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Government Center Farmers Market Scheduled to Open May 1

Something is growing at the Government Center and the excitement is building as Fairfax County's eleventh Farmers Market gets ready to open. The public is invited to experience the fun at the official opening ceremonies set for Thursday, May 1, 2014 at 2:30 p.m. Join us as we ring the cowbell and open the market season. The Government Center is located at 12000 Government Center Parkway in Fairfax and the market can be easily located in Parking lot B.

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova notes, "I'm really excited about having a Farmers Market at the Government Center this summer. It will be a wonderful opportunity for county employees and our nearby neighbors to shop for fresh foods and homemade goods!" Chairman Bulova added, "I hope shoppers also stick around to enjoy our concert series, "Evenings on the Ellipse" which begins the first Thursday in July and continues each Thursday at 5:30 p.m. throughout the summer."

The possibilities are delicious with terrific entertainment on the menu and the opportunity to buy farm fresh food to enjoy during the outdoor performance. Find out about all the performances online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/ellipse.htm.

There is nothing like the taste of fresh produce to bring home the flavors of summer. From May until December, Fairfax County's farmers markets offer a feast for the senses. All products sold at the markets must be produced by vendors within 125 miles of Fairfax County. You'll find a wide array of products from cut flowers, to baked goods, meats and cheeses to kettle corn. The Fairfax County Park Authority supervises these markets through the Community Horticulture Office. The on-the-ground operations of the markets are managed by volunteer market masters. For more information visit online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets.

The Government Center Farmers Market will run May 1 through October 30 on Thursdays from 3 to 7 p.m. Vendors include the Great Harvest Bread Company, Kylie's Pop Shop, Nitro's Creamery, Pleitez Produce, Soul Cakes by Tanya, Sweet Nuna Middle Eastern Delicacies, the Lamb's Quarter, Three Way Farms, Toigo Orchards, and Westmoreland Produce.

For more information contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

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