



MEDIA ALERT

Green City Market Breaking Bread to Open The West Loop Market -- June 3

Fresh, locally-sourced fruits, veggies, meat, bakery items, and prepared foods will soon be available weekly

WHAT: Green City Market West Loop Opening Day

[Green City Market](#) West Loop operates every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., from June through October. The market gives Chicagoans the opportunity to shop and taste fresh, local produce and market-inspired prepared foods, see chef demonstrations and mingle with neighbors in support of sustainably-grown food from family farms in the Midwest.

WHEN: Saturday, June 3 at 8 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: Mary Bartelme Park, 115 S. Sangamon St, Chicago

VISUALS: We will “Break Bread” – a six foot long beautiful baguette made by Bennison’s Bakery to officially open Green City Market West Loop at 9:00 a.m.

WHO: Executive Chef Chris Gawronski of The Gage and Acanto restaurants will host a chef demonstration at 10:30 am.

VENDORS: Abby’s Crepes - Green City Market founder, Abby Mandel, loved the crepes served fresh in many European markets and wanted to bring them to Chicago. To honor Abby, that tradition has and always will be part of Green City Market. This season, Abby’s Crepes is getting a fresh new look! All crepes incorporate local ingredients and highlight the bounty of the Midwest. Keep an eye out for Abby’s Crepes at GCM West Loop this season and remember, by buying a crepe you are supporting Green City Market’s educational and access programs!

- 1871 Dairy
- Bennison’s Bakery
- Bushel & Peck’s
- Ellis Family Farms
- Finn’s Ranch
- Meadowflour Bakery
- Nichols Farm & Orchard
- Red Barn Farm
- River Valley Ranch
- Soul Salsa
- The Flower Garden
- Wholesome Harvest

Market day activities

- Yoga class – Weather permitting, Brooklyn Boulders will conduct a yoga class from 8:00a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
- A Chef Demo Program - At 10:30 a.m., a local chef will demonstrate how to prepare fresh, seasonal ingredients from the market. (schedule below)
- Club Sprouts Program – Club Sprouts offers activities for kids to taste farm fresh food and learn in a hands-on way where food comes from and how it gets to their table.
- Compost Program - Composting is an important part of making sure Green City Market is sustainable. We will also offer home compost drop off, stop by the information booth to learn more.
- Link Matching Program - Link, formerly food stamps, is accepted at all Green City Market locations and is matched dollar for dollar up to \$15 per market day. This number is important as the Greater Chicago Food Depository states that just \$15 per week can move a person from being food insecure to food secure.

Chef Demo Schedule (subject to change)

- Chef Chris Gawronski of The Gage and Acanto restaurants - Saturday June 3rd
- The Dawson - Francisco Narez or Jordan Parker - Saturday June 10th
- Cookies & Carnitas - Brad Newman/ Mikey Taormina - Saturday June 17th
- Honey's - Charles Welch - Saturday June 24th
- urbanbelly/ bellyQ Restaurants - Bill Kim - Saturday July 1st
- Naoki - Naoki Nakashima - Saturday August 5th
- Spiaggia/Cafe Spiaggia - Joseph Flamm - Saturday September 2nd
- Ruxbin - Edward Kim - Saturday September 9th
- Knife&Tine - Steven Singer - Saturday September 16th
- The Radler - John Crue - Saturday September 30th
- Baptiste & Bottle - Chef James Lintelmann - Saturday October 7th
- Forbidden Root Restaurant & Brewery - Chef Dan Weiland - Saturday October 14th

Green City Market West Loop appreciates the partnership of the West Loop Chamber of Commerce, YMCA, Brooklyn Boulders and the Friends of Mary Barteleme Park.

About Green City Market

Green City Market is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization founded in 1998 that creates a sustainable food system in Chicago through farmer's markets, outreach, access, and educational programming. Green City Market values education about quality food and its source, the preservation of sustainably farmed land, a vibrant thriving community of local farms, and consumption of locally grown foods. Green City Market operates multiple year-round market locations throughout Chicago. Additionally, Green City Market offers robust educational programming and increased access to healthy, sustainable food both at-market and across Chicagoland. For more information, visit <http://www.greencitymarket.org/>.

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