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City of College Park Announces 2017 Farmers Markets Dates

COLLEGE PARK, MD, March 20, 2017 - The City of College Park is pleased to announce the opening dates of the 2017 Downtown and Hollywood Farmers Markets as April 23, 2017 and April 22, 2017, respectively. Both farmers markets will return to their usual locations; the Hollywood Farmers Market will again be in the Hollywood Shopping Center, near the recently announced expanded MOM's My Organic Market store in the former REI space, and the Downtown Farmers Market will be in the City Hall parking lot. "We are very excited to have these two farmers markets returning next month; they not only provide access to fresh, farm-to-table goods, but they are great community-building events" said Ryan Chelton, the City's Economic Development Coordinator.

The new season brings many returning businesses and several new ones to the markets. Bill's Backyard BBQ, Karla's Mixed Media Studio, TropQ Creamery, Larry's Produce, Apple Valley Orchard, Blue Ming, the Baker's Table, Amity Kitchen, Gentle Flours and other vendors are all returning to the markets this year. Julie Beavers will also be returning as Market Manager.

Businesses who are interested in vending at the markets this year should contact the City's Economic Development Coordinator at rchelton@collegeparkmd.gov or 240-487-3543 for more information and an application. Applications are due by 6:00 p.m. on April 14, 2017.

The Hollywood Farmers Market occurs on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. beginning on April 22, 2017 at the Hollywood Shopping Center on Rhode Island Avenue in College Park. The Downtown Farmers Market occurs on Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. beginning on April 23, 2017 in the City Hall parking lot located at 4500 Knox Road in College Park. Both markets will run through November. To stay up-to-date with farmers market information, please follow the City's Facebook and Twitter pages and sign up for the City's emails at www.collegeparkmd.gov/cpconnect.

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