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Free stone soup returns for final day of Oak Park Farmers' Market

The final day of this season's Oak Park Farmers' Market is Sat., Oct. 31, and will feature the long-held tradition of free *stone soup*. Oak Park restaurateur Craig Charlton, owner of [Trattoria 225](#), will dish up the soup, with the help of Market vendors who will contribute the fresh ingredients.

"Trattoria 225 has become a regular patron at the Farmers' Market," said Market Commissioner Melissa Wittenberg. "Knowing that the restaurant is a local business and that they support local producers and use organic products whenever possible, we asked them once again to support our closing day celebration. We are delighted that they said yes."

The soup will be 100-percent vegetarian, featuring fresh ingredients from the Market including squash, potatoes, onions, turnips, herbs and other vegetables. Charlton will start serving soup at 9 a.m. Soup will be free while it lasts, which historically has been until about 10 a.m.

The Farmers' Market, which celebrated its 34th anniversary this season, is held every Saturday from mid-May through October in the parking lot of the Pilgrim Congregational Church on Lake Street just west of Ridgeland Avenue. Among the wide range of products featured at the market are fresh fruits and vegetables, flowers, plants, honey, cheeses, frozen meats, mushrooms and warm donuts made on-site.

For more information about the Oak Park Farmers' Market, visit www.oak-park.us/farmersmarket, e-mail farmersmarket@oak-park.us or call 708.358.5780.

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