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## MILL AVENUE FARMERS MARKET TO OPEN

Fresh fruits, mouthwatering organic vegetables, homemade bread from local bakeries. The **Mill Avenue Farmers Market** promises a delightful array of sensory treats. This Sunday, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., at Sixth Street Plaza, the Mill Avenue Farmers Market will open for the first time. This is a soft opening, with the grand opening happening Nov. 14. The market will be open every Sunday through Mother's Day in May, depending on weather. The market will include organic and conventional produce, sweets, breads, oils, herbal supplements, flowers, and small, Tempe-owned companies like **Revolution Tea**.

The Mill Avenue Farmers Market will have about 15- 20 booths this Sunday, with as many as 40 at high season. It is expected to draw hundreds of people weekly. This week, it is a watering station for **Tour de Tempe**. [www.millavefarmersmarket.com](http://www.millavefarmersmarket.com).

The Mill Avenue Farmers Market operator, **James Neal** has been working to bring this market to Tempe for more than a year. He introduced the concept at the light rail grand opening party, *Destination: Tempe*. Thousands enjoyed goods and services provided by vendors he organized especially for the event. He is also an owner of **Chronic Taco** and has been doing business in Tempe for two years. This is the third market to open in Tempe in recent days. The Mill Avenue Farmers Market joins the Thursday night Market on Mill, at Seventh Street and Mill and the Tempe Farmer's Market on Farmer Avenue and University.

Market on Mill is hosted by the **Downtown Tempe Community** and the **Phoenix Permaculture Guild**. Unlike a traditional farmers' market that is food-and-produce-only, and unlike an art festival that brings out artists only, the Market on Mill features local growers alongside exclusively local artists and [www.marketonmill.com](http://www.marketonmill.com). Tempe Farmer's Market is a daily indoor farmers market featuring locally grown produce and specialty foods such as dairy, vegan/vegetarian, honey, cheese, hormone-free meats and more. [www.tempefarmersmarket.com](http://www.tempefarmersmarket.com).

For additional information on the Mill Avenue Farmers Market, please call James Neal at 480.464.4400 or **Sheri Wakefield-Saenz** at 480.350.8812 - City of Tempe Economic Development Division.



## FREE BOATING DAY

To celebrate the tenth birthday of **Tempe Town Lake**, the City of Tempe is offering a free day of boating on Saturday, Nov. 7 at the **SRP Town Lake Marina**. This is the first day that everyone can bring their own boat on Town Lake at no cost. Normally, one day boat permits cost \$5. Free boating day doesn't just apply to people who own boats. Tempe Parks and Recreation will have free kayaks for people to try. Many of the boat clubs that operate at Tempe Town Lake will offer rides and demonstrations to visitors. Check out the dragon boats, sailboats, outrigger canoes and rowing shells. Arizona Game and Fish will offer boating safety classes. **US Coast Guard Auxiliary** will teach life jacket [PFD] safety.

If people enjoy their time on the water, they can look into classes on Town Lake or join any of the many boating clubs, or they can buy an annual boat permit for their own dingy.

### Saturday, Nov. 7 Schedule:

10A – 4P Free kayaking, boating and safety demonstrations - bring your driver's license or Arizona Identification Card to paddle a kayak on the lake at no charge and take a look at the boating clubs on Town Lake, sign up for Parks and Recreation classes and learn boat safety.

10A – 6P Free boating for boat owners - staff will be ready to issue one-day permits to boats that meet Town Lake guidelines. No gas-powered boats are allowed on Tempe Town Lake – only boats that are manually powered, wind-powered or electric-powered. Those participating can register for great prizes like an overnight stay at the **Tempe aloft** hotel and dinner at **Monti's la Casa Vieja**.

SRP Town Lake Marina is located on College Avenue south of Curry Road. Details about the marina: [www.tempe.gov/lake/Development/Marina.htm](http://www.tempe.gov/lake/Development/Marina.htm). For a map: [www.tempe.gov/lake/Events/Images/MarinaMap.jpg](http://www.tempe.gov/lake/Events/Images/MarinaMap.jpg).

Don't forget the birthday party: **Town Lake Turns 10** on Dec. 12 from 3-7P. The **APS Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade** follows immediately with Santa, fireworks and illuminated boats! Get more details at [www.tempe.gov/lake/birthday.htm](http://www.tempe.gov/lake/birthday.htm).

