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Welcome to the FY 2017 La Plata Farmers' Market!

Thank you for your interest in participating as a quality merchant in the FY 2017 La Plata Farmers' Market. The purpose of our market is to provide our residents with fresh, locally grown produce, homemade baked goods, and handmade craft items in a friendly environment. We hope to encourage shoppers to stop by our local businesses while they're visiting the market and vice versa. At the same time, we want to provide a friendly and fair place for local farmers, bakers, and crafters to sell their products.

Our market is open each Wednesday, from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, and Saturday, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, year round. The market is located on Talbot Street, La Plata, next to the Charles County Courthouse.

The vendor fee is \$9.10 for Wednesday and \$14.75 for Saturday. There is also a seasonal permit (good for every Wednesday and Saturday during the entire season) for \$139.00. Assigned spaces will be given for those vendors who have a seasonal permit. Daily vendors will check the attached map for open spaces (highlighted in yellow). Each permit, whether daily or seasonal, is valid for two (2) parking spaces only. The Market Master will strictly enforce this policy to allow ample room for new vendors. Also included with this packet is a copy of the Town of La Plata Market Rules. If you have any questions regarding the market, please feel free to contact me as my information is listed below.

The La Plata Farmer's Market has also been given a new website. If you navigate your web browser to www.townoflaplata.org and navigate to Town Government → Departments → Planning → Farmer's Market you will find the new webpage. Feel free to share it!

Please fill out the enclosed vendor application form with payment and return it to La Plata Town Hall, 305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata MD 20646.

Together we can help our Farmers' Market grow!

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FY 2017 La Plata Farmer's Market Rules

Mission statement: To provide a local Market dedicated to the sale of agricultural products and home baked foods. The Market will provide a foundation for building partnerships among farmers, agriculturalists, consumers and the business community.

1. The Market will operate from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays. The market is held in the parking lots of the Charles County Courthouse.
2. Participation is open to any person interested in its promotion and who abides by the market regulations. All vendors must complete an application for participation in the Market and must agree in writing that they will abide by market rules or be subject to expulsion from the market (see attached Market application).
3. It is the responsibility of each vendor/producer to abide by all state/federal/county regulations which govern the production, harvest, preparation, preservation, labeling or safety of the product the vendor offers for sale at the Market.
4. Each vendor will be responsible for setting up, displaying and packaging their products, as well as protecting those products from the elements. Vendors must leave their selling area in a clean and orderly condition. All trash and unsold goods must be removed from the Market area by the vendor.
5. Sale of flea-market/garage sale items is not allowed at the Market. Arts and crafts are permitted for sale at the Market if they are made from agricultural products or handmade, one-of-a-kind traditional crafts such as soap making, candle making, quilting, spinning, and weaving. Arts and Crafts are subject to review and approval by the Market Master.
6. Home baked and processed foods such as sausage, bread, jellies, jams, preserves, sandwiches and pickles are welcome but they all must adhere to all regulations from the Charles County Health Department and other regulating agencies. This includes having product labels that list product name, vendor telephone number and ingredients of the product. Honey and syrup must also have product labels.
7. Any accident or injury must be immediately reported to the Market Master. Anyone who comes to participate in the Market, vendor or customer, comes at their own risk. The Market is not liable for an injury to person or property.
8. Because of Department of Agriculture concerns, no pets will be allowed at the Market.
9. Only whisper soft or quiet generators will be allowed at the Market. Vendors operating generators judged excessively loud by the Market Master may be asked to leave.
10. Vendor permits are limited to two (2) parking spaces. This will be strictly enforced by the Market Master.
11. Willful violation of the Market rules may subject a vendor to exclusion from further participation in the Market. All violations will be reviewed by the Market Master.
12. The rules are intended to be fair and in the best interests of all who participate in the La Plata Farmers Market. The Market Master may, at any time, modify or add to these rules to better serve those interests.
13. All vendors must comply with the provisions of Chapter 98 of the Town of La Plata Code.

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FY 2017 Farmer's Market Vendor Application

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

Exact location of land used for production _____

If renting, give name and address of owner: _____

Items you intend to sell at the market

Items	Quantity by Acres; or	Quantity by Number of Plants	Source of Product	Health Department Permit if Applicable
Beets				
Corn				
Cucumbers				
Flowers				
Greens				
Lima Beans				
Melons				
Peppers				
Potatoes				
Snap Beans				
Squash				
Tomatoes				
Plants				
Dairy				
Meat/Poultry				
Prepared Food				
Baked Goods				
Seafood				
Antiques				
Handcrafts				
Secondhand				
Other _____				

I, _____, hereby agree to sell or offer for sale on the La Plata Farmers' Market only such items as listed above, and/or such items as approved by the Market Master. Further, I acknowledge full responsibility for all activities conducted throughout the terms of this permit and agree to hold the Town of La Plata harmless, and to indemnify the Town for any and all claims arising under this permit. Further, I acknowledge I have been given a copy of the Market Rules and Regulations and hereby submit to them and Town Ordinances for the privilege of using the facilities of the La Plata Farmers' Market.

As applicant I hereby identify and hold the County and/or Town harmless against and from, and shall reimburse the County and/or Town for all liabilities, obligations, damages, fines, penalties, claims, demands, costs, charges, judgements, and expenses, including, but not limited to reasonable attorney's fees, which shall be imposed upon or incurred or paid by or asserted against the County and/or Town for:

- (a) Any negligence or tortious act on the part of the Applicant, or their agents and employees;
- (b) Any damage to person or property; or
- (c) Any failure on the part of the applicant to perform or comply with any of the terms or conditions contained in and required of the Town by this applicant and Town Code.

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Signature of Applicant _____

Or Applicant's Legal Agent: _____

Extension Agent Certification _____ (out of County only)

SPACE RENTAL FEES:

Seasonal space: A space on the same site at the Market for the entire season: \$139

Space for one day: Space rented for the day on a first come, first served basis until the Market is filled: \$14.75 for Saturdays and \$9.10 for Wednesdays.

Fees are payable at La Plata Town Hall (305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata, MD 20646) during regular business hours, Mondays through Fridays, 9:00AM to 4:00PM.

Fill in Table with Dates and Number of Spaces:

	Date	Rate	# of Spaces	Total
Saturday Market		\$14.75		
Wednesday Market		\$9.10		
Entire Season Wed. and Sat.		\$139		