

Granger Farmers Market

P.O. Box 284

Granger, Washington, 98932



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Sponsor Letter

The Granger Farmers Market is a non-profit, community based association founded on bringing farm-fresh, regionally grown produce to the community; promoting healthy food choices; enhancing the economic development within the local community; promoting and supporting the formation of cottage industry; assisting our local growers in marketing their produce; and supporting local businesses.

The Board of Directors has adopted a set of By-Laws, and market Member Guidelines that will govern the actions of the Board and the Market. The Market will be a member of the Washington State Farmers Market Association, and will obtain liability insurance from a policy available through this state organization. This policy will be a \$2M aggregate liability policy and will list co-insured organizations including SeaMar NCEC Community Center (our landlord), the Granger Chamber of Commerce, and the Washington State Farmers Market Association.

The Boards first meetings were held in January, 2017. Funding is being solicited in the community and amongst community supporters to pay the start-up costs including the dues to the Washington State organization of \$150, and the Liability Insurance of \$275. We anticipate printing costs of publicity flyers and applications for membership, some labor costs for the Market Manager (we hope to pay 5 hours per week at \$13 per hour), and other costs associated with the start up. Our intention is to make the space fees (\$10/week) pay

for the ongoing costs of the Market. We anticipate being self-sufficient by the end of this first summer.

The Board is now seeking interested farmers, value added farm products, and crafts for the market. We have received positive feedback to date from several participants. The Board has also selected to hold the Market on Thursday from 4 to 7 PM to avoid any conflict with other local markets. We should be able to gain some farmers from the Sunnyside and Toppenish areas with this Market being on Thursday.

The Board is also aware that the success of the Market depends on the community support and the support of organizations that support the community. Voting membership in the Market is obtained by all members (farmers, bakers, food trucks, community supporters, supporting organizations, and sponsors) with the payment of \$30 per year as a membership fee. This fee will allow the Market to pay the early season costs of operation in the following years and help to make the Market self-sufficient.

If you are a willing community member or a supporter of the community, please consider joining the Market (for \$30) or helping to sponsor the Market with a larger donation.

Thank you, Kenneth Fein, Board President

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