



# Richfield Farmers Market Messenger

July 2010 Edition

Richfield Farmers Market 20th Season

## Saturday

Through October 30

7:00 a.m. — Noon

Veterans Memorial Park

6335 Portland Ave.

## Friday

July 9 - August 27

2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Roosevelt Park

7644 4th Ave.

Rain or Shine



## Friday Market to Begin July 9 Roosevelt Park will be the home for

After spending the last 20 years in Veterans Memorial Park, the Richfield Farmers Market will plow new ground this summer (pun intended). Beginning July 9, a special Friday Market will give residents another chance to enjoy the benefits of the Farmers Market. The Friday Market will be open Fridays afternoons through August 27 from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. in Roosevelt Park.

A savvy farmers market shopper may wonder why, after two very successful decades in Veterans Park, would the Farmer Market mess around with a good thing? The answer is in the convenience, location and timing of a Friday Market.

First, it's hoped that introducing the Market to another Richfield neighborhood will make it more convenient for shoppers to enjoy

the healthy benefits of a Farmers Market. A good number of residents live within easy walking distance of Roosevelt Park and the foot traffic is expected to be heavy.

*Richfield Friday Farmers Market*

*July 9 through August 27*  
2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

*Roosevelt Park*  
7644 4th Avenue

Roosevelt Park

Portland Avenue

East 77th Street

Second, with the peak of the growing season just around the corner, the Friday Market will give residents another opportunity to find fruit, vegetables and flowers with that unmistakable just-picked freshness. While smaller in size than the Saturday market, the Friday Market will still feature the high quality, home grown goods that Richfield residents have come to expect.

And finally, the Friday afternoon timeframe will give shoppers the chance to stop on their way home from work or to finish off dinner menu plans with tomatoes or sweet corn.

After 20 years in the same location and at the same time, a new Friday Market will be a bit of an adventure. We hope you'll join us.

The Richfield Friday Farmers Market was made possible in part through funding from the Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) of the Minnesota Department of Health. SHIP an integral part of Minnesota's nation-leading 2008 health reform law, strives to help Minnesotans lead longer, healthier lives by preventing the chronic disease risk factors of tobacco use and exposure, poor nutrition and physical inactivity. SHIP seeks to create sustainable, systemic changes in schools, worksites, communities and health care organizations that make it easier for Minnesotans to incorporate healthy behaviors into their daily lives. For more information, visit <http://www.health.state.mn.us/healthreform/ship>.



## At the Market

### Arts Commission to host Mural Painting on July 10

When you arrive at the Farmers Market on July 10, be sure to look for the people in the paint-stained smocks. Those are the always creative folks from the Richfield Arts Commission and they will be on hand for a morning of mural painting. Volunteers will share their artistic expertise and lead the hands-on fun and everyone is invited to participate. Look for the mural painting in the Veterans Park concession building just next to the pavilion.



### No Market on July 3

The Richfield Farmers Market will take its annual week off on Saturday July 3 to make room for the Richfield Hometown Fourth of July Celebration. The Celebration is a free, five day community and family focused event that offers something for everyone. Veterans Park is the host site for most of the events, so be sure to check it out. For more information, go to <http://www.richfield4thofjuly.com/>



### Facebook gives Farmers Market fans the latest info



If you're one of the 400 million active users of Facebook, be sure to look for the Richfield Farmers Market the next time you're on-line checking on the status of family and friends. The Richfield Farmers Market page includes pictures, details on special events, and up-to-the minute information from the farmers themselves on what they've picked during the week and what shoppers can expect at the Market. And don't be shy about leaving comments about what you like about the market and suggestions on how we can make it better.

### Please leave Spot at home

As much as we all love dogs, cats and other furry friends, please remember that pets are not allowed at the Richfield Farmers Market. Other than police dogs and service animals, no pets of any kind are permitted in the pavilion while the market is running. This includes all pets whether hand-held, tethered or transported by other means.

But as a courtesy to other customers shopping at the market, please do not bring your dogs or other pets into the pavilion during market hours.

Thank you for your help and cooperation at the market.

Please join us on Saturdays May through October from 7 a.m. to noon.

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We are on the Web! Check us out at

<http://www.richfieldfarmersmarket.org>

Look for us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter @RichfieldFarmkt

### Swing on in to the Richfield Farm-

It feels like just about every city in the Twin Cities area now hosts a farmers market. Bloomington, Edina, St. Louis Park and the Midtown and King Field neighborhoods in Minneapolis are all communities within a stones throw of Richfield that operate a farmers market at some point during the week.

So what sets the Richfield Farmers Market apart? Or more correctly, what sets the Richfield Farmers Market apart other than the great selection, the comfortable community feeling and the history and tradition that comes with 20 years of a market?

One word: Swings.

While other farmers markets are in parking lots, the Richfield Farmers Market is in a park. While the grown-ups enjoy the fresh selection of fruits and vegetables, the kids enjoy the swings, slides and hiking trails within easy shouting distance of mom and dad. While picking out the best looking peas may not hold much appeal for a 10 year old, a Saturday morning on the swing is usually a little slice of heaven.

For 20 years, the Richfield Farmers Market has offered a unique, hometown setting where families can enjoy fresh produce, and a little bit more. Join us on Saturdays in Veterans Park and now Fridays in Roosevelt Park.

Swingers are welcome.

