



January 27, 2025

Dear Mayor Jim Orman and members of the Aurora Village Board of Trustees JD Balloni, Matt Bianconi, John Miller, Janet Murphy, and Village Clerk Ann Balloni,

The Aurora Farmers Market (AFM) Management team, Ellen W. Hall, Ronald Woodburn, Jr., and Vic Muñoz write to you for permission to use the two grass areas behind the Aurora Fire Department building to set up the Aurora Farmers Market on Saturdays from May 31 through October 11, 2025. Operating hours are 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Saturdays.

From what we can glean from information published in *The Citizen* and the email from the Wells Board of Trustees (1-24-25 "January Update from the Board of Trustees"), it seems that the issue of who will purchase the Wells College property, including the Boathouse, its parking lots, and its surrounding lawn area will remain an open question for an unforeseeable future. We need to do what we do every January, which is to plan for the Aurora Farmers Market. 2025 will be its 10th year!

We respectfully request that the Village Board again offer AFM the use of two grass lots (one for vendors and the other for customer parking) behind the Fire Department building so that we can move ahead with inviting vendors, redoing our signage, figuring out the application process, vendor fees, and any questions that we would need to work out with the Village Board.

We continue to be grateful that the Market was able to remain on the Boathouse Lawn during the 2024 season because of the commitment of the Mayor, the Village Board of Trustees, and the hands-on work throughout the summer of Ann Balloni, Christie Gunderson, and the Lifeguards of the Swim Program. It was an amazing feeling to be part of a community that pulled together during difficult times.

We look forward to continuing to be part of the Aurora community.

Thank you very much for considering this request.

Respectfully,

Ellen Hall, Ron Woodburn, Jr, Vic Muñoz

Aurora Farmers Market Management Team