

Market Manager Report
Presented October 23, 2014

Market Updates

Food Assistance Programs:

- The Double Up Food Bucks program end date for 2014 is October 31st. Vendors will be able to turn in tokens through November 15, 2014.
- WIC Project Fresh and Senior Market Fresh coupons are valid through October 31st. Vendors must submit these coupons by November 15, 2014 in order to receive reimbursement.
- Sarah DeWitt will attend the Michigan Farmers Market Association's Year-End Food Access Meeting in November to learn about updates and relevant changes for 2015.

Operations

- Concrete repair work is pending for market stalls with uneven/crumbling concrete.
- Quotes are being gathered for additional storage cabinets to be built in the market office during the winter months. Bathroom wall insulation quotes will also be obtained in order to lower the risk of freezing pipes due to cold temperatures.

Events

- Market Managers Carrie DeWitt and Sarah DeWitt will attend the National Association of Produce Market Managers' Regional Retail Meeting in Grand Rapids on Friday, October 24th. The meeting includes an extensive tour of the new Downtown Grand Rapids Market, with presentations on the market's history and educational offerings, as well as an opportunity to interact with market tenants and utilize the market's teaching kitchen.
- Halloween Event at the Market: Saturday October 25th, 12noon – 3pm. The GIVE365 Volunteer Program will offer pumpkin decorating, face painting, trick-or-treating and other fun games for children of all ages.
- Midnight Blue, a University of Michigan acapella group will perform holiday carols at the market in December. Date TBD.
- The Ann Arbor Morris Dancers will perform at the market in January. Date TBD.