

NEWS RELEASE

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Fifth Annual Berthoud Farmer's Market Marks First Day of Summer

Berthoud, CO—Summer is literally around the corner at 3rd Street and Mountain Avenue in historic downtown Berthoud when the fifth annual Berthoud Farmers' Market is set to begin on Thursday, June 21, 3 to 7 pm. The open-air market happens every Thursday through October 4, for a run of 16 weeks.

At each market, local and Colorado vendors sell produce, plants, food and handcrafts, giving locals and commuters the chance to purchase fresh, regional items, benefiting the local economy.

The market has established itself as a permanent outdoor event for residents to enjoy and gives patrons the opportunity to explore Berthoud's downtown stores and discover shopping and dining opportunities.

This year's anticipated wares will include fresh locally grown vegetables, herbs, Western Slope fruits, breads, pastries, Italian gelato, pretzels, crackers, mushrooms, roasted and caramelized nuts, smoked fish, soups, naturally grown beef, and assorted sauces, dips, and salsas.

Colorado Master Gardeners will return to offer advice and help, and the Weekly Berthoud Surveyor will again sponsor the weekly giveaway basket for one lucky shopper each week.

Xcel Energy also once again offered to help sponsor the market with a generous donation.

Local entertainment of all kinds is welcome at each week's market. Singers, dancers, musicians, mimes, magicians, fire-eaters, or any other entertainers are encouraged to participate in this well-attended market.

Berthoud non-profit organizations, community growers, or artisans within both the town and county who wish to sell either home grown produce or home made crafts may attend the market twice during the season at no charge.

A volunteer-driven, carrot-crunching, non-profit organization, the Berthoud Main Street Program encourages the community to volunteer with its many upcoming activities and events, such as

downtown beautification as well as the annual farmer's market. For volunteer opportunities of all kinds, or any questions, please contact Eric Boyd at 532-5199. Visit the Berthoud Main Street Program website at www.berthoudmainstreet.org.

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