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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 3, and food vendors will begin their summer schedule on Monday, May 8. At the Harriman Campus, food vendors will return on Monday, May 1, and the farmers market will be back, starting on Thursday, May 4.

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 by 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:

- La Empanada Llama, this popular vendor is returning to the Plaza after a one-year hiatus and serving up fresh empanadas and Peruvian delights.
- Burger 21, serving hand-crafted, freshly ground Certified Angus Beef.

Returning favorites also scheduled to be on the Plaza on Wednesdays and Fridays include Defazio's Pizzeria, Slidin' Dirty, Flavors of Lebanon, Fin – Your Fish Monger, Sweet Mama Mia and Euro Delicacies. Also, DC's Pizza and Capital Q are 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, and The Hungry Traveler. Four of the vendors will be opening early to serve breakfast.

New to the Harriman Campus outdoor vendor program this year is Dolan's Dogs, which will be serving hot dogs as well as kielbasa with sauerkraut and sausage and peppers.

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 by buildings 4, 5, and 8 every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., starting on May 4. It will feature vendors selling fresh fruits and vegetables, plants, flowers, and baked goods.

The Empire State Plaza Farmers Market is 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 and art shows on the concourse level of the Plaza will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 17-18, June 14-15, and June 28-29. Art on the Plaza shows will take place outside on the Plaza from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the following Wednesdays: June 14, June 28, July 26, and August 9 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 by buildings 4, 5, and 8 on the following Thursdays: July 13, July 27, August 24, and September 7. 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. To keep up to date on all programs and events at the Empire State Plaza, visit us online at www.empirestateplaza.org or follow us at Empire State Plaza Events on Facebook or @PlazaEvents on Twitter.

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