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MILLSMONT FARMERS MARKET OPENS JUNE 3RD

(Oakland, CA - May 3, 2006) Oh the special taste of farmer direct, vine-ripened fresh fruits and vegetables - succulent strawberries, sweet peaches and nectarines. Yes, it's almost time for the Millsmont Certified Farmers' Market to open. Beginning on Saturday, June 3rd and every Saturday thereafter until the last weekend in October, you will find these and many other items conveniently located right in your neighborhood.

Returning for its 4th year, the Millsmont Market provides easy access to a wide range of sweet fruits, fresh vegetables, scrumptious kettle korn, lip-smacking pastries, beautiful flowers and much more. Everything sold is either grown or made by the sellers.

Since its inception, the Millsmont Certified Farmers Market near Mills College, on Macarthur Blvd. between Seminary and 61st Avenues, has become a heartbeat of our community. Every weekend it is a great place to connect with friends and family, while shopping for healthy food and other products and supporting our local economy.

Be sure to stop by and check out the wide variety of goods that are offered. The June 4th grand opening promises to be especially fun for the entire family with performances by the Oaktown Jazz Performance Workshop, face painting, a jumper box and other attractions. While there, be sure to sign-up for the free drawing. Every week one lucky winner takes home a large basket fully of goodies from the Market. Also, pick up your frequent buyer card for a chance to win a

Millsmont apron, potholder or canvas bag. Come on down to the Millsmont Certified Farmers' Market and bring a friend.

The Millsmont Certified Farmers' Market will be open every Saturday, rain or shine, 9am - 1pm, from June 3rd through October 28th.

Certified producers or other vendors interested in participating in the marketplace, should visit Councilperson Desley Brooks' website for vendor applications at www.oaklandnet.com or send a request via email to dbrooks@oaklandnet.com.