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POPULAR WEDNESDAY EVENING FARMERS MARKET RETURNS TO PIKE PLACE

PLUS FOUR DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKETS POP-UP IN TIME FOR SUMMER



SEATTLE (April 5, 2017) – [Pike Place Market's](#) second annual [Wednesday Evening Farmers Market](#) will kick off on Wednesday, May 31, 2017 giving downtown shoppers the opportunity to enjoy the long summer evenings while shopping for fresh produce and supporting local farmers. Along with the Evening Market, Pike Place Market will host four [weekly farmers markets](#) throughout downtown starting Tuesday, May 30, 2017.

“We are thrilled to bring back our Evening farmers market for locals. Wednesday nights are a great time to swing by the farm stands to pick up great-tasting fresh veggies for the grill or summer salads. We look forward to welcoming our neighbors back to the Market and inviting them to enjoy the new MarketFront plaza as well,” said Ben Franz-Knight, Executive Director of the Pike Place Market Preservation and Development Authority (PDA).

The Wednesday Evening Market, on Pike Place, will host more than a dozen local farmers, making it easy for shoppers and downtown workers to purchase blueberries, raspberries and other in-season produce at the end of the day. To celebrate the start of the summer growing season, an opening celebration on Wednesday, May 31 will featuring kids’ activities, live music and a short ceremony with special guests.

The [Pike Place MarketFront](#) plaza, opening this spring, will allow Evening Market shoppers to enjoy the spectacular views of Puget Sound while enjoying artisan bites like gourmet tamales, from Market vendors. Families will enjoy new public artworks such as local artist Clare Dohna’s *Northwest Microcosm*, a mosaic

wall, and the presence of Billie the Piggy Bank, Rachel the Piggy Bank's cousin who trotted her way up Western Avenue to her new home in the MarketFront.

In addition to the Evening Market at Pike Place, the Market brings weekly farmers markets to City Hall Plaza (Tuesdays), South Lake Union (Thursdays), First Hill (Fridays) and new this summer, The Regrade (Tuesdays) during the summer months. They are open on a weekly basis from Tuesday, May 30 through early fall, giving downtown shoppers the opportunity to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables, flower bouquets and value-added farm products such as honey, dried fruit, jam and more.

All Pike Place Market farmers markets accept debit and credit cards, EBT, WIC and Senior FMNP. The markets, which operate under Washington State Farmers Market Association guidelines, also provide EBT matching through the City of Seattle's Fresh Bucks program. Additionally, this summer, each market will pilot a WIC/Senior FMNP matching program, with sponsorship from the Newman's Own Foundation and the Pike Place Market Foundation.

Hours and locations of Pike Place Market Farmers Markets

Pike Place Market Farmers Markets

Markets Begin Tuesday, May 30, 2017

City Hall Plaza

Tuesdays

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

[600 4th Ave](#)

The Regrade Market

Tuesdays - *starts Tuesday, June 20, 2017

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

[7th and Lenora](#)

Pike Place Evening Market

Wednesdays

3 to 7 p.m.

[Pike Place at Pine St.](#)

South Lake Union Market

Thursdays

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

[410 Terry Ave. N](#)

First Hill Market

Fridays

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

[9th Ave and University St.](#)

For more information about Pike Place Market's new farmers market season, visit www.pikeplacemarket.org/farmers-market.

***Pike Place Market** is Seattle's original farmers market, founded in 1907, and is one of the oldest continuously operating public markets in the U.S. The market operates within a nine-acre historic district*

and is a bustling neighborhood of hundreds of vendors, residents and businesses, including farmers, craftspeople, independent shops, buskers, and residents, many of whom are low-income seniors, and five social service agencies. www.pikeplacemarket.org

The Pike Place Market Preservation & Development Authority (PDA) *is a not-for-profit, public corporation chartered by the City of Seattle in 1973 to manage the properties in the nine-acre Market Historic District. The PDA is required to preserve, rehabilitate and protect the Market's buildings, increase opportunities for farm and food retailing in the Market, incubate and support small and marginal businesses, and provide services and affordable housing for low-income people.*

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