Socially distanced farmers market Glenwood Sunday Market returns to Rogers Park for 12th season in new partnership with Loyola Farmers Market Sundays from June 6 to October 24, 2021

Market served 12,000 shoppers and gave away thousands of dollars in microgrants and hundreds of pounds of healthy food in 2020

CHICAGO (March 22, 2021)—The nonprofit Rogers Park Business Alliance (RPBA) is proud to announce the 12th season of its Glenwood Sunday Market, to be held at 1233-41 W. Pratt Blvd., every Sunday from June 6 to October 24 (closed on July 4), from 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. Glenwood Sunday Market kicks off a new collaborative partnership with the Loyola University Chicago School of Environmental Sustainability and its Loyola Farmers Market program for the 2021 market season. While the Loyola Farmers Market is on hiatus, select vendors from the Loyola Farmers Market including Loyola’s Urban Farm will join vendors on site at this year’s Glenwood Sunday Market for the duration of the season.

This year’s vendors include Bennisons, Blacksmith Acres, Finn’s, Hardin’s, Katherine Anne, Live Oil by Lesna, Loyola’s Urban Farm, Lyons, Mickii’s Desserts, Mike & Clare’s Farm, Milwaukee Homegrown, Mindful Banking, pHlour, Phoenix Bean, River Valley, Stamper, That Pickle Guy, The Urban Canopy, Urban Tables, and Vangies.

In addition to including the Loyola Farmers Market as a vendor, the Market’s partnership with Loyola University of Chicago will also provide a comprehensive and in-person farmers market work experience for three student interns from the University, who will be compensated for their time.

Glenwood Sunday Market continues its walkthrough operation plan with managed capacity and a prescribed walking route. In keeping with COVID cautionary measures, appropriate space will be ensured for social distancing. Face coverings will be required, plus stall sites will be sanitized regularly and hand sanitizers available at vendor stalls throughout the market site.

Glenwood Sunday Market strives for social justice through food access. In 2020, the Market continued to give away thousands of dollars in microgrants to food-insecure shoppers. It also
partnered with Food Not Bombs for a weekly food recovery program that gave away hundreds of pounds of healthy food to neighbors at no cost. The Market combats food insecurity in the Rogers Park neighborhood by providing day-of microgrants for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) shoppers through its Food Access Program funded by grants and donations from market supporters. In preparation for the 2021 season, the Market is actively seeking donations to assure that all shoppers can afford to eat healthy, locally grown and produced foods. Make a donation at https://tinyurl.com/GSMDonate.

For the past 11 consecutive years, Glenwood Sunday Market has helped sustain the local food system and provided a significant revenue stream for local farmers and food producers. Last year, 16 participating vendors served 12,000 shoppers via online and in-person sales.

**Glenwood Sunday Market** is a program of the nonprofit Rogers Park Business Alliance, with a vision to create an equitable, ethical and secure local food system. Composed entirely of farmers and food artisans that work within 200 miles of Rogers Park, the Market’s mission is to make sustainable, regionally produced foods accessible to the whole community. The Market’s Food Access Program combats food insecurity in the Rogers Park neighborhood, and provided $26,000 in grants and vouchers for SNAP shoppers in 2019. The Market is committed to economic, environmental and social sustainability in Rogers Park, the city and region. For more information, visit www.glenwoodsundaymarket.org.

**Rogers Park Business Alliance (RPBA)** is a nonprofit organization that has served Chicago’s diverse Rogers Park neighborhood for more than 25 years. RPBA works to cultivate and sustain a thriving economic environment in Rogers Park, serving businesses and residents with a variety of public events and business initiatives. RPBA programs include the GROW/PROGRESANDO entrepreneurial training program, the Illinois Small Business Development Center at Rogers Park Business Alliance, annual Best of Rogers Park awards, Chalk Howard Street and Taste of Clark Street festivals, and the Glenwood Sunday Market farmers market. For more information, visit RPBA.org.

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