

Royal Oak Farmers Market Offers Free Valet for Patrons

ROYAL OAK, Mich. (Nov. 30, 2018) - The Royal Oak Farmers Market is offering a new alternative to customers who want to 'shop till they drop.' The Farmers Market now offers free valet, large strolling shopping baskets and volunteers to assist with curbside loading.

"The Royal Oak Farmers Market is the longest running Farmers Market in Oakland County, and it's the only Market in Oakland County open year-round," said Royal Oak Farmers Market Manager Shelly Mazur. "The Market is a weekend ritual for people throughout the metro Detroit area and we hope these new initiatives will make it easier for them to stock up during the winter months."

Valet pick up is in the west lot, accessible from the new 11 Mile entrance. Large strolling shopping baskets can be stored on the west porch until customers are ready to leave and volunteers will be available to assist customers with curbside loading and unloading.

Free parking has been secured for patrons at the former Superior Fish during Market hours on Saturdays. The P4 parking lot, located between City Hall and the Royal Oak Library, is also free to patrons during Market hours on Saturdays. An additional 23 on-street parking spaces have been added on Third Street east of Troy Street.

"The Farmers Market is a community staple in Royal Oak and we are dedicated to providing solutions to make it easier to shop and travel there," said Royal Oak City Community Engagement Specialist Judy Davids. "We appreciate the community's support of the Farmers Market each and every weekend."

Mid-week, the week of Dec. 3, 2018, the Farmers Market south parking lot will close as the new City Hall development begins. The Royal Oak Farmers Market will remain open. The hours and availability of the Farmers Market will not be impacted, and all scheduled activities and events will still happen. The west lot of the Farmers Market will remain open. The east Farmers Market parking lot will remain open until police station construction commences; more details will be provided soon. Both the City Hall and the police station are projected for completion in 2020.

- The public Farmers Market farm stands are
 - Fridays, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., May through Thanksgiving
 - Saturdays, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., all-year round
- The Antique and Collectible Market is open
 - Sundays, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. all-year round

For more parking information, including a guide that advises available parking options and more, please visit www.rethinkro.com.

About Royal Oak

Royal Oak is a vibrant metro Detroit community home to nearly 60,000 residents located in Oakland County. Destinations within the 12-mile community include The Detroit Zoo, The Royal Oak Music Theatre, William Beaumont Hospital, Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle and a successful Farmers Market among others. The city's recreational services include more than 50 public parks and was recently named one of the Top 10 Most Exciting Small Cities in America by Movoto and the Best Place to Live in Michigan by AreaVibes. To learn more about Royal Oak, visit <https://www.romi.gov>.

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