



Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council

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Emerson-Garfield to Launch Weekly Farmers' Market on July 19

Partnership between Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council and Project HOPE seeks to bring healthy, local, affordable food — plus a little fun— to the neighborhood and beyond.

Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood will be launching the first of its seasonal weekly farmers' markets on **Friday, July 19, 2013**.

The new farmers' market will take place **every Friday between 3pm and 7pm** in the parking lot of **Knox Presbyterian Church** (located at 806 W. Knox). About a dozen full-season vendors are scheduled to take part, with additional day vendors joining on an intermittent basis. Their products will include locally grown fruit and produce, fresh-baked breads (as well as gluten-free options), farm-fresh eggs, raw and flavored honey, homemade jams and jellies, and natural castile soaps.



In a new twist on the traditional farmers' market, area food trucks will also be taking part each week.

"In addition to the tasty local produce and artisan goods that folks have come to expect from a quality

farmers' market, great efforts have been made to offer fun and alternative Friday evening eats," says Megan Kennedy, Vice Chair of the Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council and one of the team of market organizers. "So, in addition to stocking up on your fresh produce for the weekend, you can enjoy a fast but fresh meal from one of our food trucks in the atmosphere of the marketplace, listen to live music, and even get a chair massage from an onsite masseuse. The Emerson-Garfield Farmers' Market is a truly unique event!"

The market itself is a bellwether for a number of emerging trends in Spokane: a demand on the part of the wider population for healthy locally grown food, combined with an interest in the unique convenience and appealing menus that food trucks offer. The Emerson-Garfield Farmers' Market also signals the grassroots revitalization of an historic neighborhood that is becoming more and more attractive to young professionals and families. And it provides hard evidence of a newfound

collaborative spirit between individuals and organizations that have until recently operated independently of one another.

"Thanks to help from representatives of the South Perry Farmers' Market, the generosity and support of Knox Presbyterian Church, and our recent partnership with Project HOPE, this farmers' market was able to go from a good idea to a reality in barely two months' time," says Dave Musser, another market organizer. "By working together, our organizations have all been able to achieve our separate goals through a single ongoing event. In the end the whole community benefits."

During its inaugural 2013 season, the Emerson-Garfield Farmers' Market will run until **October 18**. Due to the partnership with Project HOPE, it will operate as a "sister" market to the West Central Marketplace, sharing basic resources like market currency, points of sale, and canopies.

The Emerson-Garfield Farmers' Market will accept EBT, debit and credit cards. Nearby parking is ample and convenient. Each week the market will also feature live music from area musicians.

Additional information is available on the dedicated Emerson-Garfield Farmers' Market webpage at <http://bit.ly/EGFM2013>. Megan Kennedy can be reached for additional comments at (360) 561-5708; Dave Musser at (509) 280-8345.

About the Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council:

The EGNC is a grassroots, all-volunteer group of residents, businesspeople and property owners that meets regularly to discuss neighborhood issues and solutions. Some of those solutions involve liaising with the city bureaucracy; many are devised and implemented entirely by the active volunteers at the neighborhood level.

Neighborhood council meetings are generally held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Corbin Senior Activity Center.

More information at emersongarfield.org

