

Dear MFM Patrons,

Please know our beloved MFM Market Manager, Maryanne Lessley, will be transitioning out of her role as Market Manager in the coming weeks / months. While her final day with us and her definite new career choice have not yet been decided, Maryanne plans to pursue a full-time career outside of the MFM beginning in 2012.

Our MFM Board fully supports her decision, and we are grateful for all she has done to help the Memphis Farmers Market become what it is today. Over her near six years with the MFM, Maryanne has been instrumental in the market's positive growth and success, and we are thankful that her goal is to continue with this supportive effort as she helps to transition and prepare the next Market Manager to fill her role.

We are saddened to see Maryanne leave, however please know she has agreed to be involved with the transition / mentoring of the new Manager, as well as support with the pre-season vendor meeting, and help support the new manager with the opening of the 2012 season.

We will keep you all posted on when Maryanne's final day will truly be, however until that mutually agreed upon date, Maryanne will continue serving in her current role while being heavily involved in the preparing & recruiting for, as well as the interview process to help fill the MFM Market Manager position.

We are grateful for Maryanne's willingness to help transition and mentor the next person to fill her role, and we are certain that with her support the next Market Manager will do a great job (although he/she will have some mighty big shoes to fill!).

We know Maryanne can't stay away from the MFM for long, and feel sure she will be spotted shopping often on Saturdays during the 2012 season and beyond.

Please join us as we wish Maryanne the very best in her new adventure!

Beth Brock
President
Memphis Farmers Market

Dear MFM Patrons,

After much thought and consideration, I have decided to begin my pursuit of a profession that affords me more time with my family over the weekends, yet also supports my long term career goals.

I am so proud of the MFM's growth over the last six seasons and am extremely grateful to have been a part of it. The Board, Market Manager and Volunteer Team work hard to run the Market and uphold its mission and goals, but you all make it a magical place every Saturday.

I will continue to serve in my current role until the Market Manager is filled and/or my new position unveils itself. I will miss working with each and every one of you when my last day as Market Manager does come. However, rest assured that I will certainly not be missing from the MFM picture! The Memphis Farmers Market is very special to me, and I am thankful for the full support of the Board as I move forward on my path. I am eager to partner with the MFM to help select and transition the new Market Manager into his/her role.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Maryanne Lessley