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Oak Creek Farmers Market Celebrates Fifth Year

The Oak Creek Farmers Market is celebrating its fifth year in Drexel Town Square. The event is held Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and runs through October 22, a combination of a classic farmer's market within a community gathering space.

With a nod to Oak Creek's agricultural roots, the market features quality, farm-fresh foods, and related items, many of them locally grown. Staples of the market include vine-ripened produce, eggs, meats, honey, and flowers. Seasonal items, such as strawberries, apples, and sweet corn, will come to the market at their peak of freshness.

The Oak Creek Market, the fastest growing market in Milwaukee County, will celebrate with a huge gathering of farmers, vendors, and makers with free activities on Saturday, June 11.

Drexel Town Square, Oak Creek's downtown, was developed to become the heart of the community. The open area within it was designed expressly for a farmers market, with ample room for more than 40 vendors to be featured in and around the square.

"Five years ago this Saturday, we opened for the first time, and we have continued to grow since," states Dawn Carrillo, market manager for the City of Oak Creek.

"We have the most unique market around, located in our downtown city park; it is great for kids and dogs. Every Saturday we have live music, a splash pad, indoor bathrooms, wheelchair accessibility, *Sprouts* children's programming, PLUS everything you need to do your weekly grocery shopping. Additionally, Drexel Town Square has a nature preserve with paved walking trails, the Oak Creek Public Library, and many restaurants within walking distance." Carrillo explains.

This week's anniversary celebration will include rock painting, a free children's activity, and cake. The first 150 patrons will receive reusable market bags, courtesy of Ignite Medical Resort in Oak Creek. Market visitors will also have a chance to win a huge basket of products from all the vendors. The celebration will also recognize Savaglia Financial Advisors, Educators Credit Union, and IBEW Local Union 494 for their sponsorship of the Oak Creek Farmers Market. Cake will be distributed at 11 a.m.

The Market features ample free parking and is also accessible by Milwaukee County Transit System bus. Bicycle racks are available around the square.

Drexel Town Square is located west of Howell Avenue and south of Drexel Avenue on land that was the site of Delco Electronics, at one time Oak Creek's largest employer.

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