

17th Street Market Transition - FAQs

What was the partnership between the City of Richmond and Enrichmond that was created to relaunch the 17th Street Market?

The partnership was a great approach to tackle both sides of the task of rebuilding historic 17th Street Market.

1. City of Richmond – Responsible for construction and maintenance.

Demolition, design, construction, and purchase and installation of all new fixtures: updated water and electrical service, light poles, benches, trees, utility sheds, trash cans, water fountains, bull heads, and bell.

2. Enrichmond – Responsible for space activation and programming to serve the community.

Special events and everyday programming managed directly by Enrichmond and in partnership with other groups. Special events included RVA on Ice, Bacon Festival, Dog Festival, and Cider Celebration. Regular programming like the relaunched weekly farmers market with legacy vendors, Second Weekends, live entertainment, healthy lifestyle classes, and other markets, like the Richmond Night Market. Beautification of the space including plantings, trash pick-up, etc.

Why did the City take back management of the Market?

Enrichmond serves at the pleasure of the City and steps up when needed. The 17th Street Market was one such instance and we have assisted in fulfilling the City's request to activate the space. It has been an honor to do so. Recent budget discussions and the movement of the Market contract from the City's Dept. of Economic Development to the Dept. of Parks and Recreation allowed the City the opportunity to take management in house.

What's going to happen to the festivals?

We have been proud to host our unique festivals at the 17th Street Market space for the past several years. We will now utilize the festivals to promote and activate other public open spaces in the Greater Richmond area.

Please reach out to the [Event Manager](#) with questions regarding the events and view our [website](#) for a list of events.

Will the farmers market continue?

We're committed to seeing the farmers market remain an essential part of the renovated space, with the legacy vendors highlighted. Starting on July 1, 2019, the City will assume control of space activation, including the farmers market. Until that time, Enrichmond will continue its weekly farmers market as planned.

Will weekly programming, like yoga and capoeira, continue?

Similar to the farmers market, weekly programming under Enrichmond will continue until July 1, 2019. After that time, the City is responsible for activating the space.

Where will I be able to find information about the Market?

The 17th Street Market space is now managed under the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities. The Parks contacts are: [Natasha Toliver](#), (804) 646-0761 and [Ray Chavis](#), (804) 646-1084

For information regarding the farmers market, please contact: [Karen Atkinson](#) and [Kathy Emerson](#)

To follow the 17th Street Market on social media please follow: [Facebook page](#) and Instagram: @17thstreetmarket

Our festivals and other community events can still be found on our [website](#), [Facebook](#), and Instagram: @enrichmondcommunityevents