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**RE: UPPER UNION STREET, SCHENECTADY, FARMERS' MARKET OPENS**

**SCHENECTADY, NY -6-3-2009---** The Upper Union Street, Schenectady, Farmers' Market, located in the Upper Union Street BID's Free Parking Lot on Woodland Ave. Union Street and Eastern Parkway. has opened for the season. The market operates every Saturday morning between 9am and 1pm through October. Hours are extended until 3pm during Upper Union Street's Strawberry Fest on June 20 and Harvest Fest on October 17.

The market sells only locally grown produce and local agriculture related products, drawing from gardens and farms located in Schenectady County and from directly adjacent counties. New this year are locally grown early "hot house" tomatoes and zucchini. The Upper Union Street Farmers' Market also features meats, including chicken and goat meat, eggs, herbs, bedding plants, perennials, honey, and a full line of baked goods including strawberry donuts and strawberry rhubarb pie. More produce items, including corn, collard greens, eggplant, cantelopes, blueberries, peaches, apples, okra, cucumbers, will be featured as the growing season progresses.

"There will be something new at the market each week, so come often," said Al Lansing, one of the originators of the Upper Union Street BID Farmers' Market and a Niskayuna farmer who represents the eighth generation of Lansing's working the land.

Upper Union Street is a traditional business district located in the City of Schenectady near the Niskayuna border. The Upper Union Street Business Improvement District offers services to the district including marketing, maintenance, special events and façade improvement matching grants funded by the Schenectady Metroplex Development Authority. The web site is: [www.upperunionbid.org](http://www.upperunionbid.org).

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