

City Council Item

April 27, 2026



Item	Approve 2026 Chanhassen Farmers' Market Agreement	
File No.		Item No: D.16
Agenda Section	<u>CONSENT AGENDA</u>	
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<u>SUGGESTED ACTION</u>	
"The Chanhassen City Council approves the 2026 agreement with the Chanhassen Farmers' Market to coordinate a farmers' market every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at City Center Park from June 6 through September 26, 2026."	
Motion Type	Simple Majority Vote of members present
Strategic Priority	N/A

SUMMARY

The Chanhassen Farmers' Market runs at City Center Park on Saturdays, June through September, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is a popular Saturday morning destination for residents to shop for fresh produce, flowers, handmade goods, fresh treats, and other items.

BACKGROUND

The Chanhassen Farmers' Market has been coordinated and managed by community volunteers since 2004. The City of Chanhassen Park & Recreation department temporarily coordinated the market during the 2020 and 2021 seasons during the transition between community volunteers due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Since 2022, the Farmers' Market has been coordinated and managed by Chanhassen community volunteer Holly Bustle.

From 2004 - 2023, prior to the beginning of Civic Campus construction, the Farmers' Market was held

in the parking lot on the southeast side of the old City Hall building near the Council Chambers and Senior Center entrance. During the 2024 and 2025 seasons, the Farmers' Market was held on the athletic fields north of the old City Hall building and construction fencing.

DISCUSSION

Chanhasen community volunteer Holly Bustle will return for the 2026 season to manage the Chanhasen Farmers' Market. The annual agreement between the City of Chanhasen and the Chanhasen Farmers' Market has been updated and is attached, along with the 2026 market map. The Chanhasen Farmers' Market and individual vendors complete liability waivers at the beginning of each market season.

Due to ongoing Civic Campus construction, the location of the Farmers' Market within City Center Park will be the same as in 2025. Vendors will set up on ballfield #1, just north of the west City Center parking lot, trail, and construction fence area. Depending on the completion dates of final Civic Campus construction items, landscaping finishes, establishment of grassy areas, and market logistics, the market may be moved to the new Civic Campus space near the end of their season.

There will be no Farmers' Market on Saturday, July 4, due to the City of Chanhasen's annual 4th of July Celebration.

Youth athletic groups utilizing the soccer fields at City Center Park will be unaffected and will retain access to all three fields. Parents & guardians of players utilizing soccer fields will be directed to park along Kerber Boulevard or Chanhasen Elementary School, and Farmers' Market vendors, visitors, and Chanhasen Library patrons will park in west City Center lot (north of the library) or east City Center lots (north of the new City Hall building). Youth athletic groups that would traditionally utilize ballfield #1 at City Center Park have been permitted at other locations throughout the park system.

BUDGET

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the City Council approve the 2026 agreement with the Chanhasen Farmers' Market to coordinate a farmers' market every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at City Center Park from June 6 through September 26, 2026.

ATTACHMENTS

[2026 Farmers' Market Agreement](#)

[2026 Farmers' Market Map](#)

[2026 Farmers' Market Waiver](#)

[2026 Farmers' Market Individual Vendor Waiver](#)