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New Mid-Week Market poised to open in downtown Oak Park

Area residents and commuters are invited to live, eat, play and shop local at Oak Park's newest weekly community event – the [Mid-Week Market](#) – set to open Wed., June 16.

More than a farmers' market, closer to a street festival, the Mid-Week Market will be open from 4 – 9 p.m. every Wednesday night through Sept. 15.

The market will feature fresh fruits and vegetables, a wide selection of ready-to-eat items and a range of goods and services from local businesses – all in the heart of downtown Oak Park on Lake Street, just east of Harlem Avenue. Local microbrews and wine will be available for on-site consumption as well, along with food demonstrations and live music.

"The Mid-Week Market is all about bringing people together for food, fun and entertainment, while also introducing them to local merchants who make Oak Park such a great place to live, work and do business," said Loretta Daly, Oak Park's Business Services manager who helped organize the new weekly event.

Calling the Mid-Week Market a "celebration of life in Oak Park," Daly said opening day attendees will see the results of close collaboration between the Village and local business organizations, including [Downtown Oak Park](#) and the Avenue Business Association who hope to showcase just how much the local economy has to offer.

Daly said she expects the Mid-Week Market to start slow at first, but envisions the event growing to as many as 35 booths – about a third selling fresh fruits and vegetables, a third offering ready-to-eat food and a third local retailers selling a wide range of goods and services. Live acoustic music, microbrews and wine, along with ample outdoor seating, should make the market the place to be on Wednesday nights, she said.

Oak Park's new Mid-Week Market isn't just for locals, however. Its location is just steps away from the CTA Green Line stop at Harlem Avenue and the Metra west line stop at Marion Street. Ample parking is available nearby as well, along with numerous bicycle racks.

For more information, visit www.oak-park.us/midweekmarket or e-mail midweekmarket@oak-park.us.

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