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**Find Tons of Tomatoes at the 2008 Tomato Festival!**

**KANSAS CITY, MO**– The City Market will host the second annual Tomato Festival on Saturday, July 5, featuring a *Salsa Contest* at the 105.1 Jack FM radio tent. Family activities are also planned throughout the day and fresh, locally grown tomatoes, including many hard-to-find heirloom varieties will be available for purchase at vendor stalls throughout the City Market. From 10:00 am – 12:00 pm themed games will take place at the 105.1 Jack FM tent such as tomato putt-putt, a knock the cans game and a tomato toss. Don’t miss recipe sampling courtesy of the University of Missouri Extension Office, salsa dancing demonstrations by Kcsalsa.com, music performance by the String Beans, storytelling and Wonderscope art activity tent are also planned.

The National Agriculture Center and Hall of Fame will be on site highlighting the history of agriculture and the future of farming and Harvesters will be accepting perishable and non-perishable food items at the City Market Information booth from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Farmers’ Market hours on Saturday are 6:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and festival hours are 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. “Recent salmonella outbreaks have many wondering whether or not tomatoes are safe to eat, said Deb Connors, Market Master for the City Market, “Be sure to wash produce items thoroughly. Shop with confidence and don’t miss out on a summer favorite.”

**Tomato Festival Schedule of Activities**

8:00 am – 12:00 pm	University of Missouri Extension Office recipe and sampling
8:00 am – 2:00 pm	Kcsalsa.com Salsa Dancing Demonstrations
9:00 am – 11:00 am	String Beans Musical Performance
9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Wonderscope kids activities
9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Mother Nature storytelling
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Jack FM contest & activities
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Knock the cans game
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Tomato toss game
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Tomato putt-putt
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Salsa contest check in
10:30 am – 11:30 am	Salsa contest
11:45 am	Salsa contest winner announced



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For more information, contact the City Market Office at 816-842-1271 or visit the City Market at [www.thecitymarket.org](http://www.thecitymarket.org). The City Market Food Festival Series is sponsored in part by the Neighborhood Tourism Development Fund, Renewal by Andersen, the University of Missouri Extension Office and the City Market.

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***Where The Locals Go:*** *The City Market is open seven days a week year 'round. The Farmers' Market is open Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday.*