



Tacoma Farmers Market

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Dear Laura,

Spring is here and the Tacoma Farmers Market openings are coming fast.

Broadway Market opens Thursday May 20, 2010 (8:30am-2pm). It's located in downtown Tacoma at 9th and Broadway.

Sixth Avenue Market opens Tuesday June 1, 2010 (3:30pm-7:30pm). It's located 6th and N. 7th on Pine St.

The *brand new South Tacoma Market* debut's Sunday, June 20, 2010 (10am-3pm). It's located on Washington st. and 56th st. in the Heritage Bank parking lot.

Actually, there have been a couple markets in Pierce County that have already opened!! Check out this [PDF file](#) for a complete list of Pierce County Farmers Markets.

Design your own Farmers Market

Now's the time to help design your very own Farmers Market. Please take the time to fill out this survey so we can ensure that the Markets are what you want and enjoy. Every opinion is very important.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/X33SFGW>

Fresh from the Farm

Laura Edwards, Director of Tacoma Farmers Market's, is working with Go Local Tacoma, Metro Parks and the Tahoma Food Policy Coalition to coordinate a Pierce County/Tacoma forum focused on farm to school possibilities. For that event - The goal is to pull together local institution leaders and farmers to determine what the

Celebrate our 20th Anniversary

RODEO BARN DANCE!

May 8th
Freighthouse Square @ 6pm

Local Beer, Wine, Music & Food (mechanical bull)

A Great Mother's Day Gift too!!

\$25 admission includes all entertainment and free drink.

Tickets available at : 253-272-7077 or online @ brownpapertickets.com event # 100991



[Buy Tickets Today](#)

Quick News

- Cold Storage Facilities now eligible for USDA Facility Loan Program (<http://www.fsa.usda.gov>)
- Farm Bill Signed into Law (<http://www.islandguardian.com/archives/0003167.html>)
- Guest Opinion: Food Forum Bill deserves Support (<http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2010/mar/29/food-forum-bill-deserves-support/>)

Community Events Calendar

4/15/10 (6:30pm): Come join Anna Moore Lappe at Tom Douglas' Palace Ballroom. She is debuting her new book, *Diet for a Hot Planet: The Climate Crisis at the End of Your Fork*

roadblocks are to get a Tacoma farm-to-school program off the ground.

Read more of Quilcene school's effort to supply local food to their students
<http://www.peninsuladailynews.com/article/20100309/NEWS/303099992>

Healthy and Local Food Accessible to Local Residents

Check out the latest video sSponsored by the Tacoma Farmers Market and Trinit Media, this film depicts the rising health concerns in Pierce County due to poor nutrition, and how the Tacoma Farmers Markets make healthy and locally-grown food accessible to local residents.



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p96UDOWi9GU>

Holistic Minded Folks Celebrating with Good



Food

The Holistic Moms Network is a non-profit organization for families who are interested in a holistic lifestyle. Part of a holistic lifestyle is knowing what good food is and how to enjoy it. The Tacoma Chapter was created in 2009 and is celebrating their 1 year anniversary Thursday, April 29th, at 6:30pm. The event is located at Bates South Campus in the Home and Family Life Building (2201 S. 78th St., Tacoma, WA). The party will include foods made by members of the group and will only include natural ingredients provided by this earth. Holistic Moms Network is a great group to learn new things, eat great food, and meet like minded folks.

For more info, check out <http://tacomawa.holisticmoms.org/> or contact hmntacomawa@gmail.com

Sustainable Farmers Offered Low Interest Rate Loans

The HumanLinks Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to systematic improvements in education,

[4/29/10\(6:30pm-8pm\) : Holistic Moms Network 1 yr. Anniversary Open House](#)

[5/1/10 \(9:30am-1pm\)
Plant Sale Immanuel Presbyterian Church](#)

[5/8/10 \(6pm\): Farmers Market Rodeo Barn Dance](#)

[6/20/10 \(8am\): Fun Run to help kick off S. Tac. Market](#)

[12/4/10-12/5/10 UW/WSU "Cultivating Community Food Security: Recent Research in Urban/Rural Food Systems" conference](#)

Community Classifieds:

[Organic Dairy Farm for Sale for more info.](#) For more information, contact Elise at elise@methownet.com or 509.997.5471

[State correctional facilities seeking Washington farms for local produce purchasing pilot](#)
Contact Tricia Kovacs, Farm-to-School Program Manager, WSDA, at tkovacs@agr.wa.gov or 206-256-6150.

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healthcare and sustainable agriculture, is offering a micro-loan program to sustainable farmers to help strengthen the Washington farming community.

For more info, check out <http://www.humanlinksfoundation.org/>

No Farms No Food: Saves the land that Sustains Us

Thanks to your overwhelming support during the past several weeks the No Farms No Food: Save the Land that Sustains Us idea garnered more than 4,400 votes to become one of the ten best Ideas for Change in America.

Please vote for TFM once again!

For more info, check out <http://blog.farmland.org/2010/03/save-the-land-that-sustains-us/>

King County receives grants to Fight Obesity and Tobacco



These kinds of grants help out the entire community. Why didn't Pierce County go for this type of grant too? Check out the full article on

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/news/2010/10031901.aspx>

Summer Winds Day Camp is now Registering for 2010

Summer Winds Day Camp is now registering for Summer 2010. Located on a small biodynamic farm in Snoqualmie, Summer Winds offers day camps focused on arts, nature, and farming for children ages four through eleven. Children learn hands-on about sustainability, ecology, and where their food comes from, plus they spend plenty of time outside playing, exploring, creating, and just being kids. Activities include singing, collecting eggs, cooperative games, mask-making, toy boat sailing, fort building, adventures into the forest, storytelling, and more. For more information, please check out our website (www.summerwindsdaycamp.com):



[South Tacoma Business District](#)



Monsanto is Losing

According to The Street's article (<http://www.thestreet.com/story/10719079/1/farmers-may-force-monsanto-price-cut.html>), farmers are holding off on buying Monsanto seeds, which is forcing Monsanto stock down. Justice can prevail!

Be part of the Localvore Movement!

Cheryl Ouellette, also known as the Pig Lady, has a dream about meat - real meat, local meat, and how meat can save the family farm. Read more about this movement and what is being done to help our meat stay local, <http://www.psmnpc.org/>



There is so much happening in Tacoma to make us all proud to be part of this community.

Sincerely,

Kristine Strange
Tacoma Farmers Markets



Local, Tasty, Fun