

Survey Responses

1. Would you attend a small farmers market in Whitmore Lake?

Definitely -- **437**

Probably - **83**

Maybe - **21**

Unlikely - **6**

2. When would you be most likely to attend the farmers market?

Thursday 5:00-8:00 pm -- **196**

Friday 5:00-8:00 pm -- **198**

Sunday 10:00 am-2:00 pm -- **425**

Other (write-in responses) - **most frequent response was some time Saturday - 89**

Any time - **3**

Saturday mornings - **27**

Saturday - **30**

Saturday 8:00-1:00pm - **1**

Saturday 8am-2pm - **3**

Saturday 10-2 - **11**

Saturday 10-3 pm - **1**

Saturday 10 am-6pm - **1**

Saturday late morning or afternoons -- **1**

Saturday 6:00 am-11:00 am, Wednesday 6:00 am-11:00 am - **1**

Saturday 8:00 to 5:00 - **1**

Saturday 9-2 - **4**

Saturday 9 to noon - **1**

Saturday 0600 - 09:00 - **1**

Saturday 900 to 300pm - **1**

Saturday 8-12 - **2**

Saturday 10-5 - **1**

Saturday or Sunday mornings, 9-12

Saturday mornings/afternoons. If it was a contained area in the lawn alcohol could be served...I think you'd have a lot of people coming to mingle and look around.

Saturday and Sunday afternoons

Weekends 10 am- 2 pm OR Monday-Friday 4 pm - 8 pm

Any day except Sunday

Wednesday evening would be good too

Any other morning times (other day). Maybe one weekday evening from 5-8 and one weekend 10-2, to accommodate people's schedules
Not at the same time as other markets
After 3pm during the week
Monday-Tuesday 9am-7pm
Any afternoons
9am-4pm Thursday-Sunday
Monday or Tuesday mornings (8-12ish)

3. What would you be interested in purchasing at the farmers market?

Produce (fruits, vegetables) - **535**

Eggs - **349**

Meat - **221**

Cheese/Dairy Products - **291**

Baked goods (breads, pies, cookies) - **424**

Prepared foods (jam, pickles, pre-made mixes, ready to eat cold foods) - **368**

Flowers, plant starts -- **408**

Honey, maple syrup - **354**

Food from local restaurants -- **242**

Food from food trucks -- **363**

Crafts/artwork - **307**

Other (please specify)

Food demonstrations, wine tasting, coffee or bottled water for donation to fireworks

OMG if you could find a local food truck that makes crepes, I'd be first in line every week.

I don't want food from local restaurants. I can get that anytime I want so I don't need this at the farmers' market too. And I would rather have a NON commercial vibe at the farmers' market. Let's focus on those who NEED a market for their business instead of those who already have a well established market in their local restaurants.

Covid has been brutal for local restaurants. Not the time to bring in food trucks to compete with your tax paying businesses. Give them a chance to sell food there.

I am especially interested in ORGANIC non-GMO fruit/veg and GRASS-FED (non grain) meats. I buy soap and some cleaning products at the Howell mkt - not sure if that's under "crafts" Also does meat include fish? I've gotten fish also.

Support local home based business IE Paparazzi, Avon, Mary Kay ETC...

Fresh herbs like dill, etc., ready to use in foods (not plant starts).

Certified organic produce/fruits would be great! Local farm produce.

Coffee stand/cider/lemonade (seasonable)

Spices and sauces

Cards

Coffee!! Whole bean, ground, served fresh on site in a latte or espresso form. Maybe Peaberry could have a coffee cart? M-36 Coffee company could have a booth selling their product?

Antiques

4. Do you currently purchase goods from a farmers market? If so, which one(s)?

Yes (no specific market specified) - **10**

Sometimes - **3**

Rarely - **2**

No - **32**

Alexanders - **17**

Ann Arbor - **139**

Brighton - **138**

Chelsea - **4**

Dexter - **24**

Dixboro -- **22**

Eastern Market - **23**

Farmington - **6**

Hartland - **4**

Howell - **45**

Northville - **12**

Pittsfield - **6**

Plymouth - **11**

Saline - **6**

South Lyon - **46**

Webster - **2**

Westland - 2

Ypsilanti - 7

Bently's

Blocks -- 2

Canton

East Tawas

Fenton

Flint

Fowlerville

Green Oak

Greenfield Village

Holly

Lewiston

Manchester

Oakland County

Port Huron

Royal Oak

Toano, VA

Tantre Farm

Toledo

Traverse City

Vassar --2

Waterford

Whitney's Farm

Zingerman's

Any I happen to be in the area for on the right day. Howell, Dixboro, Chelsea, South Lyon, Ann Arbor, Detroit and while traveling.

[...] Pre COVID my employer held one bi monthly. [...]

No, they're usually during the workday.

[...], Port Austin, [...] and when we travel we look for farmers markets available there.

I do not and would love to purchase from a farm market but would not like to drive far to do so. This would be good and also bring the town together.

No. Northville's is too far and South Lyon's is on Saturday which I can't do

[...], used to love A2 before covid insanity. I love farmer's markets and would go to more if I could. I really want to support farmers, esp Amish

[...], farm truck in hamburg

Only while in our home in California.

[...], any that I see

When I worked in Ann Arbor I went every Monday and Wednesday. When my family was young I went every Saturday to the downtown one.

No, because most are not open on Sundays, or evenings

No... most of the others are not at a convenient time or location for me.

Not currently. I did go weekly when I lived in California.

No, nothing closer than SL too much traffic.

None currently. Alexander's before.

No - parking at the AA farmer's market is too crazy for me

[...] Local Farm and Produce Stands. [...]

[...] sometimes Milford

[...] during the holidays I will shop-Dexter, Dixboro, Royal Oak)

[...] not convenient. Do go to Alexanders on occasion.

[...] and a freezer CSA

Pittsfield farmers market (Thursdays) is doing a great job. I would connect with them. I also get a subscription from Argus in Ann Arbor.

No but I would if we had local/I buy from the local farm stands.

Too far away. [...]

Sometimes [...]. But it seems far so we just don't get there often.

More so farm stands I encounter. Most markets are Saturday mornings I found and I work nightshift on Fridays... never make it to the markets

Bentley Farms roadside Stands

Not too often but always liked them

5. What do you like/dislike about the market(s) you attend?

I like a variety of LOCAL offerings. I like when the market participated in EBT, Senior Fresh, SNAP, etc... as a way to get fresh produce into the hands of the disadvantaged. A strong leadership is important, advertising to the local customers, keeping people aware of what is available and what is coming. Offering value added items such as recipes using seasonally available items or have a chef show how to use items available at the market, that day, to make a meal. A strong variety is important. Be sure, if you are going to call it a farmer's market that the emphasis is on farmers. All the other (artisans, makers, musicians, etc.) are a bonus, value adding additions but the majority should be farm offerings.

Poor publicity

Too many vendors crammed into too small a space, very difficult to walk around, not disability friendly.

Buy local; meet neighbors.

Parking is crazy in Brighton! I have left because I couldn't get a spot!!

I do not want to see any of the home party sales brands: Pampered Chef, Tupperware, Color Street Nails, etc., or the pre-packaged commercial dip mixes, hot sauces, imported wares, and similar that do not originate from one local business. If it wasn't made at or harvested from a local business I will not stop at that tent – I can buy those things in many other places. I enjoy trying new produce/cheeses or different food truck/restaurant offerings, buying native perennials and veg/herb started plants, and shopping artists' wares for home/gifts.

-fresh egg options (like) – locally grown when available (like) – commercial vendors (dislike) – political stuff (really dislike) – plants and flowers for planting (like) – lack of parking (dislike)

Love a variety of products that most have

The Farmers Markets bring a special bond to the community, and a lot of time, a great atmosphere. When I lived in California, a lot of the city's in Orange County had Farmers Markets, they were great. I have not actually seen any here in Washtenaw County!

Alexanders...I shop there all the time and would continue unless prices were lower at a different local market

I want to support local, SUSTAINABLE farming as that is good for the environment. I want to support local private enterprises as that is good for my community. I like the freshness of local products.

Parking availability, drive

Dislike that a lot have crap and not FOOD. Dislike people sell produce they don't grow, they go to wholesaler and resale at Farmers Market

Love the local produce. Dislike companies with booths trying to sell services (ex. Verizon)

No washrooms

[Dixboro] Not enough vendors but great parking

No parking

Parking is always an issue

They always have wonderful home goods

Lack of parking, 20 minute commute

Enjoy getting fresh products and supporting local farmers, etc.

It's difficult to park at the A2 market. It would be nice to have a weekday evening option (the Wed A2 market closes before I get off work).

Shopping local, meeting people in my area

Expensive and not enough organically grown

I love everything about the markets. Especially supporting your local business

Overcrowding, mask requirement (A2).

Community atmosphere

Hours no one close by

Convenient

Like to browse and try samples of various varieties. Love the freshness of being picked that day. Dislike when the prices are way way more than I can get going to the grocery store.

Prices, variety

When they limit vendors to only home made/farm vendors. Shopping local should include home based business.

Booths on top of other booths. I like them a little spaced out.

A lot of the same things we need more variety

Fresh vegetables and fruits. Not picked sometime in past and shipped for (who knows how long).

Variety, visual/colorful appeal, slow easy pace of browsing and chatting. Fresh local produce.

Too small, not enough for interest. A coffee stand would be great.

Variety in vendors

South Lyon has no parking, very few people selling and many selling the same products

Nothing

Poor selection

Make sure aisle is spacious to limit crowding

Like: local produce Dislike: unverified store bought produce, too many crafty items

If the area is large, I prefer some seating. If food trucks, need trash cans available

Dumb craft stuff

Although Brighton is fairly close to Whitmore Lake, we wish we had something more local and something that gives back to our great community

A lot of variety and good quality product

N/a

Love all of them

Locally grown food, no GMOs

Offering store bought/out of season produce. Not interested in arts/crafts.

Dirty

I worry about parking

Too many dogs....

Love to support local farmers and small businesses.

Plymouth has a fantastic Farmer's Market. It's a half day on Saturday mornings. Nice selection and not too big. Northville is my least favorite FM.

Fresh produce

Like it all

Love local fresh produce

Not enough vendors

Proximity, timing, variety

Fresh, organic produce Not enough vendors

Fresh!

Fresh produce, variety of items

Like them when I can get to them Make sure there is parking – that is a problem

The freshness of products

Small stuff out of their house products. Goofy jewelers with homemade earrings and bracelets. Silly clothes for dolls. A Farmers market should sell things that are grown not crafts.

Fresh produce is fantastic

You are getting fresh and supporting local!

I love access to local farmers!

[text appears to be missing] produce normally from local farmers. I do purchase other things. Such as food from food trucks and handmade crafts from local artists.

I like the fresh produce, breads and cheeses. Talking to the people Probably the only dislike is having to drive to the other locales.

If they are strictly cash-only. I understand this is a booth-to-booth decision.

Have not attended one

They end too early!!

Variety of products, including non-food like little crafts and plants

Too small, too few choices

Too busy too clustered

I like it when it's easy for a merchant to participate.

Not enough parking

Muddy

I like atmosphere, the people and browsing

Pros: Community, supporting local vendors, variety in items, learning about what is in our area.
Cons: Pushy vendors. No where to park. Too many Cannabis/CBD vendors Items there not kid friendly

Set up is usually horrible. Or not enough products.

I like it all.

Dislike parking if it's too complicated. Likes: selections of buying things local, atmosphere

Better parking would be a big plus. No MLM stuff, only genuine crafts.

Enjoy when they have fresh coffee in the morning

I really like when there is some live music or an excited atmosphere. Fresh food is fun, something for kids to do is fun, pet-friendly as well.

Cost for renting a booth inflates the prices so much that farmers can't compete with other purchase avenues, therefore I tend not to buy anything

I love the fresh food and the local artist's crafts

I love them and prefer to do shopping there when I can

Too much arts and crafts don't like that

I like them on a paved area where it is easier to walk.

Nothing

Unsure

Supporting local products and people

I like the fresh produce. I don't like when they are held on a week day when I cannot attend. Weekends are better.

Local

I dislike crafts

Friendly & close!

Vendors too crowded together.

Parking is always hard to find near by in Ann arbor. I love the atmosphere and the hospitality of our local farmers and families.

I like the local honey. I like to support our local farmers and growers

I love the atmosphere and the quality of goods that come with buying from farms

It's a fun experience

It's hard attending during the week.

Limited hours

Love variety of fresh produce

Eastern Market way to big and driving time, Ann Arbor items are a little pricey I feel.

Nowadays the crowds would be a concern. I generally like the organized chaos and seeing people share the things they are passionate about with others while making money doing it.

I love fresh produce, baked goods and buying local

Lack of nutrition info on products

Small, not enough variety

I've been to some that are too small, some have bad produce, or too high-priced

Variety may be lacking and in the case of A2 market, prices are high

Like that the Ann Arbor one has tokens that you can purchase with a credit card to use with the vendors as I often don't have cash on hand unless I plan ahead.

I love the fresh products and buying local

Hours being while I'm at work in the day

Hours are never convenient. Parking is always impossible.

Variety, small biz owners

The home grown or home made stuff

Hard to find parking. Everything is cramped together and hard to navigate.

Prices are high

Timing of the markets on Saturday mornings prevent my attendance

Haven't been to too many

Selections too limited

Variety of available items

Most often cheaper than retail stores, freshness of produce and baked goods.

Dislike: Lack of parking, lack of variety, lack of spacing between stands. Like: Fresh foods, friendly people, something local to do in the evenings with the family.

Local products! Support local. Minimal/no pesticides.

One time a dog and I scared each other. He was sleeping under table.

Not enough vendors of fruits and vegetables. Too many commercial booths too many junk crafty booths.

Arts and crafts, high-priced prepared foods that are not freshly made. Impossible parking because the market is in too tightly centered location.

I like everything in one area to shop instead of going store to store

The outdoor atmosphere and the fresh local produce

Fun. Nice

I rather purchase items directly from farmers and small independent business women. Previous Whitmore Lake Farmers Market sold prepackaged items from Local Business (e.g. tomatoes in packaging I could get from Polly's)

Like: things that are enjoyed while browsing (coffee/beads/etc.), diverse options, easily accessed
dislike: when it's only a stand or 2, space is too small to let people move comfortably

I love to buy local and I like the atmosphere of a farmers market and I might even sign up as a vendor for a small

A place to stroll around, see and try new foods, fresh veggies and fruit, interesting goods, see community members.. all likes.

Great to support local farmers and business

I like that all the money stays local and that it helps put food on tables of families instead of corporates.

Nothing

Colorful, lots of in season produce

People bringing their dogs

A lot of the same things by different vendors

No available parking for the Ann Arbor Farmers Market

Fresh produce, being able to talk to the farmers

Crowds, not enough plain produce

The freshness of products and the crafts.

I do prefer Saturdays. I like ample parking.

I don't attend markets, but do enjoy visiting Craft shows and the entertainments associated with them.

Fresh products. Supporting local economy.

Alexander's freshness

Love farmers markets! Love the sense of community and let's locals showcase their various goods/products. I'd much rather buy from a farmers market than a regular store

I like buying from local growers.

I don't like when a farmers market looks thrown together and disheveled. It makes me second-guess the quality of items I'm purchasing. I like when the vendors have pride of ownership and their section looks nice and inviting.

Not enough produce

I like supporting local farmer's.

Variety of vendors is generally good, often the vendors don't seem interested in the customer – I like the friendly vendors

Cash

Like: local produce, organic produce, support of local and regional farmers and producers, having a variety of things to choose from, encountering neighbors and meeting new people, bringing my dog so we can go for a walk before or after going to the market (however, dogs are not welcome at the Ann Arbor farmer market), places to sit and eat and talk, live music (Dixboro farmer's market has live music). Prefer to have a farmer's market not only on weekends, but also mid-week.

Inconsistency with hours and products offered

People bring their dogs, no dog is perfect all the time.

It's all local and you can find great deals

I like Brighton because it offers a variety of products to choose from

Need to have parking, love the plants and food in Detroit

Accessibility Too commercialized

Vendors that only want to sell you a service

Too expensive, once paid \$4.00 for one large tomato, ridiculous.

Fresh seasonal food

Online ordering, participating in EBT/WIC/DUFB, having allergy friendly vendors

Products sold

I like buying local and fresh

Variety of products and items are wonderful

Parking is hard to find

Ann Arbor's is huge and they have an odd array of stuff there. The Dexter one is pretty small, but it is good.

Like the variety

Friendly people and fresh food

Locally grown. Organic. No pesticides. Fresh.

Don't like it when there are dozens of craft stalls and not many product/farm vendors.

Crowds

Haven't attended one

Odd timing during the work week

All the people enjoying life.

I would love to see local meats and butchers.

Like all of them

Booths with non farmer like things...Avon, etc.

Ones that sell crafts and store bought garbage. It's not a flea market, it's a farmer market.

I like it all.

Liked: wide variety of foods offered

Like the local variety and supporting the local farmers.

Fresh foods and the social outing

Variety

Love farmers market, they provide fresh product and I love Supporting local farmers and company's.

Parking can be a problem

I love the seasonal items, the hand made stuff, just about everything the vendors bring. And it always changes.

Not enough produce vendors

Dislike all the crafts. Junk.

I love them all!

I like it that south lyon do not prohibit dogs (as ann arbor does) I like getting to know the regular organic vendors dixboro has entertaining live music and events, make the market lots of fun for all!

Ann Arbor is too busy. Parking is difficult.

I like meeting local vendors my son loves the baked goods and honey stands

Need to accept more than cash

I love the fresh produce, food, crafters and live music that some have. Hours are important.

Little variety/Same types of vendors. Also vendors who clearly purchase goods to sell instead of producing/growing themselves

Fresh produce, variety of products, organic options, live music, coffee cart, baked goods options

I love everything about farmers markets except the parking.

Variety and enough vendors make it a good experience.

Saturday early hours only and markets that are more material art than foods

Dislikes – Parking, Selection of products, Not enough vendors, Vendors are not dependable (they are not there every week)

Like: FRESH LOCAL FOOD Dislike: nothing except the drive to get there.

When my kids were smaller, I loved the farmers market that had a kids activity. Sometimes they would have music.

Lack of organic options, still love them all

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Crowds. Parking. Bad Unique products. Locally sourced. Good

Love them!

Political signs on display and being distributed/ Petition drives.

[...]I just like to browse through

They are fine

Fruits and vegetables

It's fun to look around at the products.

Hours are not for people who work weekdays. They need to cater to those folks on weekends or evenings.

Crowds

Community engagement

I like the quality (organic) and freshness of the products.

Freshness, reasonable pricing, supporting local farmers without middlemen. Brighton is a good example – not too big or too small. Obviously, Brighton has many more resources and more population to support a more ambitious venture, but using that as a scaled-down model would be great.

Too many crafts and non-consumable items

Home grown crops. Don't always like the high prices.

Like that I meet local farmers, knowing that I am supporting local farmers. Getting fresh produce and products.

I enjoy being able to support local families and businesses

Not enough produce

The freshness of produce and plants

Buying local, freshness of product. Being able to support local community.

Love the variety of products

I do not think mlm should be allowed

Cleanliness is huge in me determining if I come back Also, atmosphere and location. A parking lot, if used, should be small, and cars should no be able to park closer to stands/stalls.

Not enough choice limited hours

Variety, seasonal fresh produce, baked goods

Variety, meeting the artists/growers, keeping my money supporting local business. Dislike the mark up of prices in Ann Arbor.

Love the variety of local goods, produce and fresh flowers

Like it all

Love them

Love the fresh fruit and veggies

Dogs

Pricey

Like them

How prices on some items in my [sic]

I like the fresh produce and to be able to buy from small businesses

I like it all it gets me out and moving and something interesting to see and buy fresh produce and anything else I find interesting

When a community can help local farmers

Too many people

Arts & Crafts. I don't go there for that.

Good produce and access to meats

Just love going to farmers markets

I like meeting and talking to the venders. The fresh produce is great.

Like the variety

Like that it's local, love community vibe

Like it all

Parking problems, it has to have good convenient parking!

Love farmer's markets but most are not located conveniently for me.

I like the variety.

Lack of organic produce. I love buying directly from farmers

Dislike: lack of parking, more craft vendors than food and produce vendors. Like: Vendors that can take debit/credit cards, free or cheap onsite ATM or method to pay with card. A place to sit down in the shade.

Community, fresh food, social gathering

Love fresh foods and supporting local business and farmers

Would like more beverage options. Love outdoor décor

Since I do not have a green thumb, fresh vegetables and fruit.

Someone that is using their booth for a yard sale

I love all the different variety of stuff available at the market

Distance from home

I loved them all.

I love everything about them!

Not enough selection of goods.

Short hours

Lots of the same stuff, food is ok but crafty merchants & mlm

bs type crafts

Meeting the farmers and knowing where the food comes from

Following distancing guidelines

Love the variety and how it varies from event to event. As well as connecting with other local farmers and crafters

The distance. Would be great to have one that is local!!

Like the local fresh fruits and veggies. Fresh local eggs.

Crowded and not early enough

Nothing I love them

Love having access to fresh and diverse products

Freshness of what I am purchasing. I like buying locally

I like buying local, so the more local vendors, the better. Also, I don't really go to ones that are really small unless there's something specific I want.

I have really enjoyed the live acoustic music from local musicians.

Love fresh produce

Boxed and obviously store bought (and expensive) produce.

When they are small and do not contain enough options or are full of garage sale type tents.

'Junk' booths; i.e., anything not handmade

Likes that they are on weekends, there is ample parking, great Variety of things.

Supporting local families through our purchase and fresh local food and goods.

Too much crafts

Some are too small and have elevated prices.

Freshness

When it's not local produce or homemade

Likes: being able to walk around the community, live music, purchasing unique clothing or artwork. Dislike: Many of the vendors just purchase their produce/flowers from Eastern Market and try to profit, traffic it has caused in some downtown areas, MLM vendors

I love to browse farmers markets, flea markets ect

They always take place when I am at work so it is hard to attend

Low vendor turnout

I love them. I really like talking to the vendors.

I enjoy them. Need a good variety of stuff and lots of vendors.

I like the atmosphere in Howell (music, location, etc.)

Hours not enough

Too many knick knacks and no enough food

Nothing I love them I go to Brightons every year

I love supporting local people Buying fresh produce doesn't get any better than at a Farmers Market. Farmers Markets often sell things at better prices than a grocery store. It's something fun to do.

Like the variety Dislike lack of parking.

If parking is difficult I am less likely to attend

Likes: supporting farm to table, good variety of vendors, shopping local, creating a community connection, coffee & breakfast treats while shopping. Dislikes: how can you dislike the market? Maybe poor parking is the only downside but like... farmers markets are awesome.

I love all the local stuff.

Limited produce to choose from.

In general I like the fresh grown vegetables. If Alexander's were to put a outlet at the market it would be a good draw. And I think the market should be at minimum a 2 day event like a Saturday and Sunday

Need to have adequate parking

Local organic produce

Like: seeing friendly people, variety of fresh produce. Dislike: high prices – higher than stores.

Like the early time on weekend

Variety of things offered, supporting local businesses.

Dislike Parking availability Like the variety of products

Parking to far away from the actual market.

Organic and local I like

Really fresh produce.

Need more sitting places/park benches Some hand sanitizer stations Trash bins/ toilets

We can use EBT by charging the card at the office to get market tokens, then spending the money on each vendor. That way we can buy local food

They are a great alternative to grocery stores. Supporting local producers would be super!

Local vendors, family run businesses, no middle man

Dislike a lack of shade

When not local food

I love the variety and the longer window of time they are open

Small area space & narrow Isle

Local, support farmers, discover new business nearby, sense of community.

Not enough parking.

For Ann Arbor, over priced and too much artwork. Block's is reasonable, but can be a far drive.

Like: local/fresh. Supporting local business. Dislike: expensive, not always convenient hours.

Fresh produce and baked goods.

Like- fresh produce from local farms Dislike- expensive, crowded

6. Would you be interested in volunteering to help organize the farmers market, or to volunteer on market days? If so, please provide your contact information.

103 people signed up to potentially volunteer! We will be contacting them separately.

7. Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?

You need plenty of vendors. I am only a purchaser.

The best markets are easy in, easy out, with plenty of parking and walking areas which are well separated so cars and shoppers don't cross paths. There is only one place to accomplish this in the area: the strip mall off of 23. Anywhere else would cause confusion, massive traffic/parking problems, and disgruntled shoppers who will go elsewhere if it is too cramped, congested, or difficult. With so many stores closed in that mall and the huge available parking lot it would be a great place to set up. The best ones also have good signs making it clear where/when it is days ahead, and where to park. Will get impulse shoppers off of 23 and the service drives. Might even attract someone who could fill one of the empty businesses.

I would be interested in being a condor/crafter

There should be a clear statement that ALL people who attend the farmers' market should wear masks and practice other necessary and reasonable hygiene. Science still requires that for our community's public health. It's too bad that there are people in our community who deny scientific fact and are so selfish to endanger others' lives. Their right NOT to wear a mask ends where others' rights to remain healthy and to NOT get exposed begin. It is unconscionable that there are those who choose willful ignorance over science and who choose selfishness over the democratic principle of The Common Good. Sorry I cannot

volunteer at this time as I do NOT know what your masking requirements will be. I cannot endanger my health and life because others are too ignorant or so unwilling to wear masks because they cannot understand I have the right to remain healthy.

Chicken Broil, like the Manchester Chicken Broil. It raises a lot of money

Where would vendors and customers park?????

Start with a two hour time and expand if necessary. Have a gimmick like a coupon for a free something or other to get people to go to first time. Like a free farmers market bag when they give you their email address. Have some type of recycling available, is that is really lacking in our community.

I prefer to buy organic.

It may take a while for a new farmer's market to become established so I hope you will give it sufficient time to do so. I think it would be great to also try and get high school kids involved, in both organizing the FM as well as growing veggies for the market. If people knew kids from the town were selling things at the market they'd want to come out and support it. Same for seniors: it would be a nice way to get the seniors interacting with the younger kids that way. And for the little ones, maybe they could have a little gardening or cooking project/activity at the market, to encourage parents with young children to attend. If there are other things going on besides the market itself I think that may help to establish it and build support.

If there were any marijuana related products/crafts, I would not attend.

Would love to see one started.

Keep it simple in regard to setup and décor. Farmers markets are meant to highlight what's being offered.

We've lived here for 10 years and I would love to have something local to look forward to every week! We used to have a small one behind Polly at Kiwanis every so often, but emphasis on "small". Be nice to host a larger one near the water, Dee's, etc.

Easy access to parking, well advertised in advance, well organized with vendors set from the start, variety of items for sale

If Craft Vendors are included in this Farmers market, I may be interested in participating and would like further information if and when this would happen, like a public announcement (possible Facebook post) for sign up and registration for such instance.

Whitmore Lake needs to offer more to their residents.

Would be most successful at the North Village Park area. Side streets less successful. School parking lot yes as temporary option.

We grow our own fruits and vegetables so there is no need for us to attend a farmer's market. We buy our eggs and honey from a neighbor. My brother also sells his beef at various farmers market so no need for us to purchase any from a farmer's market. In order for farmers to participate and their success, you will need a lot of participation and traffic from the community. Otherwise, the farmers will set up at other markets.

I hope this works out!

Love the idea

Great idea, good luck

Love this idea! It could be once a month or very two months to get started.

Whitmore Lake needs to step up their game and have events that are robust and will attract people to spend money at local businesses. The country bumpkin events are not what people want.

I suggest going big or not doing it at all. Include a popular food truck (I can help with that), have someone willing to play music for a couple hours (I can help with that), and having local farmers offer their products. I would also reach out to local crafters (I can help with that) to set up booths. You really should make an impact on the first and second event. I personally would waive the fees for the first and maybe second outing for the vendors. Once the market is established. You can begin to charge fees to the vendors to attend. I am more than happy to help advertise and draw ppl to this event.

Please do this!! It would be amazing for our community!

I would have a booth with cut flowers and edible flowers

Please make it super-easy for sellers to participate since we have many local farmers and growers. Please choose a good venue.

I'm glad to see that at least some of my suggestions are being followed. Now you just need to follow our own ordinance and keep the Park size to its 5 acres originally called for in our Master Plan, so that the additional 7.5 acres you enlarged the Park by can responsibly be used for Retail that is so desperately needed here. Otherwise, the economics of the situation will prevent the goals from ever being realized.

Nothing additional, except that I would absolutely love a farmers market here!

The Howell Farmers Market is the best one around. They usually have a little something for everybody. Try to mimic that

I hope we get one! It's just fun to stroll around checking all the goodies

Keep the prices down

I would love to see this happen.

I think this would be a great addition to our community

This would be an awesome thing for Whitmore Lake and I fully support this!

Please add a farmers market!!!

It just needs to be well organized and have good vendors

I'm interested in finding out how you will be reaching out to farmers and other vendors with the hope that you will stay as local as possible and ensure the wares are from non GMO =organic farms.

I think this is a great idea!

I would love to see more local activities.

I think a market would be a great idea. Would bring the town more together. I could attend with my hand made wood arts as I did during the fall fun fest.

Sounds like it could be a good opportunity for something new.

Make it affordable! Northfield Township is a food desert!! Make it accessible for EVERYONE! Do not set it up where parking is difficult or people cannot walk there easily!! Also, please include LOCAL businesses, such as Al Dente Pasta Company.

Maybe it could be on Wednesdays at or beside our community center and when there is extra stuff from food pantry could be available for the needy

I think in order for this to be a true success the first step should be talking to Farmers and making sure they really want to participate. Without that success will be difficult.

It would be good to have a booth with business cards, etc., so we can find LOCAL people and companies to hire who can do home repairs/projects/simple handyman repairs/sewing and mending/childcare/house cleaning/painting/yardwork and just general help.

Would love to have a spot if garden has come in

I would be more interested in buying directly from the farmers not retail establishments

A date night one night might be fun highlighting local brews/ wines/ chocolates along with the usual would be a fun one off but for the general I like the family friendly betting the kids option.

It would be good for the Township to attract visitors A quality Farmers market would help this
Thank you for considering this.

It would be great if you charged a small fee to vendors to participate in the market. Then, take that money and hire someone to paint a colorful mural on the big blank wall that Polly's Market owns. It would help to bring more life into Whitmore Lake. Love the small town feel but it's kind of drab.

I don't know that the time slots are ideal for vendors but if it proves to be ideal any of the days/times are actually good.

I personally would want to avoid any booths with MLM or politically related items.

I think this is an excellent opportunity for the community.

I love this idea for Whitmore Lake!

I think this is a beautiful idea. We've lost so much here....

I truly hope you decide to do this

In support of any kid friendly/or family events, music, craft stations, picnic tables or places to eat outdoors near where food trucks are stationed.

Something other than dispensary's would be nice. Whitmore Lake area is growing and home values are increasing. Let's give them something to continue the trend and build value to our community.

I hope this goes through, such a good opportunity for the community.

Yes, you are doing a great job with the new space

This area (Whitmore Lake, Pinckney, Brighton) really needs a good farmers market.

No music at the farmer's market, please.

It would be great to have a community garden also for people that need fresh fruits and vegetables.

I want to encourage local small farmers in the township and nearby

I would LOVE a farmer's market in Whitmore Lake so much!!! I have been wanting this for a long time. I would also suggest Saturday mornings/early afternoon.

I would love to see this in Whitmore Lake and would definitely buy produce/food 😊

Finally, a good suggestion for growth in our community instead of cheap housing, pot shops, and dollar stores!

I hope this works. Communities succeed when they spend locally.

A farmers market in WL could be highly desirable to the residents that aren't interested in a larger scale operation such as Kerry Town (AA). Vendors will love the ease of access to a booth or pad.

You may have difficulty in having vendors to draw enough customers to support the vendors coming

Lack of diversity in products

We tried to support a previous farmers market venture in Whitmore Lake several years ago at 75 Barker, but it was not well organized. There weren't many vendors, very inconsistent, and not much to choose from, so quite disappointing.

Please make this happen!!

<https://mifma.org/> is a great resource, just in case you weren't aware.

It would be a nice community addition especially if there was locally processed meats etc. at a reasonable price everything is so processed at the grocery stores

I think this is a great idea!

DO IT!!!

I would love to have one

I think this would be a great addition to our town. I have been to some farmers markets that had jump houses for the kids and rescues with pets to adopt and one had an icee truck as well as live music great vibe.

This is an amazing idea and I hope it gets through. So tired of all the crusty old timers who bully everything and if you aren't a white male, born here and own a local business or farm...they don't want you here. Yeah for progress in Whitmore Lake! We have owned our home for 11 years and keep praying for positive changes, we love it here.

To be successful, make sure it is well marketed

My dad is a small farmers market vendor and on that side to get and keep vendors: Look at other local markets and don't schedule at the same time. Don't be too expensive to setup, be organized and consistent with spots, let vendors have the same spot if they come back regularly. Keep the place clean and have trash and bathrooms available.

I'm excited at having a farmers market right close to home

I think arts and crafts would also be a crowd pleaser.

Great idea

i also garden organically and “occasionally” have extras. and in late Aug thru mid Oct. have dahlias!

Adequate parking!!! Little maps to find booths!! A coffee food truck!

Sorry I couldn't volunteer. I just don't have time. But this would be wonderful to establish!

Highlighting local businesses (i.e., Eli's and Peaberry), music entertainment, art and jewelry booths, local library book sales, games, flea market, classic car show, local pet rescue organizations, food trucks, petting zoo, highlighting community resources (Senior Center, schools, various clubs like Kiwanis), and 4th of July fundraising.

Week nights would allow vendors that vent locally at other weekend markets to join this one which would help it grow.

No pets allowed. Only service dogs with identifying harness/collar. We do [rest of text missing]

Organics and heirloom produce

Gluten Free Items like bread and baked goods. Perhaps a different food truck every 2weeks and a singer, singers, band or Karaoke. Think Bert's at Eastern Market.

Please do this. Brighton is too busy and we need our own

I like this idea but realize starting this Farmers Market could have potentially negative impacts on the locally owned produce/greenhouse Alexander's. I feel their business's input and involvement would be vital for this project.

Include a social district type scenario where people can buy and consume alcohol in the premises of the farmers market

Love a wide variety of options. Enjoy getting lunch while there.

Location. Would this be held next to the Post Office?

I think it's a great idea!

Please go through with this plan, Whitmore Lake needs it.

I think a farmers market is a great idea for the community

Make sure parking is readily available and easy to access

Excellent idea.

Keep it happy, healthy and safe with a safety guard available if needed.

Please find a way for EBT users to purchase food at the market

I'm hopeful this can happen in Whitmore Lake.

Thrilled over the idea of having a Farmers Market in town

I live in South Lyon, in Livingston County, off of 9 Mile. I would love to help get this off the ground.

Would also possibly be interested in farmshare/weekly “subscription” boxes

