

Niagara Falls City Market seeking new vendors for upcoming season

Field & Fork Network expanding market offerings and activities



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Field & Fork Network has announced its management of the Niagara Falls City Market, what it called “a dynamic community hub for locals and visitors.” The market will officially open June 1 at 19th Street and Pine Avenue in downtown Niagara Falls.

A press release stated, “Field & Fork Network has been working diligently to revitalize the Niagara Falls City Market, bringing together local farmers, artisans, and other producers to create a vibrant and diverse marketplace. The Niagara Falls City Market will offer an exciting array of vendors selling fresh produce, artisanal goods, and locally crafted items. Shoppers can expect to find an impressive selection of products, from farm-fresh produce and handmade jewelry to unique souvenirs that highlight the best of Niagara Falls.”

Mayor Robert Restaino said, “We are thrilled to bring the Niagara Falls City Market to the community. This market will be a wonderful place for local businesses to showcase their prod-

ucts, and for visitors to explore the unique flavors, sights and sounds of Niagara Falls.”

The Niagara Falls City Market is actively looking for new vendors, food trucks, and musicians to participate in the market. Interested parties can access the application online at <https://www.fieldandforknetwork.com/niagara-falls-city-market/>.

The Niagara Falls City Market will also feature a new addition this year, “Evenings at the Market,” which will take place between 3-7 p.m. on the last Wednesday of each month from June to October. These evening markets will include live music and a variety of food vendors.

“We’re excited to add this new evening market to our regular schedule,” market coordinator Anne-Marie DeRusso said. “We hope it will provide an opportunity for people to come down after work and enjoy the market in a different light, while also supporting local musicians and food vendors.”

The press release stated, “Ad-

ditionally, the Niagara Falls City Market is seeking sponsors for the market and special events. Sponsors will have the opportunity to showcase their brand to a diverse audience of locals and visitors, and to support a vital community market.”

The Niagara Falls City Market will be open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. In addition to shopping, the market will host special events throughout the year, including car shows, “Kids Day,” live music, cooking demonstrations and other family-friendly activities.

The press release concluded, “The Niagara Falls City Market is part of a larger initiative to revitalize downtown Niagara Falls, New York, and create a more welcoming and vibrant community. The market is poised to become a top destination for visitors, highlighting the best of Niagara Falls and supporting local businesses.”

For more information about the Niagara Falls City Market, visit its social media pages or email nfalls.market@gmail.com.

I/DD conference: ‘We Stand Together, Band Together, and Stay Together’

People with intellectual and developmental disabilities gather to teach each other about speaking up for yourself at conference in Niagara Falls

For the first time since the start of the pandemic, self-advocates and their supporters are gathering in person to celebrate victories, empower one another to speak up, and connect.

A conference, which features workshops such as “The Art of Advocacy,” “Telling Your Story in the Media” with reporter Emyle Watkins, budgeting and social justice, plus keynotes, an awards ceremony, and a dance party led by self-advocates, will be held at the Niagara Falls Convention Center at the end of June. The deadline to register is May 18. The event is open to everyone.

A press release stated, “Self-advocacy groups are places

where people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) connect with others with similar issues, share information, and support one another to speak up and get active in civic life. This conference brings together self-advocacy groups from across the Western and Finger Lakes region, and is open to anyone interested in self-advocacy.”

Josh Derrick, co-chair of the ARC Alliance in Rochester, said, “For me, those physical, face-to-face connections are so meaningful, being able to share stories and see people’s faces light up. I like going to the conference to learn new things, learn from oth-

ers’ experiences, connect, and network.”

The keynote speakers are:
 ✓ BJ Stasio, a self-advocate who moved the New York State Legislature to fund services for people with IDD with his testimony in Albany, and recently successfully advocated with Councilman Mitch Nowakowski and others to get the City of Buffalo to hire an inclusion coordinator.
 ✓ Hannah Brecher, a young self-advocate looking to take the self-advocacy movement into the next generation.

More information and registration can be found at sanys.org/event/wny2023.



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