

2021 WALKER COMMUNITY FARMERS' & CRAFTERS' MARKET

Dates: Thursdays, June 3, 2021 - September 16, 2021 **Time:** 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

Location: Green Scene Market, 617 Michigan Avenue W, Walker MN 56484

Mailing Address: Green Scene/Walker Community Farmers Market PO Box 1063
Walker, MN 56484

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Returning Seasonal Members Rate: \$270

New Member Rate: \$320

Drop-In Rate: \$30/day

The Walker Community Farmers' & Crafters Market serves as a gathering place for community members and visitors. Guests can purchase vendor-grown produce, specialty foods, consumables, crafts, jewelry & much more. The market promotes and supports education, healthy living, local agriculture, and community interaction all in an upbeat, welcoming atmosphere. Farmers and producers sell their products directly to the public, allowing consumers to have a direct relationship with the vendor.

Seasonal Vendor Selection Process & Requirements:

The Walker Community Farmers and Crafters Market adheres to the following guidelines for the vendor selection process.

- We carefully consider the right mix of products to ensure that all vendors can be successful. This mix of vendors ensures shoppers can fill their market baskets with everything from farm-fresh seasonal produce, baked goods, pottery, meats, flowers, jewelry, canned goods, local art, and handcrafted goods.
- Preference for returning vendors.
- Preference to produce farmers.
- Leave space for new farmers to enter into the markets each year.
- Provide opportunities for new value-added entrepreneurs to enter into the markets.
- Limit the number of commercial vendors.
- Handmade with traditional methods in mind.
- Unique and of the highest quality.
- Proper labeling and packaging.

- Courteous and knowledgeable at-market staff with strong customer service skills and a history of positive interactions with market staff, customers, fellow vendors, and volunteers.
- Consistently high product quality: fresh, flavorful, and ripe.
- Clean and attractive displays
- Booths have the proper signage.
- The booth space is clean and tidy.
- Adhering to the highest standards in safe food production and handling. This includes all county, state and federal regulations.

Non-Profit Donated Space

Each season the Walker Community Farmers & Crafters Market donates one space to a local non-profit organization. Please contact the market manager for more information.

Market Guidelines and Rules

Honey Labeling: <https://www.mda.state.mn.us/honey-label-requirements>

Cottage Food Law: Register for the new Cottage Food Law if applicable. This is a requirement set by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

<https://www.mda.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/2018-06/ag03310cottagefoodx.pdf>

Set up & Breakdown: Our market begins at 9:00 am and ends at 2:00 pm. Please arrive in enough time to be ready to open by 9:00 am. We ask that you do not disturb customer traffic or other vendors at any time during your breakdown.

Parking: Please park on the adjacent streets or behind the brown building located at the end of the market space. Please do not block access to the brown building. Charlie & Debbie Thompson have generously donated their property for part of our vendor parking behind the brown building. You can “thank” Charlie & Deb at their restaurant, “Charlie’s Up North”. Please do not park in the Green Scene, Sanford Clinic, Super One, or in front of the Quilt Shop parking lots.

Port-a-Potty: Green Scene has added a port-a-potty in our outdoor space for guest convenience.

Hand Washing: We will have a handwashing station set up next to the port-a-potty.

Signage: We encourage your booth to have very clear signage of your business name and what you're selling. We are currently working with the City of Walker on the continued allowance with our in-town directional signage.

Advertising & Social Media: Green Scene Market advertises for the Walker Community Farmers & Crafters Market through social media and print advertising. The market is listed in the Leech Lake Chamber of Commerce calendar of events flyer and is a continued member of Minnesota Grown.

Music: We have an acoustic band play each week from 9:30-1:30. Please let us know of any issues due to volume.

Vendor Location Map: We are in the process of restructuring the map layout and we will do our best to keep your space from the previous year.

Story Time: Every Thursday at 11:00 am our local librarian will be taking the stage for Story Time. Storytime will be followed by a craft.

Food: Green Scene will offer fresh-made sandwiches, salads, soup, and a variety of grab & go items inside the retail store. We are in the process of building an addition to our current building that will provide indoor/outdoor seating, wood-fired pizzas, quiche, and a variety of beverages including a full bar.

Attendance: Please notify the market manager or call Green Scene 24 hours prior to the market day if you are unable to attend. The market manager reserves the right to fill your space if not occupied or notified by 8:00 am.

Booths: Each vendor is provided enough space to have a 10x10 tent. Having a booth space in one season is no guarantee that a vendor will have the same spot in any subsequent season. Booth space is assigned by market staff to allow for the best product mix, traffic flow, electrical needs, etc. Every effort is made to keep vendors in the same location throughout the market season. However, vendors may be temporarily or permanently reassigned at the sole discretion of market management. Tents must be secured to the ground with weights or in-ground clips.

Weather Policies: While the market is rain or shine, instances of severe weather can affect market operations. The market manager will decide whether to hold the market or delay the opening. This determination will not be made until set-up time, 8:30 am, on market day. Every effort will be made to provide ample time for vendors and customers to safely respond to hazardous weather conditions. Occasionally the market can be windy. Tents and canopies should be weighted down on each canopy leg.

Vendors assume full responsibility for any injury, loss, or damage of any kind that may result from improperly or inefficiently securing tents, awnings, display equipment, products, or other items.

Important Dates

Monday, May 9, 2021	Accepted seasonal vendors' payments are due.	
Thursday, June 3, 2021	Walker Community Farmers & Crafters Market Begins!	
Thursday, July 1, 2021	Farmers' Market 4th of July Celebration.	
Sunday, September 5, 2021	End of Season Vendor Party!	
Thursday, Sept. 16, 2020	Last Market Day for the season.	