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Shop the City Market For All Your Holiday Needs!

KANSAS CITY, MO –Make the most of your time and money this holiday season and find all your gifts at the City Market. Bypass the congested parking lots at the malls and head over to the City Market, where merchants are open all year long, for unique shopping options and gifts for everyone on your list. Find hand crafted sterling silver jewelry at *Dalia's Silver Lining* as well as watches, gold and semi-precious stone designer inspired jewelry to fit every budget at *City Market Watch and Jewelry*. Home décor and current fashions for men, women and kids can be found at *The Urban Trader*, *Africa 2000* and *So Young Fashions* while collectables and other gift items are available at *Emblazon Gifts*.

Custom gift baskets of all shapes and sizes can be purchased at many of the City Market merchant stores. Consider a basket of freshly ground gourmet coffee from the *City Market Coffee House*, exotic fruit baskets from one of the produce companies, a festive candy basket from *A Sweet Expression* or a gourmet food basket from or *The Blu Day*. Pick up wines, liqueurs and artisan cheeses at the *Wine Cellar* for your holiday party and dress up your home or office with a holiday arrangement from *Dutch Flowers*. Consider letting someone else handle the turkey this year, *Winslow's Barbecue* offers custom smoked or fried turkeys and spiral cut hams. Gift certificates also make a convenient gift. Plan a family outing to the *Arabia Steamboat Museum* and have lunch at any one of our restaurants such as *Bo Lings*, *The Blue Nile*, *Burrito Bros.*, *Habashi House*, *Hien Vuong*, *Tikka House*, *Minsky's* or *Succotash* and finish your meal off with some Italian Gelato at *Argento's* or a *bobba tea* at *Lollicup Tea*. Regardless of your gift persuasion or palate, City Market merchants have just what you need this year when everyone is short on time and finances.



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Holiday Shopping at the Farmers' Market

Additional shopping options will be featured in the heated pavilion with vendors and crafters selling local produce and festive holiday gifts Saturdays through Christmas and many vendors will take special orders for cakes, pies and other baked goods. As weather permits, the Sunday Market will continue with the Sunday Yard Sale, featuring antiques, collectables, gently used clothing, home décor items, children's toys and much more. Winter hours are Saturday 7 am – 3:30 pm and Sunday 8 am – 3:30 pm now through February.

The Grinch Makes an Appearance Saturdays between Thanksgiving and Christmas

Meet the Grinch from 11 am – 2 pm on Saturdays between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Have your photo taken with the Grinch for a small fee or bring in three or more non-perishable canned goods, which will help benefit Harvesters and receive this special keepsake for free. Kids can also create a Grinch mask and Whoville ornaments. Activities will take place next to The Urban Trader.

Whether eating local food or something with a global flair, the City Market has the foods items you need.

The holidays are a time to reflect on the good things we have in life and to appreciate what is most dear to us. Many turn toward friends, family and family traditions for reliable and familiar comfort where often times, celebrations revolve around a few special comfort foods. Whether your holiday plans include eating local foods or something with a global flair, the City Market has everything you need for a memorable holiday with friends and family. *Al Habashi Market* offers dozens of dried herbs and spices, nuts and dried fruits, olives and olive oil and many more items from the Mediterranean and Middle East. If pasta is plentiful in your home over the holidays or family adores antipasti, stop by *Carollo's Italian Grocery* to find what you need. *Seafood, Meats and More* offers a variety of fish, shellfish, poultry, pork, beef and the more exotic meats while *Crossland Market* offers hard to find ingredients from Africa and the Caribbean. Produce is plentiful from around the world, perfectly complementing the locally grown produce from nearby farms. *Cristina's Produce*, *Global Produce* and *River Market Produce* all offer produce staples at a very competitive price. While at the City Market, find specialty ingredients for menu items which include cuisine from your family's cultural heritage. Merchants are happy to assist shoppers who are searching for global flavors, by opening the door to special culinary traditions from around the world and offering specialty ingredients to stock your pantry full of inspiration.

This year, consider eating a truly local Thanksgiving dinner. Even as fall transitions to winter, a large amount of produce continues to be locally grown and available at the City Market, the only year 'round farmers' market in the Kansas City area. Conveniently located and easily accessible from all areas of the Kansas City metro area, the City Market also offers local meats, baked goods and so much more.

Avoid the merry madness of the mall and visit the City Market for all your holiday gift giving needs where shopping is simple, fast and convenient. For additional information, please visit The City Market website at www.thecitymarket.org or call 816-842-1271.

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The City Market has been busier than ever, with over 720,000 people visiting the Market this year with average crowds of over 14,000 on Saturdays and 3,500 on Sundays. The City Market is perhaps the most diverse area in Kansas City featuring a unique community of commercial tenants representing eight different ethnic backgrounds and over a dozen languages. One of the oldest, continually operated based businesses, the City Market has served as a springboard for small business in the community for over 150 years.

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