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THE HARVEST FESTIVAL IN MONTREAL'S PUBLIC MARKETS Workshops, culinary contests and corn roasts, September 6 and 7



Montreal, August 20, 2025 – Montreal's public markets invite everyone to come celebrate the bounty of our local farms at the Harvest Festival, a free celebration highlighting local producers, artisans and flavours. The event takes place from **10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on September 6 at the Atwater, Maisonneuve and Frontenac Solidarity markets and the Carré Saint-Louis and Ahuntsic-Cartierville Neighbourhood markets. At Jean-Talon Market, the festivities will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on September 6 and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on September 7.** At the Atwater and Jean-Talon Markets, a big pie baking competition will be held to name the best baker.

Atwater Market – September 6, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Atwater Market will feature a dozen culinary artisans and tons of delicious local products! From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., artist River June will lead watercolour painting workshops for all. The day will also feature family fun like face painting for kids, inflatable games and great music. If you like corn on the cob, rejoice: 200 ears will be served up for free and once they run out, the Satay Brothers team will continue to serve them at an affordable price.

Complete Atwater Market program: <https://www.marchespublics-mtl.com/en/evenements/fete-recoltes-marche-atwater>

Jean-Talon Market – September 6 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and September 7 from 1 to 6 p.m.

The Harvest Festival at Jean-Talon Market will feature a series of culinary demonstrations and workshops, as well as a big corn roast with 450 free ears, inflatable games, children's face painting and a popup bar featuring delicious local beverages. Sunday, September 7, puts tomatoes at centre stage with the second annual sauce competition (*"À qui la meilleure sauce de la Petite Italie?"*) organized by *Se mettre à table* and *Café Gelato*, starting with free culinary demonstrations and concluding with a competition in which several Little Italy establishments will put their tomato sauces to the test (4 to 6 p.m.).

Members of the public looking to improve their skills will find a large selection of paid workshops and free culinary demonstrations. Workshops and demonstrations will be held in French.

Paid workshops – Saturday, September 6

- 10 a.m. – [Cambodian marinades and fermentations with Super Boat People](#) led by Super Boat People | \$30
- 1 p.m. – [Syrian cuisine with Les Filles Fattoush](#) led by Adelle Tarzibachi | \$35
- 3 p.m. – [Homemade sauerkraut](#) led by Les Aliments Good Big Nice | \$35

Paid workshops – Sunday, September 7

- 11 a.m. – [Quebec ciders](#), led by sommelier Kristine Mansuy | \$35
- 1 p.m. – [Quebec wines](#) led by sommelier Kristine Mansuy | \$40
- 3 p.m. – [Cooking workshop: Mexican Esquites \(elote\)](#) led by Saveurs du Sud | \$35

Free demonstrations and tastings – Saturday, September 6

- 10 a.m. – [Discovering local flavours](#) with Marché des Saveurs du Québec
- 11 a.m. – [Introduction to fermentation](#) with Le Ferment
- noon – [Culinary demonstration: ravioli](#) with Il Bazzali
- 4:15 p.m. – [Culinary demonstration with chef Oussama Ben Tanfous](#), presented by Birri
- 5:15 p.m. – [Culinary demonstration with surprise guest](#), presented by Birri

À qui la meilleure sauce de la Petite Italie – Sunday, September 7

- 2 to 2:45 p.m. – Garden mixology workshop with Maximilien Jean & Manu Ruiz
- 4 to 5 p.m. – Culinary demonstration: tomato sauces with chef Pasquale Vari | Free
- 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. – Little Italy Best Sauce Competition

Complete Jean-Talon Market program: <https://www.marchespublics-mtl.com/en/evenements/fete-recoltes-marche-jean-talon>

Maisonnette Market – September 6, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

At Maisonnette Market, the event promises to be as delicious as it is festive, with a full day of free activities and culinary discoveries. From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. the outdoor zone on the west side of the market will host food artisans, local beverages and a market BBQ and, of course, a big corn roast with the first 120 ears free. There will also be a culinary workshop for families, kids' face painting, inflatable games and music to round out the festivities.

Complete Maisonnette Market program: <https://www.marchespublics-mtl.com/en/evenements/fete-recoltes-marche-maisonnette>

Best pie competition – Atwater and Jean Talon markets, 1 to 3 p.m.

For the first time, the Harvest Festival at the Atwater and Jean-Talon markets will include a fierce competition to crown the baker of the best pie. Participants are invited to enter their most delicious recipe in the competition. The best candidates will be selected for a public tasting on Saturday, September 6. The winner will receive a trophy, a \$150 gift card, a Marchés publics de Montréal tote bag – and, of course, bragging rights!

Free registration and rules:

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The Harvest Festival: a city-wide event

The festival will also happen in neighbourhood and solidarity markets across Montreal, giving everyone a chance to celebrate local produce and producers. The Ahuntsic-Cartierville and Frontenac Solidarity Markets will both host tastings throughout the day on Saturday, September 6, while the Carré Saint-Louis market invites everyone to a neighbourly corn roast.

This event is made possible by the support of the Ville de Montréal

À propos de la Société des Marchés publics de Montréal

Entreprise d'économie sociale, la Société des Marchés publics de Montréal est la référence en matière de planification, de développement et d'opération d'un marché public. Elle a pour mission d'améliorer l'accès aux produits frais à travers un réseau de marchés publics qui rapproche la population montréalaise des producteur·trice·s et artisan·e·s agroalimentaires d'ici. Depuis 1993, elle est mandatée par la Ville de Montréal pour assurer la gestion du Marché Atwater, du Marché Jean-Talon, du Marché Maisonneuve, de six Marchés de Quartier et de trois Marchés Solidaires. Organisme à but non lucratif, sa gouvernance repose sur un conseil d'administration mixte, composé de cinq marchands et de cinq résidents de l'agglomération de Montréal et son assemblée des membres regroupe près de 200 membres qui commercialisent aux marchés publics. Son réseau est visité par plus de trois Montréalais·e·s sur quatre et cumule plus de 3 millions de visites annuellement.

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