

Elizabeth Farmer's Market - Vendor Information:

Mission:

Our mission is to provide a friendly, convenient and reliable direct-marketing connection between customers and growers for reasonably priced Jo Daviess county homegrown, homemade, and handmade items.

Our growers include life-long residents and folks who are new to the area. Although a few customers are one-time shoppers from the highway, the overwhelming majority of customers are regulars we look forward to visiting with each week!

Regulations:

In 2012, the state of Illinois took a more active role in the farmer's markets. As a result, please contact the Health Dept. (815-777-0263) or www.jodaviess.org to see what is needed for your operation to do business. (There is a form and fee for selling at the Farmer's Market per the county – can all be found on their website)

Please check out the new website from the University of Illinois Extension addressing the Illinois Cottage Food Laws at web.extension.illinois.edu/cottage/.

All vendors should abide by all federal, state, and municipal laws, rules, and regulations. Each vendor is responsible for his or her own booth. You should also consider liability insurance for your market activities. There is no insurance of any kind associated with the market or provided by the Village of Elizabeth.

When, Where and How:

Market is every Friday at (blue and orange) Terrapin Park (along HWY 20 by the Antique Mall and Elizabeth Municipal Office Building), Elizabeth, IL. Market begins on the first Friday in May—snow, rain, or shine—and runs until the last Friday in October. Market runs from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. Set-up time starts after 2 p.m. and tear down should be done by 6:30 p.m.

One time set-ups are permitted but discouraged, we want regular vendors to encourage regular patrons.

There is no use of open fires, or use of cooking grills. All vendors are responsible for picking up any greens, litter, paper, garbage, etc. in their area before leaving. Bathrooms and electricity will be available soon. There is a water fountain in the park and bathrooms in the community building when open.

There is no assigned parking. The first vendor should pull in with the front of their vehicle facing the park with the Antique Mall sign on their right. The next vendor should park right next to them, leaving no gaps. The market is arranged so that you will be selling out of the back of your vehicle with/without a canopy. Each spot should be the width of your vehicle and/or one canopy. Please be courteous and help others in regards to positioning their booth next to each other.

Marketing:

As a marketing tool, we encourage vendors who are part of this market to use the Elizabeth Farmer's Market Facebook page www.facebook.com/elizabethfarmersmarket to inform the market's customers of the homegrown, homemade, and handmade items they will be selling at the market that Friday from 3-6 pm. We also have a website: www.elizabethfarmersmarket.weebly.com. Please email Jonna if you would like things added to our website about your business at jmstayn@yahoo.com.

Questions:

Please contact Jonna Stayner Dittmar at jmstayn@yahoo.com or 815-218-6942 if you have any questions.

Websites:

Elizabeth Farmer's Market

<http://elizabethfarmersmarket.weebly.com>

www.facebook.com/elizabethfarmersmarket

Jo Daviess County Health Department (go to Environmental Health tab)

<http://www.jodaviess.org>

Illinois Extension – Cottage Food Laws

<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cottage/>

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