



A Fresh, New Barrington Farmers Market

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT in 2018, the Barrington Farmers Market has undergone a revitalization by a group of organizers with hopes of building a new local food system, fostering entrepreneurship, and encouraging community. I look forward to working with some of our long-time committee members, those of us who have lived in Barrington for 20 years, and with new committee members, people who have recently moved to Barrington. We have a vibrant team and are excited about making the market a downtown destination for the good of all the community.

The Farmers Market aims to function as a small-scale incubator for local food vendors, creating a site for civic engagement and entertainment, raising the profile for downtown Village, and building relationships among neighbors. Here is what you can expect this season.

NEW AT THE MARKET

A new start time from 3–7 p.m. will be in effect for the market, which opens June 14 and runs through to October 18, 2018. There is something

for everyone, including:

- Organic and conventional produce vendors
- Ready to eat food (stay for dinner!)
- New center stage area with seating for gathering, eating, resting, listening to music
- 14 or so new vendors, and your old favorites
- Weekly updates and specials
- Knife sharpening is back
- Flowers, fish, fruit, and veggies
- Bread, eggs, and meat
- Weekly children's activities
- *Rotating visiting artist booth
- *Local nonprofit booths (come promote your cause)
- *Weekly musical entertainment.

We will be offering great give-a-ways at the first few markets, like reusable market bags, and potted herb plants. So, make sure to mark your calendars to come out and enjoy the festivities of the new market this year. Each week there will be something new to see and experience. Come for the fresh food (or dinner, music) and stay for the community. Bring your kids, your friends, the

dog, and enjoy what's new this season.

**If you are interested in being involved in the market in any way, as a committee member, vendor, musician, nonprofit, or food or art seller, contact me at: mmyren@sbcglobal.net.*

Margaret Myren, one of the Market Masters, has raised her family of four boys in the Village since 1996. She was on the original team bringing a Farmers Market to Barrington 19 years ago.

