

Pittsburg farmers market returns Saturday

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Artichokes, strawberries, cilantro, specialty nuts, beef jerky, fresh hummus, kale, Swiss chard, onions, potatoes, carrots, celery, kettle corn: All the traditional farmers market staples will be on hand when the Pittsburg farmers market returns Saturday.

The market, now in its fifth year, will be held in Old Town Plaza, near Railroad Avenue at Fifth and Sixth streets. The market will open at 9 a.m. and close around 1 p.m., continuing at the same time every Saturday until Oct. 27, organizer Gloria Baker said.

Particularly exciting, she said, will be a CalFresh food stamps program letting people on public assistance get a little more stretch out of their limited funds. If someone uses their Electronic Benefit Transfer, or EBT, to draw \$10 in tokens to buy goods from the farm vendors, the market will throw in an additional \$5 in tokens, Baker said.

There will be from 20 to 25 producers, including about 10 local farms, on hand each week, Baker said.

Fresh, hot food will be available as well, including barbecue and Filipino fare, Baker added.

In honor of the Cinco de Mayo holiday, the market's grand opening Saturday will include performances at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. by the Folklorico dancers group.

Disc jockey Phina Love, a market favorite, will also be entertaining the crowd, Baker said.

For more information, go to www.pcfma.com or call 800-949-FARM (3276).