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Tappahannock Farmers' Market Returns - 1st Market - Saturday, April 15th

A Tappahannock tradition returns! Celebrate spring with the opening of the 8th season of the Tappahannock Farmers' Market on Saturday, April 15th from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Cross and Prince Streets in Downtown Tappahannock. The Market season is the 3rd Saturday - April through November except June during the annual Tappahannock RivahFest!

The Market has a diverse mix of produce vendors and food ranging from fresh breads, cakes and pies to kettle corn to beef and sausages. A large number of crafters, artists and jewelry makers are in good company with one or two wineries offering samples in the Wine Garden at each Market. Live music is at every Market.

The Tappahannock Artists Guild remains popular with a featured artist at every Market. Likewise, the Northern Neck Master Gardeners are returning with their ever-popular advice on all things gardening, landscaping, bugs (the good ones and the bad ones), weeding and feeding. The Indian Rivers Humane Society will continue to be on hand to spread the word on the good work they do for cats and dogs as well as the prospective owners of pets from the shelter. Other non-profit groups such as Essex Backpack Meals, Essex Churches Together and the Tappahannock-Essex Volunteer Fire Department are also returning to share information on their missions and raise funds to continued their community work.

The April 15th Market includes favorite vendors from past seasons as well as many new products. Garner's Produce, Level Green Farms, Nathan France and Javier Godines will return with their extensive monthly selections. Lover's Retreat Dairy returns with their locally produced cheeses, spreads, milk, and eggs. Schmidt Farms is new this year with sausages and meats from their Richmond County farm.

Food while you shop and to take home includes Great Harvest Breads, Lady Jane's Kettle Corn, Poor Georgie' Bake Shoppe and Cupcakery, GG's Doghouse, Fluffy Buns Bakery, Bright Eyes Concession and Catering, Whitley's Peanuts, Kathi's Clam Chowder, The Smoothie Hut, Knights of Columbus and Essex Churches Together. The Hague Winery returns to the Wine Garden and will, again, be joined by Caret Cellars.

Craft, artist and jewelry vendors range from Eric Froliia's oil candles carved from rock to custom woodwork such as birdhouses and furniture by Sharon Wrightson. New vendors include The Bubble Cupboard with handmade bath and body products, Kreation by Kam – polished stone, silver and gold jewelry, Not Just Jars – Hand decorated Mason Jars by Teresa Algie, and Virginia themed crafts and jewelry by Samantha Dillard.

The Market thanks our returning Sponsors from 2016 - Northern Neck Burger, Apex Realty and Caret Cellars. Stop by Northern Neck Burger on Queen Street and their sponsor tent in the Market conveniently across the street from the restaurant. See Apex Realty at their offices on Church Lane and their sponsor booth at the Market. See and taste Caret Cellars products at the Market Wine Garden and their vineyard off Route 17 in Caret VA (495 Meadow Landing Lane – Off Route 624 – Essex Church Road).

ABOUT TAPPAHANNOCK FARMERS' MARKET

Tappahannock Farmers' Market is an initiative of the Tappahannock Main Street Program in partnership with Essex County and Town of Tappahannock. The Market is located at Prince & Cross Streets in historic downtown Tappahannock. The Market is the third Saturday of every month from April through November, except June during the annual Tappahannock RivahFest!

For more information about the Farmers' Market, participating as a vendor or as a volunteer, please visit www.tappahannockmarket.com call 804-445-2067 or email manager@tappahannockmarket.com

The Tappahannock Farmers' Markets receives generous support of local businesses and continues to explore ways to make Tappahannock a more vibrant community. If you have suggestions for new products, new vendors or community improvements, please email manager@tappahannockmarket.com or call 804-445-2067.

Please remember the market continues to be a successful event because of your local community support. Please let the market vendors know how much you appreciate their presence in Tappahannock every month! As in all free market business ventures, they will continue to come back if your shopping makes it worth their while. Thank you to our customers and vendors for your support!