

# NEWS



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### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Hippy Dippy Chili Fiesta Scheduled in Manitou Springs

Whether you favor the milder Jalapeño or you aim to bury the needle on the Thermal Richter scale and use the flaming Habañero in your top secret chili recipe, the stakes will be high as chili aficionados compete for the traveling Chili Garcia trophy at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Hippy Dippy Chili Fiesta. The event will be held at the August 27<sup>th</sup> Farmer's Market in Soda Springs park, located in Manitou Springs.

In this pro-am cook-off, participants are required to submit a five-gallon pot of red or green chili for judging. Tickets will be sold to those attending the Farmer's Market that can be exchanged for samples of the various chili entries. "This is a fiesta, so the contest entrants are encouraged to decorate their area, wear costumes, have fun with it," said Kitty Clemens, Director of Manitou's Economic Development Council.

The entrant with the most tickets will garner the People's Choice Award. The overall winner will go home with the much-coveted Chili Garcia trophy, a traveling award that is relinquished to the new winner each year. Space must be reserved by August 20. For more information, go to <http://80829.com/farmers-market.htm> or call Kitty at 719-685-9741.

It is the purpose of the Central Manitou Springs Business Improvement District to be a strong collaboration of business, government and community. Merchants in the district work together to insure a long-term goal of a clean, safe, vibrant visitor destination area reflective of its historic heritage that is attractive and welcoming to both visitors and residents, and contributes to the economic prosperity of Manitou Springs. For more information, call Kitty Clemens at 685-9741 or email her at [kitty@clemens.com](mailto:kitty@clemens.com).

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