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Murphy Farmers' Market opens first season on April 18 *Opening day coincides with Clean & Green and community clean up*

MURPHY (March 18, 2015) Opening day for the Farmers' Market in Murphy promises to be eventful and perhaps a bit congested, as the inaugural day of the market which features Texas- or locally-grown products coincides with Murphy Clean & Green and the Great American Clean-up, says James Fisher, City Manager.

"We've had numerous occasions when several events overlap, and residents seem to enjoy the variety," he said. "The City Hall complex belongs to all of our residents, and making use of it as a community gathering spot is very appropriate."

The Farmers' Market opens on Saturday, April 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will continue each Saturday until the fall. It will occupy the parking area just south of the entrance to the Community Room.

Kari Gates, president and founder of the Collin County Farmers' Market, says the added activity will be very welcome. "Sharing the day with people who care enough about the environment to make an effort to recycle and to volunteer to clean up the City makes for perfect harmony with our market," she said. "After all, we share the same basic ideals for a better planet."

Collin County Farmers' Market decided to move from its previous location in Plano to the Murphy City Hall complex for the 2015 season.

Currently, there are some 25 vendors who have expressed an interest in displaying and selling their products. A complete list of these vendors is attached.

The "Rhythm and Beards" band of McKinney will provide entertainment, playing their brand of Texas-based soul and rock. The band is returning for their third season with the market.

"Our first special event will be May 2 for Cinco de Mayo," added Gates. "Our plan is to create a Mexican-themed lunch plate, utilizing products from the vendors in the market. It will be an opportunity to demonstrate how a consumer can use the produce and merchandise available at the market to create a satisfying and delicious meal."

Information, including volunteer opportunities, can be obtained by contacting Karen Mitchell at mitchkare@att.net.

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 18,020, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income above the state average. With more than 70 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a country feel while exhibiting an aggressive economic development stance. The centrally-located municipal complex includes four buildings that house Fire, Police, City Administration and Public Works. Money Magazine has dubbed Murphy as the 27th Best Place to Live in America for small cities, and D Magazine placed Murphy as the fifth best suburb in the 2014 list, where it has consistently ranked in the top 10.

2015 Collin County Farmers' Market Vendor List

Subject to change

96 Winery- local winery
Amy's Chocolate Gifts- handmade chocolate gifts
Becky Crocker Sweets and Treats- sugar free and other bakery items
Bliss Macaroons- Macaroon cookies
Buck Creek Land and Cattle- pastured beef
Chelles Macaroons- cookie vendor
CJ's Smokehouse- smoked salsas
Coffee del Rey- local coffee roasters with a focus on giving back to communities
Cooks' Farm and Ranch- produce and other farm products
Delicious Delights- olive salad
Great Harvest Bread- Plano bakery, breads etc. community focused
Hwy 19 Produce- locally-grown produce
Lihoudies- Greek specialties, deserts and more
Mana's Gourmet Products- specialty spice blends
Nate's Raw Harvest- Sprouted nut mixes
Picklelicious Pickles- hand-made pickles
Purple Ranch Lavender Farm- hand-made lavender products of all kinds
Roadhog BBQ- smoked meats
S&P Ranch Enterprises- locally-grown produce, herbs, flowers
Sky Homes- bird houses using recycled products
Spring Creek Organic Farm- locally-grown produce, plants, herbs and flowers
Texas Parcel- pizza sauces
The Salty Starfish- hand-made soaps
The Sweet Stump- bakery items
TJ Farms- attending during tomato season with tomatoes and other produce
Wholemade by Jen- specialty hand-made body care products using all-natural ingredients
Woof Gang Bakery- dog food and items