



**MESSAGE FROM THE RAVINIA FARMERS MARKET MANAGER**  
**It's our 40th anniversary beginning on June 6<sup>th</sup>, please join us.**

April 6<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for consideration for booth space at the Ravinia Farmers Market (RFM). Applications will continue to be taken for special consideration only. We have numerous applications expected this year, so to be fair we want to review all applicants before we announce the accepted vendors for the 2018 season.

**If you need a new application go to our website: [www.raviniafarmersmarket.org](http://www.raviniafarmersmarket.org)**

**If you have an idea for any activities, or themes for our 40th Anniversary Season, please let me know. You can email me at [raviniafm@gmail.com](mailto:raviniafm@gmail.com)**

I am planning the following at this point:

- I will be creating a tented area for the RFM to be a welcoming tent with information, etc. The RNA will have a tent as well.
- There will be a chef demo tented area to help feature the various produce items or goods sold by our vendors, if you want to participate.
- There will be a RFM giveaway tote bag sponsored up to \$500 from the Ravinia Neighborhood Association (RNA) and the balance hopefully from a cooperative collection from all market vendors or other sponsors. I'm researching pricing now.
- I'm creating a weekly drawing to attract people. Ravinia Festival will be offering some drawing (giveaway) items.
- Children activities are needed. *Any suggestions?*
- By the last week of April is when I plan to finalize a 21-day market calendar brochure and website info. If this sounds good to you please tell me now what your thoughts are.

Because of the scheduling of Ravinia Festival, they reserve the right of parking from June 1<sup>st</sup> through September 16<sup>th</sup> in the area around the RFM.

I have put in a permit request to extend the hours of the market on the five Wednesdays in October (3, 10, 17, 24, 31) to be an ALL-DAY MARKET from 7 am to 7 pm. You will have a choice to stay an additional 6 hours or choose your hours that day. Call me or I will be in touch soon.

This month I became a board member of the Ravinia Neighborhood Association (RNA). This organization has been very supportive of RFM. **Please check out:**

**<http://www.raviniafarmersmarket.org>**

Naturally yours,  
Ed (847.561.1302)