

# *the Evening Farmers Market*

*At Pecan Park in historic downtown Statesville, NC*

**THURSDAYS**

*April through October*

*4:00 p.m. – 'til*

## **RULES OF THE EVENING FARMERS MARKET**

**Updated 2010**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

1. Residents of North Carolina are eligible for membership in the Evening Farmers Market association.
2. All vendors must submit a completed Vendor/Membership Application. All vendors must have their products approved to participate in the market. All vendors must have their operation documented. Please include directions on your membership application and appropriate time for the association to visit your farm. Your address will remain confidential.
3. Space assignments are based upon seniority. Seniority is defined by the number of years of membership. Members of long standing are insured their spaces weekly. If you have a reserved space, you must call the president (704-873-7737) or market manager (704-873-3361 or 704-929-0347) prior to any absence. Failure to do so may cancel your reserved space. Vendor spaces will only be saved for occupants until 3:30 p.m. without a phone call or prearrangement.
4. Members who have a permanent spot are Senior Vendors and are required to submit a membership application by first market day to retain vendor space privileges.
5. New vendors may be assigned different locations weekly until a permanent location becomes available.
6. Membership dues must be paid by June 30.
7. There is an annual fee of \$20.00 to become a member. Each vendor will be charged \$5.00 per market day. A yearly fee of \$150 may be paid by May 15. This fee includes membership dues. A \$10.00 weekly fee is charged to a vendor that sets up to sell their products but does not join the Evening Farmers Market. We encourage everyone to pay monthly in advance. Students are allowed to set up for free.
8. No buying and reselling of produce or other products is allowed. Each member-vendor must be the original producer of the items being sold. Members may represent and sell for other members not present. Those items must be labeled.

Vendors selling for other vendors must produce minimum 50% of the produce/plants/crafts etc. they offer for sale.

9. The market manager with another officer present has the right to ask any vendor to leave the market if they are not conforming to rules set forth or behaving in a disruptive manner.
10. The market will operate from 4:00 p.m. 'till ? Vendors may begin setting up at 3:00 p.m. and begin selling at 3:45 p.m. Early sales at the discretion of the vendor.
11. Each vendor is responsible for cleaning up the area around his/her selling space. Smokers *must* use ashtrays.
12. Prices must be posted for all items sold.
13. No animals may be sold or given away at the market.
14. All vendors must operate in a courteous manner with both customers and fellow vendors. You are your market's best representative.
15. All products must be of top quality.
16. RAIN – The market is open rain or shine. If it is raining vendors decide if they want to set up or not.

**A note to vendors and prospective vendors: Unlike other markets that are run by “somebody else”, this market is of the farmers, by the farmers and for the farmers. The officer positions are not somebody else they are us. Everyone is expected to pitch in and help put the signs out, set up and take down tables and tents when we have events, and keep the park clean in other words do your part.**