



The *Vegetarian Detroit* Podcast Examines the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Detroit's Food System

Jewell Dziendziel Returns With A Series of Conversations That Explore How Detroiters Are Getting Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

Detroit, MI — The COVID-19 pandemic is drastically affecting Detroiters' access to fresh fruits and vegetables. The second season of the *Vegetarian Detroit* podcast, hosted by Jewell Dziendziel, looks at the impact of the pandemic on different aspects of Detroit's food system, including grocery stores, restaurants, and urban farms.

This season of the podcast features interviews with key players in Detroit's food scene including:

- **Billy Wall-Winkel**, Assistant Curator for the Detroit Historical Society
- **Mark Kurlyandchik**, Former Restaurant Critic for *The Detroit Free Press*
- **Patrice Brown**, Senior Food Access Manager of Eastern Market
- **Raphael White**, Owner of Neighborhood Grocery
- **Darraugh Collins**, Site Director & Founder of Food Rescue US-Detroit
- **Tepfirah Rushdan**, Co-Director of Keep Growing Detroit
- **Ederique Goudia**, Head Chef of Make Food Not Waste

"This pandemic has had some obvious effects that we've all witnessed, like forcing restaurants to switch to curbside pickup," says Dziendziel. "But it also exposed major weaknesses in our food system. This includes everything from the vulnerability of essential workers like restaurant employees and grocery store clerks to the crucial role of transportation in people's access to food. We look at how Detroit has been hit hard, but we also highlight the positive things that have come out of the pandemic."

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