

Edmore Farmers Market

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To all established and potential vendors,

It is again time to begin planning for the Edmore Farmers Market. We are looking forward to the 2017 market. Our first market will be Friday June 9th. The hours for Friday will remain 8 am to 1 pm just as they have for many years. The following Tuesday June 13th will be our first Tuesday evening market. The hours will be 2 to 6:00 pm which are the same as last year. Our final market will be Friday October 13th.

There is still a lot of construction going on at the bag building location. The project is on track to be finishing up by August. As of now the sight is a mess of vehicles, safety fences, debris, and building materials. Therefore we will again be holding the market at the parking lot of the Curtis building located at 209 Sheldon St. just south of M-46.

Set up will be the same as last year. Vendors should set up on the South West part of the parking lot. This will ensure we do not encroach on the parking for for those using parking lot for either the bike trail or Curtis building and village offices.

There will be some changes to the food assistance programs for the 2017 market year. During the off season the market has changed hands and is now under the authority of the Edmore Foundation. This is a non profit foundation which is focused on improving Edmore. Because of this all of the food assistance programs will be funded through the Edmore foundation. Therefore while we will still be able to accept Bridge card, Double Up Food Bucks, WIC project Fresh, a Market Fresh (Sr. Project Fresh), I will not have access to cash to reimburse vendors daily. We will instead be collecting tokens and coupons and logging them. On the first Friday of each month checks will be Made out for the previous month's reimbursements. Checks will be available at the village office. Any checks not picked up on that day will be mailed to the vendor. I know this will be a big change for some but it will help streamline the paperwork and make the system more user friendly for all involved.

This is a positive change because of the non profit status of the Edmore Foundation, we can solicit donations from area businesses and individuals, and will eventually be able to use the funds to finance future events and projects. This will also give us the ability to apply for grants that can be used to improve the market and the market property.

We look forward to all this year brings and we hope to see as many of you out to as many markets as possible. It should be a great year and I can not wait for the new season

Aaron Hadley
Market Manager
Edmore Farmers Market

Vendor Guidelines for Edmore Farmers Market 2017

1. The market will be held every Friday beginning June 9th from 8 am until 1 pm and every Tuesday beginning June 13th from 2 pm to 6 pm weather permitting. The last market will be mid October. The decision on when to end the market for the year will be based on weather.
2. Set up will begin at 7 am on Fridays and 1 pm on Tuesdays. Vendors may park their vehicles in the back of their spaces or the parking area.
3. The size of the spaces will be 18 X 18 ft. Any covering, tables, etc will be provided by the vendor. Any damage done to the vendor's equipment will be the responsibility of the vendor. The market is not liable for damaged, lost, or stolen goods.
4. Vendors are encouraged to maintain clear signs identifying the products sold and clear prices for their products. Vendors are also encouraged to have a clear sign with their business name.
5. The following products are allowed to be sold at the Edmore Farmers Market
 - Fresh produce (Must be fresh, clean, and safe. Can be grown by seller or purchased and resold, produce grown out of state must be clearly marked)
 - Homemade food items (Vendor is responsible to follow all food safety laws by the MDARD and the Health Department. Vendor must obtain all applicable licenses from the appropriate issuing agency. The vendor is responsible to meet all labeling requirements)
 - Plants and flowers either potted or nursery stock (Vendor must obtain appropriate licenses from MDARD)
 - Artisan goods. (All artisan vendors are allowed only to sell goods that are handmade, no resale of pre-manufactured goods will be allowed)
 - The Vendor is responsible to have all items properly labeled and to obtain appropriate licenses. The Market nor the Market Manager is liable for any fines or citations received for improperly labeled items or items sold without the proper licensing.
6. The cost per space is \$2 each market. The money will be collected near the end of each market day. Fees may be paid in cash or check. A receipt will be provided upon request.
7. All items as well as weights and measures are subject to inspection by the MDARD. Vendors will allow any governing agency free access to inspections. The Market Manager reserves the right to unannounced garden inspections. Samples are permitted but must comply with MDARD guidelines.
8. Edmore Farmers Market encourages a team philosophy and cooperative spirit. Vendors are strongly advised to refrain from openly criticizing or challenging other vendor's products, displays, etc. Any questions regarding another vendor's participation must be directed solely to the Market Manager. Any concerns about the Market rules and procedures must also be directed solely to the Market Manger.
9. The Vendor is responsible to tear down and clean up their assigned space. The area must be returned to the condition it was when the vendor arrived.
10. Smoking is permitted outside of vendor booths. Vendors are encouraged to smoke in the vehicle parking area or in their vehicles. Pets are permitted outside of food booths. Owners are responsible for cleanup after their pets and for any damages by the pets.
11. All rules will be enforced by the Market Manager and are subject to change at anytime.

Edmore Farmers Market Vendor Application 2017

Business Name _____

Owners Name _____

Address Line 1 _____

Address Line 2 _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone # _____ Alternate Phone # _____

Email Address _____

Business Website of Facebook _____

Type of Vendor

■ Produce

- Homegrown
- Resale
- Both

■ Food Items

- Cottage Food
- Pet Food
- Other (Specify) _____

■ Artisan

- Crafts
- Sewing
- Other (Specify) _____

Would you like to accept any of the following forms of payment?

- Bridge Card
- Double Up Food Bucks
- WIC Project Fresh
- Market Fresh

I understand and agree to abide by all rules in the vendor guidelines for the Edmore Farmers Market.

Signed _____ Date _____

Mail application to Edmore Farmers Market P.O. Box 286 Edmore MI 48829 or email to Market@Edmore.com or fill out application online at www.edmore.org

Licensing guidelines for items sold at the Market

There is much confusion about what food items can be sold at Michigan farmers markets. Many items require licensing while others do not require a license but do require products to be labeled according to certain guidelines. The State of Michigan's website offers much information as to what products need licenses and how to obtain those licenses. As market manager I am not a representative of the State of Michigan, but I have sought to become educated concerning license issues that affect farmers markets. I have compiled a list of foods and other items that are allowed to be sold at the Market but have certain requirements.

Product	License Required	More Information
Cottage Foods: Jams, Jellies, Vinegars, Baked Goods, Candies, Dried fruits, herbs, and vegetables, Dip mixes, Roasted Coffee, Dried Pasta, Popcorn, Soup mixes	No License but must meet labeling requirements	www.michigan.gov/mdard
Honey and Maple Syrup	No License but must meet labeling requirements	www.michigan.gov/mdard
Canned fruits, vegetables, pickles, salsas	Food Establishment License	www.michigan.gov/mdard
Pet Food and Treats	Feed License	www.michigan.gov/mdard
Annual plants and seedlings	No License Required	www.michigan.gov/mdard
Perennial plants, flowers, and seedlings	Nursery plant grower or dealer license	www.michigan.gov/mdard
Wine	Wine maker license	www.michigan.gov/lara
Cider, Fruit Juices	Food Establishment License	www.michigan.gov/mdard
Foods prepared on site	Food Service License	www.michigan.gov/mdard
Meats fresh or frozen	Food Establishment License	www.michigan.gov/mdard
Milk, Cheese, Yogurt made with milk from your own cows	Manufacturing dairy farm license.	www.michigan.gov/mdard

This is not a comprehensive list. I will be glad to answer any questions you have about this list but my knowledge is limited. I encourage you to investigate the law on the MDARD website at michigan.gov/mdard. Follow the link to either the cottage food law or use the license tree link. You may also contact the local State of Michigan MDARD inspector. The MDARD customer service phone number is 1-800-292-3939.

The Edmore Farmers Market and the Market Manager are not responsible to enforce any licensing by the State of Michigan or Montcalm County. I will do my best to educate vendors. If you are inspected and found to have items improperly licensed or labeled the Market and the Market Manager are not liable. Any fines or penalties you receive will be your responsibility. The Market gladly welcomes any and all food items that are made, labeled, and sold following Michigan law.