April 16, 2024



The Grafton Farmers Market is gearing up for its 13<sup>th</sup> year and needs your help. The market season runs for 11 weeks on Tuesday nights (July 2 – Sept 10) from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at Heritage Village. We're asking for businesses or individuals to help sponsor our event nights. Sponsorships can be in the form of funds or volunteer time. Last year, we were able to have the carousel open almost every night thanks to our wonderful sponsors! Sponsors will be named in all the promotional posts on our social media as well as any newspaper or radio advertisements.

This year we are working hard to ensure continued success of the market This includes applying for a micro grant from the North Dakota Farmers and Growers Association, which will help us with some advertising costs and possible small storage shed to keep at Heritage Village. We are also applying for a larger grant from AARP for new seating and shade canopies that can be set up and taken down for each market. We are looking for volunteers to help with the set-up/take down.

Events planned for this year include:

- 1. Opening night (7/2)
- 2. Art @the Market (7/9, Partnering with LSTC for an art show)
- 3. Community Mural Paint Party (8/6, Partnering with Beautification Committee)
- 4. National Night Out (8/6, Partnering with the Police Department)
- 5. Childrens Market (8/13)
- 6. Fall Festival (9/10)

We will be having the carousel open for 7 nights over the course of the farmer's market season. The kids love having the carousel open and helps us attract more people to the farmer's market. Please mark on the attached sheet if you have a preferred date.

We have also enclosed a list of open dates if you or your organization would like to do a meal as a fundraiser.

Finally, we are always looking for new vendors to sell homemade/homegrown goods. If you would like to be a vendor, email us at <a href="mailto:graftonfarmersmarket.nd@gmail.com">graftonfarmersmarket.nd@gmail.com</a>. If you know anyone who would be interested, please encourage them to become a vendor. And, if you see our posts on Facebook or Instagram a share or a "like" would be much appreciated!

Thank you for your consideration,

Grafton Farmer's Market Steering Committee

## Please return before June 1st, 2024

Make checks payable to:	
Checks Payable to Grafton Area Chamber of Commerce c/o Grafton Farmers Market 432 Hill Ave, Grafton ND 58237	
Or	
Stop by Grafton Area Chamber of Comr	nerce to pay by credit card.
Sponsor's Name:	Phone Number
Sponsorship Amount:(\$50)	(\$100)(Carousel Night- \$300)Other
If you are interested in volunteering, plustin more information or email grafton	ease check this box and someone will contact you shortly <pre>nfarmersmarket.nd@gmail.com</pre> .

## **Carousel Sponsor Nights**

Please mark 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> choice. (Availability based on first come, first served basis)

•	Tuesday, July 2nd
•	Tuesday, July 9th
•	Tuesday, July 16th
•	Tuesday, July 30th
•	Tuesday, August 6th
•	Tuesday, August 13th
•	Tuesday, September 10th

## Meal Fundraiser Opportunities

We are located at Heritage village and there is power outside.

Please mark dates if you are interested.

- Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>
- Tuesday July 16<sup>th</sup>
- Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>
- Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>
- Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>
- Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>