



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Pike Place Market Express at City Hall Plaza Starts June 23

Fresh fruits, flowers and vegetables from Pike Place Market farmers to transform City Hall into a land o' plenty each Tuesday through the summer

SEATTLE – City Hall's plaza will host a farmers market a la Pike Place Market 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Tuesdays this summer from June 23 through September 29. Nearby residents and workers will enjoy a variety of fresh-from-the-farm foods provided by local growers. Taste the difference as Alm Hill Gardens brings their finest assortment of fresh, organic vegetables and berries, while Tiny's Organics will sell cherries, apricots, peaches, plums, pluots and apples. Martin Family Orchards will have cherries, peaches, pears and apples, and Baird Orchards will bring garlic and potatoes as well as their apricots and apples. Shoppers will see a wide variety of organic greens and more from Carnation's Full Circle Farm.

"It's great that folks at City Hall and other offices will be able to enjoy the Market's fresh fruits and veggies right here in the neighborhood," said Mayor Greg Nickels. "Summer brings a wonderful bounty, and City Hall Plaza will make a lively farmers market."

Flowers from Bao Cha and lavender from Linda Boitano will brighten office or home. Look for more growers to take part in this premiere season at City Hall Plaza, too.

This new farmers market is part of an effort to expand selling opportunities for local farmers and to help promote sustainable agriculture and healthy eating. It's also a chance for folks who don't get to Pike Place Market as often as they'd like to get fresh foods from some of the most popular farmers around Seattle. The market was initiated by Seattle City Council President Richard Conlin, sponsor of the Local Food Action Initiative, and supported by the Seattle City Council.

"Making healthy food choices should be fun," states Conlin. "I can't wait to see the Plaza alive with workers and residents meeting local producers of fruits, vegetables, and flowers. There will also be an opportunity to share the bounty by donating to a local food bank."

Pike Place Market Express at City Hall Plaza will happen 10 a.m. – 2p.m. Tuesdays, June 23 – September 29. City Hall Plaza is located on Fourth Avenue, between James and Cherry Streets.

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