



**Downtown Downers Grove Market**  
**(Brought to you by the Indian Boundary YMCA)**  
**About the Market and Other Frequently Asked Questions**

**1. Who operates this market?**

With permission from the Village of Downers Grove, the market is sponsored by the Indian Boundary YMCA, its volunteers and staff. All net proceeds from vendor rental fees support our YMCA programs and scholarship fund.

**2. How large is the market?**

The market has approximately 84 vendor booths with more than 80 vendors. More than 3,500 individuals visit the market during peak weeks.

**3. Where can I find parking and how much will it cost? Is there valet parking?**

There is parking on Burlington Avenue-north of the tracks, on the street of the market, across Main Street in the second commuter lot, and in one of the municipal parking lots either 1½ blocks immediately south of the market or 1½ blocks east. There is a spot in front of the market for customers to load their purchases into their car. There is no cost for parking unless you are in a metered spot and unfortunately, there is no valet service offered at this time.

**4. Is the Market wheelchair accessible?**

Yes. There is limited handicapped parking at the middle entrance to the market.

**5. Are there ATM machines on the property?**

Yes, there is an ATM in the train station.

**6. Is the Market open when it rains?**

Yes. Market booths are tented and vendors make the best of it. However, bring your umbrella.

**7. Is my pet allowed in the Market?**

For the safety of our customers and vendors, dogs are not allowed in the market area. We welcome **registered** service dogs.

**8. Does the Market have a Lost & Found? Where is it?**

Yes, at the Indian Boundary YMCA booth, found in the middle of the market.

**9. How do I use public transportation to get to the Market?**

We are located right on the Burlington Northern train route at the Downers Grove Main Street Metra train station's south side. This stop is Downers Grove Main Street station.

**10. Are children welcome at the market?**

Yes, a number of vendors have products that cater to children and families; so bring your kids along! It is a perfect venue to discuss the healthy aspects of both veggies and fruit.

**11. Is there anything for my kids to do at Farmers Market?**

We have special events throughout the summer; some designed especially for kids. Please check out special events tab on our website for other Y related events at the Y info tent and Indian Boundary YMCA Facebook page.

**12. Do the vendors accept credit cards?**

Some do, but not all. It is best to have cash.

**13. Is entertainment offered at the Market?**

Yes, we have scheduled weekly musicians who play from 9-11:30 am.

**14. What items are for sale at the market?**

We sell a wide variety of items including

- Produce and Agricultural: bedding plants, perennials, cut flowers, bouquets, fresh fruits, vegetables, meat, poultry, eggs, cheese, and honey. Our vendors depend on the growing season so many items are staggered through-out the summer.
- Baked Goods: Cakes, cookies, cheesecake, donuts, scones, brownies, pies, tarts, breads, muffins.
- Specialty Foods: Coffee, tea, lemonade, soft drinks, smoothies, prepared on-site meals, popcorn, pasta, salsa, oils, nuts, dried fruits, pickles, peppers, herbs, and dog treats, etc.
- Local Crafts:., clothing, jewelry, paintings, candles, purses, and soaps.

**15. How long is the market open?**

The market is open for 24 weeks beginning from May 12<sup>th</sup> through October 20<sup>th</sup> 2018, from 7:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**16. Do the same vendors attend each week?**

The majority of vendors are full time but a number of vendors participate on a part-time bases. Check our market schedule or with individual vendors for their schedules.

**17. How can I contact a vendor whose products I saw at the market several weeks ago?** You may ask our market manager or Y employee at the information booth or you contact us directly.

<http://www.ymcachicago.org/indianboundary/pages/special-events>

or

MarketIntern@ymcachicago.org - 630-929-2435

**18. How can I sell my items at the market?**

Look in the vendors section to find the “Become a Vendor” link for information about eligibility and applications. The market committee uses these filters to determine eligibility.

- This is a growers market: produce must be grown by the vendor. All other products must be produced locally or designed and constructed by the vendor. There are a few exceptions to this rule, e.g., downtown Downers Grove retailers.
- The market has limited space and therefore limits the number of vendors representing the same or like products. To ensure that vendors are successful, and to minimize overwhelming competition, the market limits the number of vendors representing the same or like products.
- In general, this market is not the right venue for products manufactured on a large scale and distributed through home parties, network marketing, or multi-level marketing businesses.

**19. Is there a restaurant at or near the market?**

There are food vendors at the market that provide delicious, freshly made, ready-to-eat dishes and refreshing drinks. There are also a variety of restaurants in downtown Downers Grove near the market.

**20. How can our group rent a booth during market hours?**

Our market is limited to product vendors only. Our limited space does not allow us to expand to not-for-profit groups or businesses.

**21. Do you have carts?**

The market has a limited number of small carts available for your use. Please do not leave the market area with them.

**22. For the most updated information, please check out our Facebook page:**

The Downtown Downers Grove Market