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Oakland Uncorked returns to the Oakland County Farmers Market Aug. 15

Tickets on sale now for this celebration of local wines, beers, cuisine and culture

OAKLAND COUNTY – Aug. 6, 2025 – Enjoy the bounty of Michigan's harvest during Oakland Uncorked, an annual event that showcases the talents of local restaurants, wine distributors, craft beer brewers, live music and artisans. This year's event is scheduled from 7-10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15 at the Oakland County Farmers Market, 2350 Pontiac Lake Road in Waterford.

"This is always a popular event, and the farmers market is the perfect place to bring people together to enjoy food, drinks, and local artisans," said Oakland County Farmers Market Manager Brad Wethy. "It always turns out to be a beautiful summer evening, with people talking and laughing together as the sun sets over the market. We can't wait to join the Waterford Area Chamber of Commerce to bring back this event."

Restaurants slated to be at the event include Hosel Rockets Golf & Whiskey Lounge, Johnny Black's, Parker's Hilltop Brewery, Red Wood Grill, Rustic Leaf Brewing Company, Square One Eats & Treats, Via Bologna and more to come.

Local distributors will pour their vineyards' finest wines for tasting, inviting guests to order their favorite wine selections for pick up at a later date.

There's a new playful twist this year with a Wine Toss game. Guests toss a ring, and it lands around a bottle, they can take it home. It's a perfect blend of skill and luck, and a fun way to support the event.

The evening's music will be performed by Frankly Good Music, a solo performer who will put a fun acoustic spin on some pop classics. Local artisans will also display and sell their work and a silent auction is planned.

"Partnering with Oakland County Parks and the Oakland County Farmers Market is always such a rewarding experience—it creates the perfect setting for Oakland Uncorked," said Nikki Tippett, Executive Director of the Waterford Area Chamber of Commerce. "This VIP tasting event showcases the best of the heart of Oakland County, featuring wines from around the world, local craft beer, and mouthwatering dishes from neighborhood restaurants. With the vibrant sounds of

Frankly Music in the air, guests can expect an unforgettable evening of community, culture and culinary delight."

The Vineyard Sponsor is Michigan United Credit Union. The Market Sponsor is District 52 State Rep. Mike Harris, the Tasting Sponsors are KAB Beverage and Changing Places Moving, and the Artisan Sponsors are 59 Party Rentals, Assist 1 Medical Staffing, A World of Glass and Performance Roofing and Siding.

Cost is \$60/person and attendees must be 21 or older. Reservations are required as space is limited. Non-refundable tickets can be purchased at WaterfordChamber.org or by calling 248-666-8600.

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