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## **OGS ANNOUNCES SUMMER OUTDOOR FOOD VENDORS, FARMERS MARKETS & CRAFT SHOWS AT THE PLAZA AND HARRIMAN CAMPUS**

RoAnn M. Destito, New York State Office of General Services (OGS) Commissioner, today announced the start of the Empire State Plaza and Harriman Campus summer food vendor and farmers market programs. The farmers market will return outside on the Plaza on Wednesday, May 4, and food vendors will begin their summer schedule on Monday, May 9. At the Harriman Campus, food vendors will return on Monday, May 2, and the farmers market will be back, starting on Thursday, May 5.

### **Lunchtime Food Vendors**

The outdoor lunchtime food vendor program runs five days a week, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on the Plaza and at the Harriman Campus in the courtyard between buildings 4, 5, and 8. The vendors offer a diverse range of prepared foods to satisfy a variety of palates.

New to the Plaza lunch program this year and scheduled to participate on Wednesdays and Fridays are:

- Big Joe's Catering, serving tacos, burritos, quesadillas, taco salads, and fresh cut fries.
- Sweet Mama Mia, serving wraps (Caesar, caprese, and pastrami parm), salads, daily specials, and unsweetened iced tea infused with fruit.
- Fin – Your Fish Monger, serving crab cake sandwiches, sweet potato salmon burgers, mahi mahi fish tacos, Korean barbecue salmon tacos, lobster rolls, coleslaw, and a variety of pre-packed fish and seafood for take-home cooking.

Returning favorites also scheduled to be on the Plaza on Mondays and Wednesdays include Defazio's Pizzeria, Slidin' Dirty, Flavors of Lebanon, and Euro Delicacies — Capital Q Smokehouse and La Empanada Llama are expected to return later in the summer. Also, DC's Pizza is returning and will be on the Plaza five days a week.

Employees and visitors at the Harriman Campus will see several familiar food vendors this year, including: Old Daley Inn, Vincent's Catering, Miranda Enterprises, The Spud Shack, Mosall's Grove, , DC's Pizza, The Hungry Traveler, and J & J Catering, which is among vendors who will also be opening early to serve breakfast.

New to the Harriman Campus outdoor vendor program this year is NexDine, which will be serving a rotating menu of food options, which will include fajita wraps, kabobs, and sandwiches.

### **Farmers Markets**

The Empire State Plaza Farmers Market is held each Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This summer's market will feature more than 25 farmers and other vendors selling fresh fruits and vegetables, meats, cheeses, yogurt, wine, cider, baked goods, flowers, pesto, nuts, granola, and much more.

The farmers market at the Harriman Campus will be held in the courtyard between buildings 4, 5, and 8 every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., starting on May 5. It will feature vendors selling fresh fruits and vegetables, plants, flowers, and baked goods.

The farmers markets are part of the New York State FreshConnect program, which is designed to meet the needs of communities by bringing fresh food to underserved areas, improving nutrition education, and helping create local jobs.

### **Craft Shows**

The Empire State Plaza and Harriman Campus will also be hosting a series of summer handmade art and craft shows this year.

Craft shows at the Plaza will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the following Wednesdays: June 15, July 13, August 10, and September 7, and will be moved inside to the concourse level of the plaza in the event of inclement weather.

Craft shows at the Harriman Campus are scheduled for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the courtyard between buildings 4, 5, and 8 on the following Thursdays: May 19, June 30, July 28, August 25, and September 8. In the event of inclement weather, the craft shows will take place the following Friday if possible.

For additional information on the Empire State Plaza and Harriman Campus lunchtime food vendor programs, farmers markets, and craft shows, contact the OGS Special Events Office at (518) 408-1811 or email [vendors@empirestateplaza.org](mailto:vendors@empirestateplaza.org). To keep up to date on all programs and events at the Empire State Plaza, visit us online at [www.empirestateplaza.org](http://www.empirestateplaza.org) or follow us at Empire State Plaza Events on Facebook or @PlazaEvents on Twitter.

The Empire State Plaza Farmers Market is sponsored by SEFCU, which will have its mobile branch parked on the Plaza during each farmers market, and Green Mountain Energy Company.

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