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FARMERS' MARKET AT FRANKLIN PARK CONSERVATORY BEGINS JUNE 6

Columbus, Ohio – Beginning this week on Wednesday, June 6, Franklin Park Conservatory's Farmers' Market is back with familiar favorites—fresh fruit, vegetables and herbs—as well as new items such as Ohio-made wine and artisan crafts. The market is open from 3:30 to 6:30pm every Wednesday from June 6 to September 5, 2018.

"You can find almost everything you can think of at the Farmers' Market, from eggs, beef and chicken to a gambit of seasonal produce that grows in Ohio, such as peppers, cabbage, kale, tomatoes and pumpkins," says Conservatory Farmers' Market Coordinator Christie Nohle. "New this year," Nohle notes, "three local wine vendors will provide shoppers with samples of a variety of wines produced in Ohio."

In addition, the market features baked goods, honey, oils and vinegars, cheeses, salsas, syrups, pies, body care products, homemade accessories and other local goods. Shoppers can also enjoy free cooking and wellness demonstrations, live music, access to food trucks and kidfriendly crafts.

The Conservatory's produce is harvested from a garden maintained by Teen Corps, a summer program designed to teach life and work skills to teens through hands-on experiences in urban farming. Each summer, 16 teens learn how to plant, maintain and harvest vegetables to sell at the Farmers' Market each week.

The Conservatory's booth is joined by dozens of other local vendors, including farms, bakeries and local craft artisans. The vendors and their produce change throughout the season, so every Farmers' Market is a new experience.

Market vendors accept EBT with the Ohio Direction Card (SNAPS) and offer incentives through Produce Perks. The market is located in the main parking lot adjacent to the Conservatory. Free parking is available near the market. The Farmers' Market is open to the public and free to attend.

More information is available on the Conservatory's $\underline{\text{website}}$ and the $\underline{\text{Facebook event page}}$, as well as $\underline{\text{Instagram}}$ and $\underline{\text{Twitter}}$.

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Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens offers botanical collections, art and nature-based exhibitions, plant shows, and educational programs for all ages. Situated in an 88-acre urban park, the Conservatory features the historic 1895 John F. Wolfe Palm House and 83,000 square feet of glasshouses, classrooms, and meeting and event spaces. The Conservatory owns a signature collection of glass artwork by Dale Chihuly. Light Raiment II, a permanent installation by internationally recognized light artist James Turrell, illuminates the John F. Wolfe Palm House every evening from dusk until dawn.