

## NEW VENDORS

Thank you for your interest in Sunset Valley Farmers Market dba Barton Creek Farmers Market. We are now located on the back side of the Barton Creek Square mall parking lot. We have been nationally recognized as one of the top five or ten farmers markets in the country many times over and our original Director, Pamela Boyar, was named Farmers Market Manager of the Year 2005 from the N. American Farmers Direct Marketing Assoc.

Before you apply, please read over the rules and make sure you are in agreement with them. All of the forms you need are on this web page. You need to fill out your application and the Testimony and Hold Harmless Agreement (which are on the same page) and bring them to the market. Also send us an email detailing how you will set your tent up using weights, what time you will arrive and drive out, etc.

If you are looking at our market as the only potential outlet for your products, then please send us an email and show us your products before doing all of your packaging, obtaining a certified kitchen, whatever you need to do. You may bring them by the market any Saturday between 10 and 12. Go to the yellow van at the east end of the market and ask for Salila. If you have food, bring plastic utensils (several) and be prepared to leave it so it can be sampled. If you are accepted you will then have to get all of your certification, packaging, tables, etc. to present an attractive marketable booth approved by the Director.

We like to be on the forefront of good, healthy food, so we prefer food made with organic, healthy ingredients. Our market has many farmers who sell their produce and pasture raised meats and those kinds of products are our preference for ingredients in food items whenever possible.

If you do become a vendor at Sunset Valley Farmers Market, you will need a ten by ten foot tent. I suggest either a white tent or the vented blue tents at WalMart if they are available. The vent allows them to handle more wind. We have strong winds at times, so you will need 4 weights, one for each leg of your tent. These are to be used every single Saturday, regardless of the weather. Each weight must weight at least 29 pounds, which is the weight of a double cinder block, obtainable from Home Depot. The weights must not dangle, but be tied on with strong bungees or rope to the tent itself, not tied around the leg. If they are tied around the leg, or balanced on the little corner of the foot of the leg, the wind can blow the tent out from under the

weight and it won't be weighted down anymore. You are encouraged to tie onto a vehicle if possible, but even so, the front side of the tent must be weighted down with 30 pounds to each leg. You will also tie to the tent next to you if possible and the regular vendors at the market will be happy to help you with this. They can also show you how to put up and take down tents so that they do not break. Jim or Nabuko, who set up the market, will also help you with this. I cannot stress enough the importance of the weights and they are to be weighed down before you put the tent all the way up. If the day is windy, you are required to have another person help put your tent up and take it down. Sometimes it takes more than two people. If any Market worker asks you to take your tent down, you must do so immediately with no arguments. If it is not necessary to have a tent, then you don't have to put it up at all. If the day is getting pretty gusty, please take down your tent as soon as you can.

As a vendor, we list you on our website. We will add you to New Vendors and your name can be a link to a page describing who you are and what you do. Your own web address can be listed on that page. So please provide us with what you want to say about yourself and a good picture if you want a picture. Give us some human interest news. It is fine to make it long as we can edit it.

If your venue produces trash, please provide your own trash cans. Do not use the market trash can for your own trash. Whether you produce trash or not, you are responsible for helping clean up the market at the end of the day. Look all around your space and pick up any trash you see. You may be required to dispose of a trash bag yourself, and if you are able to do so, please let us know.

We are also in need of volunteers to put out and pick up signs on the road each Saturday. This brings more people to the market and our location has many approaches and many good places to place signs, so let us know if you are willing to help with this.

We are very happy to have you as part of the market and look forward to getting to know you.

Thank you,  
Barton Creek Farmers Market Mgmt Team