

# Healthy Mobile Markets Launch in Broward County

DANIA BEACH, Fla., Dec. 3, 2018 (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) – The City of Dania Beach Community Redevelopment Agency is proud to announce that the Dania Beach People's Access To Community Horticulture (PATCH) is preparing to launch five Mobile Market sites around Broward County. Known as a community market and garden, the Dania Beach PATCH is a resource for locally grown food. Now, the PATCH is extending healthy food options to neighboring cities in Broward County through the use of mobile markets.



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The Mobile Markets are a component of the FARMERS MARKET AND LOCAL FOOD PROMOTION PROGRAM (FMLFPP) Grant from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) that was awarded to Dania Beach in October 2017.

A launch party is scheduled for December 13, 2018 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Dania Beach PATCH. The guest list includes officials from participating municipalities, stakeholders, supporters and customers. Food Education demonstrations featuring Chef Chad Cherry from Refresh Live will be part of the launch and will offer Chef Demonstrations at the Pilot Mobile Markets.

The Mobile Market Pilot program will begin in January 2019. A permanent

schedule will begin in February 2019. The mobile markets will serve the Broward Municipal Services District (BMSD); Fort Lauderdale, Hallandale Beach, and North Lauderdale. These sites are part of a pilot program to determine the best locations for permanent mobile markets designed to achieve the goals of providing affordable, locally grown produce to all in Broward County.

A partnership with FRESH ACCESS BUCKS through FEEDING FLORIDA, will provide incentives on Florida grown produce to EBT/SNAP participants. Another facet of the program is to connect small growers to markets to promote, strengthen, and build local grower's production and distribution.

### *The schedule for Pilot Mobile Markets is:*

**Thursday, December 13 – 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Mobile Market Launch Party**

PATCH Garden & Market

1201 W. Dania Beach Boulevard, Dania Beach

**Tuesday, January 15, 2019 – 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

Sailboat Bend Apartments

425 SW 4th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale

**Wednesday, January 16, 2019 – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Delavoe Park

2520 NW 6th Street, Fort Lauderdale

**Wednesday, January 16, 2019 – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

Foster Park

609 NW 6th Avenue, Hallandale Beach

**Thursday, January 17, 2019 – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Northwest Gardens

806-808 NW 13th Terrace, Fort Lauderdale

**Thursday, January 17, 2019 – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

North Lauderdale

Corner of Rock Island and Forest Blvd (Basketball Courts; across from City Hall)

For more information visit <http://thepatchgarden.com/>.

To learn more about this exciting program, please contact CRA Coordinator, Kisha Payen, [kpayen@daniabeachfl.gov](mailto:kpayen@daniabeachfl.gov)

## **About the PATCH Farm and Market :**

The PATCH Farm and Market is located at 1201 W. Dania Beach Boulevard, Dania Beach, FL. The PATCH was created as an environmentally and economically sustainable urban farming system within the community, that creates a network of secure healthy food sources of naturally grown vegetables and fruits, while providing local jobs and vocational training in the sustainable

agricultural industry to the residents of the community. The market is open to the public every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and every 3rd Saturday of the month the PATCH hosts special family events.

For more information visit <http://thepatchgarden.com/> or call 954-924-6801

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