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SUMMER IN THE CITY: DOWNTOWN DEARBORN

Farmers & Artisans Market, Opens on June 7 at NEW Wagner Park

DEARBORN, MI – (May 1, 2019) – Downtown Dearborn will be bustling on Friday, June 7, with a series of events to celebrate the opening of the seasonal Farmers & Artisans Market, along with the grand opening of the new Wagner Park.

Wagner Park is the new home of the Farmers & Artisans Market. Wagner Park is the green space associated with Wagner Place, the 150,000 square foot mixed-use development which includes the partial restoration of the historic Wagner Hotel on Michigan Ave. The park is located just off of West Village Drive between Monroe and Mason in Downtown Dearborn, one block south of Michigan Avenue.

The Dearborn Farmers & Artisans Market brings the community together to support local farmers, entrepreneurs and small businesses, and it promotes healthy living by providing quality, fresh and wholesome food. The 2019 season will kick off on Friday, June 7, with dozens of vendors offering fresh produce, greenery and goods. It is also Kids Day at the Market, so the whole family can enjoy activities such as face painting, a bounce house, a magician, jugglers and a slot car racing game!

In addition to the Farmers Market vendors and activities, Friday, June 7 marks the official opening of Wagner Park. Explore the new space and enjoy music, food, a car display, family fun and a beer tent. City of Dearborn Mayor John B. O'Reilly, Jr., will offer remarks and preside over a ribbon cutting with representatives from Ford Land at 3 p.m.

Participants can also enjoy bites from Wagner Place restaurants, including The Great Commoner, Modern Greek and Paradise Briyani Pointe Indian Cuisine, and visit with OrangeTheory Fitness and Lash & Company, which will also have booths at the event.

Friday, June 7 – Schedule of Events

- 2 - 9 p.m. – Farmers & Artisans Market & Wagner Park Celebration Opens to Public
- 2 - 5 p.m. – Bounce House
- 2 - 5 p.m. – Live music from Robin Horlock
- 2 - 6 p.m. – Pebbles the Clown
- 2 - 6 p.m. – Activities with the Dearborn Public Library
- 2:30 p.m., 4:30 pm. – Gemini Magic Show
- 2 - 7 p.m. – Slot Car Races
- 2 - 7 p.m. – Instrument Petting Zoo courtesy of Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra
- 2 - 7 p.m. – Howdy Doodles Ice Cream Coach - First 100 ice cream's free!
- 3 p.m. - Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting of Wagner Park/Dearborn Farmers & Artisans Market
- 3 - 6 p.m. – Tim Rolands comedy/juggler w/ Balloons
- 5 - 9 p.m. – Beer tent open
- 6 - 9 p.m. – Live music from The Seatbelts

“Wagner Park provides the perfect backdrop for this season’s Farmers & Artisans Market – a beautiful new landscape and space to enjoy with easy access to many Downtown Dearborn amenities,” said Cristina Sheppard-Decius, Dearborn Downtown Development Authorities’

Executive Director. “This new location provides a new way for friends and neighbors to engage with our Downtown Dearborn community.”

“When conceptualizing and building Wagner Place, we envisioned a space for the community to connect and engage, Wagner Park is the realization of that vision,” said Dave Dubensky, chairman and CEO, Ford Land. “Welcoming the Dearborn Farmers & Artisans Market to Wagner Park offers a new way for Ford employees to connect with Downtown Dearborn and the community at large.”

Family activities and access to the Farmers & Artisans Market and Wagner Park are FREE and open to the public. For more information visit @DowntownDearborn on Facebook or www.DowntownDearborn.org. For information on the Farmers & Artisans Market visit www.DearbornFarmersArtisansMarket.com.

The Dearborn Farmers & Artisans market is sponsored by Beaumont, Jack Demmer Lincoln, Essential IT, City of Dearborn, West Dearborn Downtown Development Authority, *edible* WOW, Dearborn Area Chamber of Commerce, Glass Academy, Andrea Fitzgerald, Keller Williams, Meemic Westborn Agency, Kiwanis of Dearborn, and the Dearborn Heights Rotary Club.

Ford Land, Downtown Dearborn, West Dearborn Downtown Development Authority and the Dearborn Farmers & Artisans Market present the Wagner Park Grand Opening.

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