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## Farmer Jones Indoor Market Plans Summer 2020 Re-Opening with New Owner and New Operator

**Maple Heights, Ohio** - Farmer Jones Indoor Market has a new owner and new operator, Rid-All Green Partnership.

For more than 60 years Farmer Jones Indoor Market, 16701 Broadway Avenue, has provided a wide selection of fresh Ohio-grown in season fruits and vegetables all year long to the Community. The market also sold specialty items, including honey, fresh chestnuts, hazelnuts, almonds, brazil nuts, and walnuts. In recognition of this business' excellence in customer service, its long history in the City, and commitment to local employment, Farmer Jones Indoor Market received the 2019 City of Maple Heights Business of the Year Award.

Soon after the former owner made the difficult decision to close the Market's doors in May 2020, George T. Simon, a local attorney and entrepreneur, purchased the Market and has recently identified an operator for the Market, the Rid-All Green Partnership. The members of this partnership are three childhood friends, G. Keymah Durden, Randy McShepard, and Damien Forshe (deceased), who grew up together in Cleveland's Lee-Miles neighborhood.

"Rid-All Green Partnership" is most known for their work in Cleveland's Lower Kinsman neighborhood where they turned an empty and forgotten section of land known as an illegal dumping site into a thriving urban farm where various types of produce are grown to bring healthy, local food to area institutions and citizens. The Rid-All organization also trains youth and adults as a part of their very important and life-changing work. These urban farmers have also built two green houses, six hoop houses, a 7,200 square foot Aquaponics fishery and a Class II Composting Facility on a 15-acre urban agriculture campus. The organization has sold produce, fish, juice products and compost soil to area restaurants, food wholesalers and residents since their inception in 2011. For more information on the Rid-All Green Partnership, visit their website at <https://www.greenghetto.org>.

Mayor Annette M. Blackwell said, "The City is overjoyed that George Simon and Rid-All Green Partnership are partnering to keep the Market operating and offering our residents fresh produce all year round. Access to fresh produce is vital to a healthy and thriving community."

The Farmer Jones Indoor Market is planning to re-open under Rid-All's management in late July or early August.

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