



Market Hours:

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 am – 6:00 pm
Saturday 8:00 – 5:00 pm
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Your New City Market

In the late hours of a warm August evening, after months of community discussion, planning, bargaining, cajoling and compromise, the Lansing City Council approved the Market Place Development agreement between the Gillespie Group, Inc. and the City of Lansing (by an 8-to-0 vote). The centerpiece to this agreement was the sale of the existing City Market property, which will in time become residential housing and retail business. The development will also include the construction of a new City Market along the Grand River on parkland property already owned by the City of Lansing. The terms of the sale – 1.6 million dollars – designated all monies paid by Gillespie to be earmarked for a new state-of-the-art, energy efficient

public market. The existing Market will remain in operation until completion of the new Market, with transition from old to new slated to occur in the fall of 2009.

As we approach the 100th Anniversary of the historic City Market, these are extremely tenuous yet exciting times. Our vendor occupancy rate is the highest in years, with a variety and quality of local offerings unmatched by any Market in the area.

The renewed interest in the City Market this past year has been an excellent catalyst to generate the return of former customers and to bring new folks, both young and old, to our doorstep. It is crucial that we seize this momentum to help insure success for our business owners through this transitional development period. There is no doubt that our new venue will become a popular destination, and a centerpiece to the revitalization of the downtown area.

The site for the new Market is outstanding. The structure will be inviting, with a true Market feel, with all the vendors within sight of one another and their customers. A wind generator will produce energy on site to alleviate Market dependence on the grid. Entertainment and event planning are an integral aspect of management's plans, once the City Market businesses are comfortably settled in to the new venue. Both indoor and outdoor vendor space will be available, with the Grand River and River Trail as a backdrop to outdoor activities.

Beautification of the Grand River parkland is of highest priority among City planners and this most definitely includes our Market site. Envision a day when a foot bridge links the east and west riverbanks. Adjacent to the Market, an ice rink for winter skating, while summer brings kayak and bike rentals.

EVENTS AT THE MARKET

Saturday, Sept. 20th – Jazz by Pete Nelson & Friends plus The Ingham County Master Gardeners Information and Dialogue

Saturday, Sept. 27th – Harvest Fest – Music by The Lash

Sunday, Sept. 28th – Harvest Fest – Music by The Edward Groves Band

Please check our website frequently for the latest event postings.

We are working hard to think GREEN and reduce the number of Market Watch newsletters we print and mail. Please be kind and sign up online to receive future "Market Watch" newsletters via email.



From day one, expansion of the new City Market will take center stage, for as soon as the Market is at maximum vendor capacity, a mezzanine will be constructed, with the potential to add another 8,000 to 10,000 sq. ft. to the existing 13,000-sq.-ft. structure.

The opportunities for the new Lansing City Market are limitless, but it will take a commitment by vendors, friends, management, customers and those newly engaged persons that have yet to experience the wonderful venue we currently have and the spectacular Market that awaits us. Shop, converse, laugh and live well at The Lansing City Market.

Harvest Fest

On the last weekend in September, the 27th and 28th, The Lansing City Market will be holding the 1st Annual Harvest Fest. This event will celebrate the season with live music, live farm animals and great food. On Saturday, the 27th, “The Lash” will perform on an outdoor stage (weather permitting – an indoor stage will be erected and in stand-by mode), from 11:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. (www.thelash.com). In addition all our vendors will have wonderful displays of their products, wares and Harvest Fest specials. For the children we will have an array of farm animals and fun activities.

Sunday, the 28th, will find the Market open special hours in conjunction with the Capital City River Run, which virtually ends on our doorstep. “The Edward Groves Band” (www.edwardgroves.com) will provide entertainment from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., again on an outdoor stage, weather permitting. Join us to celebrate the season in a festive atmosphere with family and friends!

Localvores

A great regional organization, the Localvores are all about sustainability and supporting our local farmers and food providers. From September 13th through the 21st, the Localvores have issued a challenge to all eaters of good food. The challenge is to limit your diet during that period to food grown or produced within a 100-mile radius of your area. “Eat only local foods for a week, a day or a meal for the economy, the earth and your health,” is the motto presented by the Localvores. Although a specific challenge time-line was proposed, the concept of eating locally is something the Localvores encourage as a regular part of our purchasing and dining habits. More information can be obtained on the web, at www.LansingAreaLocalvores.org.

Volunteers

Currently there is an incredible array of events, projects, promotions, and community work happening in and through The Lansing City Market. The Market is seeking volunteers who could donate a couple of hours on small individual projects, or in a group setting for events or special occasions. The Lansing City Market is a wonderful community focal point. We have a definitive family atmosphere; laughs and smiles are plentiful. There is no such thing as a “bad day” at the Market. Join us to help lift the spirits of your neighbors and Market patrons in an atmosphere as warm and friendly as you will find anywhere. Phone John at 517-483-7460, or send an e-mail to Johnh@lepfa.com.

Current City Market Vendors

- A Basketful by Sharl
- Alice’s Kitchen
- Anna & Co.
- AppleSchram Organic Orchard
- Better Finds
- Bob’s Market
- Bob’s Wife’s Soaps
- Cravings Gourmet Popcorn
- Daylily Maze Produce
- East Lansing Food Co-Op
- Fresh Lake Whitefish
- Get Mint, Inc.
- Giving Tree
- Grand River Coffee Company
- Greenman’s Produce
- Green River Cafe
- Hickory Corners Garden & Nursery
- Hill’s Cheese
- Homegrown Art Studio
- Iorio Italian Ice
- Jennings Bros. Stone Ground Grains
- Limner Press
- Massage Therapist, Scott Curtis
- Materagaia
- MOO-Ville Quality Creamery
- Nodding Thistle Farms
- Otto’s Fresh Chicken
- Rasch Orchards
- Saverine Creek
- Simply Michigan, Inc.
- Seif Foods
- Shoua’s Kitchen
- Simmons Family Farms
- Soulful Earth Herbals
- The Four Acres
- Weaver’s Webb
- Westwind Milling
- Wild Rose

Please visit www.lansingcitymarket.com for the most current vendor listing, as well as details about vendor products.
