 9AM, Village officials will dedicate a new sign for the Farmers’ Market at the new site. The sign was designed and created by local art students from East Leyden High School. Everyone is invited to attend.

Free parking is available for the Farmers’ Market at ..... For more information or to offer suggestions, please call 847-671-8276.

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