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1 Brattleboro Winter Farmers Market opens Nov. 1 for its
2 20th season

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5 The Brattleboro Winter Farmers Market opens on
6 Saturday, Nov. 1, for its 20th season, once again in Croker Hall
7 gymnasium at 60 Austine Drive on the Winston Prouty Campus.

8 Their season follows directly on the heels of the last
9 outdoor market in October. Fans of the summer market in West
10 Brattleboro can simply follow many of their favorite vendors

11 indoors to the only weekly indoor farmers market in the region
12 open every Saturday, November through March.

13 Remember, however, that the Winter Market opens at 10
14 a.m., not 9 a.m., and remains open until 2 p.m. Visitors will find
15 plenty of farms with local produce, meat, cheese, and much
16 more, including fresh greens each and every week.

17 “The impact of direct farmer-to-consumer transactions at
18 a market is greater than it might appear on the surface,” market
19 organizers wrote in a news release. “Markets serve as community
20 anchors, positively influencing community health and wealth,
21 resulting in more viable regional economies, increased access to
22 fresh, nutritious food, and stronger social networks that help keep
23 communities healthy.”

24 The Brattleboro Winter Farmers Market welcomes
25 SNAP/EBT shoppers, and also processes credit and debit cards.
26 Organizers said they are “anxiously awaiting news on SNAP
27 benefits as of Nov. 1. If all continues working as it should be,
28 SNAP customers can match up to \$20 each week with \$20 in
29 Crop Cash Coupons and an additional \$20 in Crop Cash Plus
30 through December thanks to NOFA-VT.

31 The Brattleboro Winter Farmers Market is sponsored by
32 Post Oil Solutions, a local nonprofit working to promote
33 sustainable communities. For more information, go to
34 brattleborowinterfarmersmarket.org.

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