Six Mile Farmers Market to officially open in May

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SIX MILE — Six Mile Town Council voted last month to start a farmers market this spring, and officials announced Monday the grand opening is scheduled for May 2.

Council member James Atkinson said the dedication is set for 3:45 p.m., just prior to the opening of the Six Mile Farmer's Depot Farmers Market and Community Center. He said the market will primarily feature locally produced agriculture products within a 100-mile radius of the town.

"We expect a group of regular weekly farm product vendors, but also individuals selling surplus products from their home gardens," said Atkinson, who proposed the market for Six Mile earlier this year. "We think our market will have unique features over other markets in the area, such as a view of the mountain and pasturelands of Six Mile and an indoor market which can open rain or shine."

The former Six Mile Fire Department, located adjacent to town hall, is slated to serve as the site for the farmers market and would remain open each week through September. Atkinson invites folks to bring a chair, wear their overalls, renew acquaintances and meet new friends, as well as bring a musical instrument.

"We hope the market is much more than a market, serving as a community gathering place as well," he said.

Atkinson said his hope is that the market and awareness of Six Mile would attract merchants to the downtown area to establish niche businesses and restaurants, promoting healthy lifestyles using locally produced agricultural products.

"We hope they and others will be aware of the uniqueness of Six Mile with its greenspace, lack of traffic, clean air and lack of noise that would be the envy of many towns," he said.

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