

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



# Richfield Farmers Market Messenger

June 2010 Edition

Richfield Farmers Market  
20th Season

Saturdays Through  
October 30

7:00 a.m. — Noon

Rain or Shine

Veterans  
Memorial Park

6335 Portland Ave.



Coming in July:

Friday  
Farmers Market

Fridays

July 9 - August 27

2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Roosevelt Park

7644 4th Ave.

## Celebrating 20 years of the Richfield Farmers Market

This summer marks the 20th season of the Richfield Farmers Market and we are celebrating.

We're celebrating that for two decades Richfield residents have come together on Saturday mornings to find the freshest fruits and vegetables. We're celebrating that the Market continues to strengthen a community bond that has been more than 150 years in the making. And we're celebrating the expansion of the Market to Fridays for the first time.

As one of the earliest settled farming communities in the Minnesota territory in the 1850s, agriculture and farming are deep in Richfield's community fabric.



The city name itself comes from the fertile farm land that early settlers made their lives upon.

As it has for 20 years, the open air commerce of the Farmers Market taps into that rich history. The goods are fresh, wholesome and tasty. The Market atmosphere is welcoming and open. And the feeling of

community is strong. It's a unique, home town setting where Richfield residents can make their grocery budget go a bit farther while knowing that the food they are buying is fresh and locally grown.

For the first time this year, a special Friday Market will give residents still another chance to enjoy the benefits of the Farmers Market. Look for the Market on Fridays in July and August at Roosevelt Park.

Whether it's on Saturday mornings or Friday afternoons, we hope you'll join us in celebrating the 20th year of the Richfield Farmers Market.

Many of our farmers have been with since the beginning. Without them, the Farmers Market would not be the great success it has been for the past two decades. Thanks to our farmers and specialty merchants.

### Home-Grown Produce

Charles Xiong  
Xia Yeng Xiong  
Tong See Yang  
Tong Moua  
Laovachong Kiatoukaysy  
Xeng Xiong  
Kou Lor  
Ya Thao Yang  
Lor Yang

### Flowers and Produce

Ninzong Yang  
**Home-Grown Fruit**  
Bayfield Fruit Co.  
**Fresh Cut Flowers**  
Chue Moua  
**Home Grown Corn**  
John & Lori Dondlinger

### Specialty Items

Breadsmith Bakery  
La Belle Crepe'  
Gepp Gardens  
Scott's Bees and Honey  
Simply Nuts & More  
Marian's Cupboard Kettle Corn  
Eichten's Cheese & Buffalo Meat  
Natures's Little Farm Meat, Eggs and Butter

## At the Market

### Art fun for everyone on June 12

Be sure to join us at the Farmers Market on Saturday, June 12 when artists from the Richfield Arts Commission will be on hand. There will be button making, spin art, and live music from 9:00 a.m. until noon.



### Master Gardeners on hand all summer

Once again this year, Master Gardeners from the University of Minnesota Extension Service will be on hand at the Richfield Farmers Market every Saturday to answer your questions and provide gardening advice. With extensive training in all-things gardening related including soils, trees and shrubs, lawn care, weeds, pest management, plant pathology, vegetables and fruits, Master Gardeners can help you through your toughest gardening questions. Master Gardeners share their expertise in schools, farmers markets and garden centers throughout the state and are always willing to offer advice. Be sure to stop and say hello to the Master Gardener at the Market.



### Richfield welcomes two new Market Coordinators

The Richfield Farmers Market is pleased to welcome two new members of the Market team. Tim Busse and Mary Peterson will share the position of Market Coordinator throughout the summer. One of the two will be on hand on Saturday mornings and Friday afternoons and both will be available during the week.

Tim will be available at the Richfield Community Center on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 5:30 until 7:30. He can be reached at [TBusse@CityofRichfield.org](mailto:TBusse@CityofRichfield.org).

Mary will be available at the Richfield Community Center on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 4:30 to 6:30. She can be reached at [MPeterson@CityofRichfield.org](mailto:MPeterson@CityofRichfield.org).

### MNDOT to talk Crosstown Construction

Representatives from the Crosstown Project Public Information Team will be on hand at the Richfield Farmers Market throughout the summer to answer questions and provide updates on the on-going Crosstown reconstruction. Look for Information Team members on:

June 19	September 19
July 24	October 23
August 21	

If you need more information on the Crosstown reconstruction, go to [www.dot.state.mn.us/projects/crosstown/](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/projects/crosstown/) or call the Crosstown Project Hotline at 1-866-743-6590.

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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

### How To: Farmers' Markets

Veteran shoppers will tell you that successful farmers market shopping is as much art as it is science. Timing, strategy and the tools you bring are just as important as the look, smell and feel of the produce.

The Minnesota Farmers' Market Association publishes tips each year on how to make the most out of your trip to the farmers market. With a few minor changes to give them a local feel, here are their ideas.

- Get to the Market early. There is a better selection.
- Be sure to dress for the weather. The Richfield Farmers' Market is protected under the shelter at Veterans Park, but it's still outdoors.
- Bring a stroller or wagon for your kids. It can also be useful for carrying what you buy.
- Bring a cloth bag to carry your produce.
- Make sure to keep track of keys, cell phones, etc.
- Walk through the entire market before you buy. Make a list of what you want and then return to those vendors to make your purchase.
- Bring change and smaller denominations of money. Some vendors will accept checks or possibly even credit cards, but cash is preferred.
- Ask the farmer if you have questions about certain fruits or vegetables. Everyone will be happy to tell you how it was grown and cared for and how to make the best selection.
- Bargaining is not recommended, but asking to buy smaller amounts is acceptable. Most farmers will divide amounts.
- Hint: Some of the best tasting fruits and vegetables are the least appealing to the eye. Be sure to ask questions.