

Saturday Market

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Saturday Market Newsletter

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Greetings Artisans!

From the Office

Looks to be a bit wet here today Downtown Eugene, but we are Oregonians, a little rain doesn't phase us... I bet most of you don't even use umbrellas!!

Today we are welcoming another new food booth to the International Food Court, "Wrapped". An amazing savory and sweet assortment of golden fried wontons; sumptuous, bite-sized wontons served with unbelievable flavor popping sauces. The Grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony will take place after the first musical act breaks (about 11:30am). Please welcome Wrapped and owner Jason, to our wonderful Community.

Couple of Announcements:

1. Earth Day Block Party is on April 25th, 2026. We will be shutting down the streets again, so please follow the instructions for load in/out. (Will be provided at the Info Booth the Saturday prior (18th) and at the street closure barriers day of.
2. If you see an issue in your assigned space, please let us know immediately so we can attend to it quickly and efficiently. (examples: garbage, drug paraphernalia, poop, etc.)
3. Town Hall meeting is scheduled on Thursday May 16th, from 4:30-6:30pm at the Growers Market on Willamette. The more the merrier!

Opening Day was truly amazing! The vibe was so positive and the weather was unbelievable. Let's keep the positivity in the rain, knowing that our beautiful dandelions exploding everywhere need to drink and Oregon must remain green. We welcome the rain. -Shannon Lee-Hutson, General Manager

Get to Know Our Security

You have seen our security teams walking around Market, chatting with people, talking on their radios. Who are they, and what do they do?

Saturday Market contracts with SEES, also known as Silver Security. They have been working with us for most of the past 30 years! Every Saturday, they send two teams of two. Some people wonder, "Why aren't they big and scary looking? How can they do their job if they can't intimidate people?" The reason is that they are trained and experienced in de-escalation. That means talking someone out of doing what they shouldn't be doing, instead of overpowering them.

Here's an example... At Holiday Market a few years ago, there was a man who became enamored with a young woman who was vending. He got the urge to lie down in her booth, and did not respond to hints that he should leave. Security was called. They arrived and instead of demanding that the man leave, they greeted him a friendly way, "Hey, man, how are you doing?" After a few minutes of conversation, the man was convinced that he should probably get up and leave the booth. There was no fight, no "scene". The problem was solved and most people nearby didn't even notice.

There are many things our security is watching for as they walk around, like weapons, theft, drug activity, dogs, smoking. They coordinate with the Eugene Police Department to watch for members of the public who are known to cause problems.

Sometimes they do crowd control. Vendors can call the Saturday Market number, 541-686-8885, to ask the info booth to send security. They often respond to reports of theft, medical emergencies, or a fight. They take reports of all incidents, and keep a log of their activity each week.

If security approaches you, asking what you know about an incident, please do your best to give them any information you have. They look into everything that is reported to them, so that follow up, if needed, can be efficient and fair. They are here to help! Please be kind. -Maia Bowers

ESM Community Pantry

The Market Community Food Pantry is located in the Market Office. It is open during office hours or by appointment. Donations can be brought to the office or dropped off at the information booth. Please limit items to shelf stable items. (Peanut butter, canned meat, tuna fish, and paper bags are always in huge demand.) Thank you so much for your continued support and use of the Market Community Pantry.

Share the posts

Hello everyone! As you may know, the Saturday Market boasts a fantastic online presence and community. We regularly share posts not only about vendors but also about special events, important dates, and even music. Remember, you can contribute by sharing these posts to help us reach a wider audience. The more people share our content, the more we signal to social media algorithms that our posts resonate with users, leading to greater promotion by the platform. The same applies to all of you; feel free to tag us or send us your posts, and we can repost and highlight them to enhance your reach.

Let's get together & discuss money

We will be having a Town Hall on Thursday, May 14th, 2026 at 4:30-6:30 pm. Let's get together and talk about it. Topics will include finances, fees and our future. We will be meeting at the grower's market on Willamette.

Holiday market committee

The Holiday Market Committee is seeking new members. If you are interested in joining, please call the office.

*must be jolly and enjoy milk and cookies

Music

10am - Fred Van Vactor, Folk

11:30am - River Jam, Folk

1pm - Basin St Band, Traditional Jazz

2:30pm - Sassafras! , Roots Rock, Americana

Forecast

There will be a high of 62° F and a low of 46° F and there's a 91% chance of rain.

Amplified Disruptors

If the Christian protestors come to preach to us in the future, we are handing out little cards to the public regarding them. The message reads:

“Dear Saturday Market Patron,

Thank you for visiting the Eugene Saturday Market. We truly appreciate you being here today.

We apologize for any disruption you may have experienced at our market today. This group is NOT affiliated with the Market and is only here on occasion. Unfortunately, there is no legal way to prevent their presence.

We appreciate your support of our local artisans, farmers, and vibrant market community and we hope to see you again soon.

Kindly, Eugene Saturday Market

Saturday Market Social Life!

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www.eugenesaturdaymarket.org

Facebook:

[Facebook.com/EugeneSaturdayMarket](https://www.facebook.com/EugeneSaturdayMarket)

Instagram: @SaturdayMarket

We are also on Pinterest, Yelp,

TripAdvisor, Google Business, YouTube,

Flickr and more.

UnClassifieds

To place your free unclassified, bring it to the Info Booth by the end of the day, to the office by Thursday at noon, or email it to us at info@eugenesaturdaymarket.org with “NEWSLETTER” in the subject.

Pop up Tent

New 8 x 8 Pop up canopy for sale Brand new Crown Shades heavy duty commercial pop up canopy with 4” wheels, and Stow ‘N Go bag. White, with sand bags included. \$95.00 cash. Please text or call Denise Blazeovich at 541-521-5683n

Roommate wanted

\$600 plus \$50 electric monthly. Large shop space large garden 5 acres 17 minutes from SM ranch style house 3bedroom 1 bath contact Gordon both # 355 phone 541 503 8331

Office

The office could use your gently used binders, office supplies, and/or postage (postage should NOT be used...lol).

Job Opportunities

We are also looking to hire a part-time office assistant. If interested, please contact the office. Send resumes to g@eugenesaturdaymarket.org. This is a fast-paced work environment that is constantly changing and working with many different people/ personalities. Must be dependable, efficient, self-motivated and add to our collective problem-solving team. This job needs someone dedicated to Market, not here for the paycheck. The Organization pays what it can, but it is not competitive. This could be your favorite workplace experience... apply now.

We also are hiring one more site crew.



Happy Birthday to all who are celebrating their special day this week!

We would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to Diana Haddy, Shawna Holmes, Laura McReynolds, Leslie Torkelson

If we forgot your birthday, please let us know! We'll be sure to include it in the following newsletter.

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