



Market Hours:

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 am – 6:00 pm
Saturday 8:00 – 5:00 pm
333 North Cedar Street – 1/2 block north of the Lansing Center
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THE MARKET WATCH

A Michigan Winter Market

Winter has cloaked mid-Michigan in its white, icy shroud, heightening the stark contrast of our out-of-doors landscape and the colors, sounds, aromas and festive feel of the Lansing City Market. The “open year ’round” aspect of your public market has never been more evident, nor more compelling, then on a cold December day prior to Christmas. The warmth you will feel shopping at the Market is unparalleled. Nearly every holiday necessity, both food and gift, are available from our incredibly diverse community of vendors. Although, at the moment, the focus is on the holiday season, the City Market will continue to serve the region’s needs for wholesome, sustainable food and unique offerings throughout winter’s lengthy reign. Currently, both the east and west sides of the market are open. We hope to continue this system throughout the early months of 2009 due to our growing number of new, dynamic vendors and dedicated core businesses.

The vendors of the Lansing City Market wish to make this last winter season in our storied 70-year-old building, one of merriment and good cheer for all who enter. As much as we are thrilled and excited about our new venue along the “banks of the Grand,” it is with fond remembrance and deep gratitude to our predecessors that we walk these aisles for the last few times. The success of our transition to a new market site and structure will be dependant on continuing the momentum and spirit we have fashioned as a community in our current setting.

The Lansing City Market has not been unscathed by the current temporary worldwide economic downturn. Now is the time, more then ever, to embrace the “buy local” concept which has become a movement of great significance across this land.

Why purchase from local merchants?

There are multiple reasons, but three of the most relevant are: the dollars are kept in the community by supporting your neighbor’s livelihood; there is enhanced quality through direct accountability and vendor pride; and environmental benefits are realized through the energy savings and sustainable practices.

Also, there is a pleasant exchange that accompanies a purchase from someone directly involved with the product, whether grower, value-added merchant or artisan. The disconnect one feels with just buying “stuff” from a big-box store is most definitely absent when shopping at the Lansing City Market. So we encourage you to look to us first and foremost for all your needs. A complete listing of vendors is available on the web at www.lansingcitymarket.com. You may also call anytime to inquire if a particular product is available; the Market number is 517-483-7460. Shopping at the City Market is a truly satisfying experience!

EVENTS AT THE MARKET

Saturday, Dec. 20 – Live music by Ryan Apple

Saturday, Dec. 20 – The Kids Repair Program has been in business for more than 12 years, and our focus is teaching 9- to 12-year-old students how to repair, maintain, and safely care for bicycles. On Dec. 20 “KRP” will be at the Market, accepting donations of \$25-35 for bicycles ready to ride.

Saturday, Jan. 10 – Live music by Medicine Crow



The New Market

The pace has quickened as the decision-making process heads toward finalization of both the site plan and structure that will become home to the new Lansing City Market.

All of the stakeholders have been actively involved: from the vendors and customers to management and city planners to all the consultants, whether architect, landscape designer, builder, or academic market expert. We have assembled a team that is leaving nothing to chance. A December 18 public meeting at the Lansing Center at 6 p.m., is being held to demonstrate progress-to-date and seek input from the general public on the market. For the first time, meeting attendees will see a close-to-true rendition of the design plan.

There are no indications of any nature that the project will not proceed as planned. Ground-breaking is set to begin the first week in April 2009. We will utilize the time until then to complete architectural work and proceed with the bidding process for implementation.

An exciting facet to the development of the new Market on park land along the Lansing River Trail is that the city has been awarded a Clean Michigan Initiative (CMI) grant. This grant of approximately 3 million dollars will be used for beautification of both the east and west sides of the Grand River between Michigan Avenue and Shiawassee Street. This riverfront face-lift will be taking place simultaneously with construction of the new market.

All parties will be working in conjunction with one another to blend design and utilitarian aspects in order to harmonize and enhance the look and feel of our market. We can not imagine a more opportune and catalytic grant venture to have occurred; this will be the capstone for a truly spectacular new Lansing City Market, as we enter our second 100 years of existence.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY HOURS

The week of Christmas:

Tuesday and Wednesday Dec. 23 & 24:
Open 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

CLOSED Christmas Day and Friday Dec. 26

Saturday Dec. 27
Open 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

The week of New Year's:

Tuesday and Wednesday Dec. 30 & 31:
Open 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

CLOSED New Year's Day and Friday, Jan. 2

Saturday Jan. 3
Open 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

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.

Current Market Vendors

A Basket by Sharl – Fresh flower bouquets and uniquely designed gift baskets

Alice's Kitchen – Baked goods, all-natural beef and goat, spices, sausages, and bacon

Anna & Co. – Silk and dried flower décor, gifts and crafts

Appleschram Organic Orchard – Organic local apples, seasonal produce, and Michigan pasture-raised pork, beef, poultry, and eggs

Bob's Wife's Soap – Homemade, hand-carved soap

Cravings Gourmet Popcorn – Flavored gourmet popcorns and kettle corn

East Lansing Food Co-Op – Organic and local baking needs, Michigan dairy products, organic vegetables and fruits, and many other organic products

Fresh Lake Whitefish Co. – Fresh, Great Lakes fish and smoked fish products

Get Mint Trading Co. – 100% pure and natural mint products including essential oils, soil rejuvenator, and all-natural cleaning solution

Green River Café – Soups, salads, sandwiches, wraps, and desserts made from natural, organic and local ingredients

Hickory Corners Garden & Nursery – Christmas trees, fresh wreaths, perennials, annuals, hanging baskets, flowering trees, and shrubs

Hill's Cheese – Cheeses from around the world and some delicious organic cheeses from Michigan

Maria's Garden – Late season produce

Materagaia – Home brewing supply shop, specializing in organic brewing ingredients

MOO-ville Quality Creamery – Non-homogenized milk, homemade ice cream and other fresh dairy products

Otto's Chicken – All natural Michigan chicken, eggs and spices

Riverside Studios – Fused or stained glass art and jewelry and vintage silverware jewelry

Saverine Creek Heirlooms – Jewelry crafted from certified organic, rare and heirloom seeds

Seif Foods – Mediterranean cuisine and baked goods

Shoua's Kitchen – Chinese & Thai cuisine and baked goods

Simmons Family Farm – Michigan organic grains, whole grain pancake, waffle, cornbread, and cookie mixes, honey and maple syrup

Simply Michigan – Unique Michigan product and gift baskets

Soulful Earth Herbals – Handcrafted lotions, healing salves, body scrubs, bath treatments and soaps

Uhlianuk's Specialties from the Farm – Hand-crafted twig furniture and other nature-inspired garden and home décor, produce in season

Weaver's Webb – Hand-woven fiber art, wearable and displayable
Westwind Milling – Fresh breads and deserts plus pancake, muffin and desert mixes, and certified organic flours

Wild Rose – Unique one-of-a-kind accessories for the home and garden, custom-planted pots and baskets, and cut flowers

The Wood Shop – Impeccable handmade wood furniture

Please visit www.lansingcitymarket.com for details about vendor products.
