



Village of  
**Elmwood Park**

*Taste of Elmwood Park vendor applications still being accepted*  
**Village gears up for Farmers Markets, Family Aquatic Center opening**

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ELMWOOD PARK – A sure sign of summer has emerged with preparations for the first of many Farmers Markets and the opening of the Elmwood Park Family Aquatic Center. The Farmers Markets will be on Sundays this summer, starting June 8 and continuing through October.

"We'll host the markets every second and fourth Sunday throughout the summer, giving residents and our neighbors an opportunity to buy locally and sustainably grown produce," Trustee Angela Stranges said. "We're very excited."

Vendors include growers of fresh fruits and vegetables, flowers and specialty items, such as cheeses and chocolates. The first event is a "Kids Day," which will include plenty of games and activities. The market is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and is held in Central Park at Fullerton Ave. and 75th Ave.

"We encourage our residents to take advantage of our own Farmers Market," Village President Angelo "Skip" Saviano said. "There's nothing quite like the fresh produce and community atmosphere."

The Village is also preparing for the opening of the Family Aquatic Center on Saturday, June 7. More than 18,000 kids and adults cooled off last year at the Aquatic Center, which includes a zero depth edge pool, bubbling geysers, water slide and tanning areas.

"There's no better way to enjoy the summer than in our pool," Parks and Recreation Director Al Schmidt said. "Our season passes are very affordable, giving residents the chance to come and go as they please."

Regular season family passes start at \$150 with a \$25 discount if purchased before June 1. Individual passes cost \$100, with a \$25 pre-season discount. Single day and non-resident guest passes are also available.

The Aquatic Center will offer swim classes for kids and an "Arthritis Aquacise" class for adults. The pool will be open Sundays through Saturdays, seven days a week, from Noon to 8 p.m. After June 7, the pool hotline will be [708-452-3950](tel:708-452-3950).

Meanwhile, the Village is still accepting vendor applications for this summer's Taste of Elmwood Park Family Festival. Interested craft and food vendors can download an application at <http://100.elmwoodpark.org/vendor-information/>.

"We had a great turnout of local vendors last year, and we hope to get even more this summer," Saviano said. This year's Taste of Elmwood Park is now a 4-day event, and is set to run from August 7-10 in Central Park.

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