As the market is scheduled to open on Saturday, June 16, volunteer market organizers from the Porter School Library and Resource Center are encouraging vendors to pick up their information packets at the Alpha General Store.

The packet includes vendor agreements that need to be signed and returned before participating.

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There are notable changes for produce vendors accepting and redeeming Senior Project Fresh and WIC Project Fresh coupons this year.

The information farm vendors need to register with the state of Michigan is also included in the packet.

The Porter School Farmers' Market will again offer SNAP/EBT benefit tokens to Bridge Card holders to be used at the market.

"Our market is also open to arts and craft vendors; value added food providers; as well as produce vendors," said Julie Harp, market organizer.

"Farm fresh produce must be grown locally and food providers must follow the Michigan Department of Agriculture's cottage food laws or be licensed by the state," added Maureen Elson, market manager.

Non-profit organizations can take advantage of free table space at the farmers' market.

One table per market day will be available at no charge.

Those interested should call Harp at the Alpha General Store to schedule use at 875-6328.

The Porter School Farmers' Market is open to serve on Saturdays from 9 a.m. until noon beginning June 16 and runs through early October.

The market is located next to the historic Porter School in the village of Alpha.

Anyone wishing to participate as a vendor should pick up information packets from the Alpha General Store or call Harp or Elson 284-0661.