



Beefy tomatoes come fresh from the garden



Early morning light floods over one vendor and his wares

Flowers, meats . . . and reminders of earlier days



Colorful people from the entire suburban area shop at Royal Oak's Farmers Market

Royal Oak's Farmers Market, small sister to Detroit's Eastern Market, is—well, it's a lot of things.

It's fresh vegetables and meats and all the sights and sounds and smells of a major produce market. It's the flowers and antiques and home-made handicrafts you expect to find in a market.

Mainly, it's the people. It's the truck farmer who's been coming to it for the last 60 years and it's the toddler who dropped in with his family. It's a woman spreading fresh and beefy tomatoes on a

counter and then packing them into the traditional baskets as they're sold.

A vendor surrounded by antiques and flooded with early morning sunlight waits for his customers—and an elderly lady who wandered into the market stops to buy—or to look at—shiny reminders of earlier days.

See inside for a closer look and more information on Farmers Market. It's just a part of our Summer Places series on offbeat ideas for you and your family this summer.

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They could be discussing anything—the size of watermelons, maybe?



Heading home

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