

To many, Detroit's Eastern Farmers Market is one of the area's best institutions. Since 1889, the Detroit Eastern Farmer's Market has been a municipallyowned center for the sale of farm produce, including wholesale and retail. However, long before Flower Day became a staple of Detroit's Eastern Market, the Market was home to Detroit's ruthless organized crime families. More than 100 years ago, the Adamo brothers led Detroit's first Italian mafia family. Brothers, Vito and Sam Adamo, were based in the Eastern Market until they were both gunned down in cold blood during a mob hit at the Market. To this day, the feds believe Eastern Market remains Mob Central for Detroit's mafia.



Experience a walking tour where you will learn about the first-degree murder charges in the deaths of 58-year-olds Ronald and Christine Jabalee and the mysterious message in blood. Stand outside the basements where the mob celebrated and where rings were kissed, see the popular wiseguy hangouts dating back to the Adamo Gang days, and stop by the place where Sinatra, with his large entourage, ate every night he was in Detroit.

These days, the Eastern Market is both the largest open-air flowerbed market and the largest historic

public market district in the US. More than 150 food and specialty businesses are located within the market district selling all types of goods including produce, meat, spices, jams, flowers, and poultry.



Did you know that Monday through Friday, the wholesale market starts at midnight and runs until 6 a.m., supplying restaurants and consumers alike that are interested in buying bulk produce? You will discover this fun fact and so much more as you come explore the rich history of the Eastern Farmers Market with Wayne State's/EMU's Professor T, a renowned speaker, urban historian, political scientist and lifelong Detroiter whose first-hand knowledge will entertain and educate.

## **Tour Info:**

- Cost \$15/person. \$10 for WSU/EMU students with current ID
- Start/End at Zeff's Coney Island, 2469 Russell
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