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Dine Out, Eat Local: Introducing Farm Fresh Sundays in September Unique Event Kicks off Surrey's First-ever Agricultural Week

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SURREY, BC – In recognition of Surrey's upcoming first-ever Agriculture Week (September 13–17), the City of Surrey and local eateries are sowing the seeds of a unique dining series called Farm Fresh Sundays.

Starting September 4 and continuing every Sunday throughout the month of September, residents are encouraged to support Surrey's rich local agricultural industry by dining and eating "local" at a variety of Surrey restaurants showcasing specially designed dinner menus featuring a minimum of two-thirds locally farmed ingredients. A list of participating restaurants and menus can be found www.surrey.ca/farmfresh.

"Agriculture has been, and continues to play an important role in Surrey's socioeconomic framework throughout the past century," said Mayor Linda Hepner. "I encourage everyone to support our local restaurants and sample the bounty of the fall harvest at Farm Fresh Sundays."

Farm Fresh Sundays is the kick-off to Agriculture Week (September 13–17), which will celebrate the complexities and contributions of Surrey's food industry with a variety of family, workshop and speaker events taking place at Surrey City Hall (13450 104 Avenue).

"Farm Fresh Sundays will showcase the variety of fresh foods that are farmed right here in Surrey, while economically and sustainably supporting both the farmers and the restaurants," said Councillor Mike Starchuk, Chair, Agriculture & Food Security Advisory Committee. "We hope to grow this event annually."

Agriculture Land Leasing Workshop: Thursday, September 15, 2016, 8:30 am to 4 pm

Surrey City Hall: Rooms 2E A/B | Tickets: \$30 (includes lunch)

Interactive information session for land owners interested in leasing out their agriculture land, and for farmers, or prospective and/or young farmers/producers seeking to lease land for agriculture purposes.

Agriculture Speakers Forum: Friday, September 16, 2016, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

Surrey City Hall: Centre Stage | Tickets: \$30 (includes lunch).

Learn what it takes for a healthy, vibrant, resilient food system to function and address the challenges, opportunities, and priorities for strengthening our City's food system and local economies.

Pie in the Plaza Family Festival: Saturday, September 17, 2016, 11am to 2pm

City Hall Civic Plaza | Free Admission

11am: BC's largest blueberry pie created

12noon: Blueberry pie is served to the first 2,000 guests

1pm: Animal mascots join in the games

2pm: Pie throwing contest

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