

# Friends of the Pawtuxet

## 2010 GREEN CALENDAR

Sat May 8: **Farmers market opens** with spring greens and plants. The market is every Saturday from 9-12 in the Rhodes on the Pawtuxet parking lot on Rhodes Place, just off Broad Street in the Cranston section of Pawtuxet Village.

10 AM: **Kids invasive species walk** Children will hunt for and remove several invasive species. Parents and other adults are welcome. Contact Steve Stycos (461-2618). Meet at the market table.

Tues. May 18: **Film, “Where do the Children Play?”** The PBS documentary looks at children’s opportunities for independent creative outdoor play in the era of helicopter parents. 7 PM at Cranston’s Hall Library, followed by a discussion with representatives of ExploreCranston, the Providence Children’s Museum and the Roger Williams Park Zoo.

Sat May 22: 8 AM: **Bird walk** starting at the lower Rhodes on the Pawtuxet parking lot, guided by Mike Kieron, assistant curator of the Roger Williams Park Museum of Natural History. Bring binoculars, but not dogs. Children should be at least seven years old.

Tues. May 25: 6:30 PM: **Horseshoe crab walk** at Stillhouse Cove with Save the Bay Habitat Restoration Coordinator Wenley Ferguson. Short walk during a spring moon tide to watch horseshoe crabs mate and review the cove restoration. Meet at the cove’s south end at the junction of Ocean Avenue and Narragansett Boulevard in Cranston. Rain date May 26.

Sat. June 5: **Cooking demonstration** at the market. Free samples.

9:30 AM **Walk from Bellefont Pond to the market** along the Pawtuxet River. Meet at the end of Park View Boulevard, Cranston, at the railroad tracks. (Park View Boulevard runs off Park Avenue across from the entrance to Roger Williams Park). Steve Stycos (461-2618) will lead the walk along this little used path, discuss land ownership and plants. Kids will be encouraged to smash invasive species. Carpool back available.

Sat. June 12: **Market moves** to William Hall Library parking lot, Broad Street, Cranston for Gaspee Day ONLY. If you drive, avoid Park Avenue and Pawtuxet Village.

Wed. June 16: **Firefly walk**: 8:45 PM at the lower Rhodes on the Pawtuxet parking lot. Erik Anderson (474-1515) will lead a half hour walk to see the firefly mating ritual. Bug repellent, long sleeves and pants recommended. Please no jars, nets, dogs or noisy electronics.

Sat. June 19: **Farm & River Day** sponsored by Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island  
Market returns to Rhodes on the Pawtuxet  
9-12 **Spring book sale** to benefit the Fratantuono boys college educations.

10 AM: **Wildflower walk** along the Pawtuxet River with Rod Rodrigues (941-7315) starting at the market recycling table

**Explore Cranston:** Take Yourself to Sea with the Edgewood Sailing School

Sat. June 26: **Rain barrel and composter distribution** at the market (See [www.nerainbarrel.com/Cranston.html](http://www.nerainbarrel.com/Cranston.html) to purchase.)

Sat. July 3: **Cooking demonstration** at the market. Free samples

Sat. July 10: 9-12 **ExploreCranston canoeing** at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet. We supply the canoe, paddles and life preservers, you paddle the calm river at your pace for an hour. Great trip for kids. Turtles, muskrats, swans commonly seen. Canoes available at 9, 10 & 11. \$3/adult and \$1.child. Reservations strongly suggested: Call Danielle Cares (573-7054) after June 15. Or sign-up at [Explorecranston.org](http://Explorecranston.org)

Sat. August 7: **Cooking demonstration** at the market. Free samples

Sat. August 28: **ExploreCranston All About Water:** Fishing, runoff reduction work project, tree planting and canoeing. Sign-up at [ExploreCranston.org](http://ExploreCranston.org)

Sat. September 4: **Cooking demonstration** at the market. Free samples.

Sat. Sept 11: **ExploreCranston** Mayor Fung recognizes participants at market

Sat. Sept 18: **Farmers market potluck** dinner at Aspray boat house in Pawtuxet Park, Warwick. Make a dish from market ingredients, bring something to drink and join a meal with your neighbors and our farmers. No charge. Music. (Contact Kathleen Scharf [kathleenscharf@verizon.net](mailto:kathleenscharf@verizon.net))

Zoey Spahn **Cooking demonstration** at the market. Free samples.

Sat. October 2: **Edgewood Garden Club bake & plant sale** and Zoey Spahn **cooking demonstration** at the market

Sat. October 16: **Pumpkin & Paw Paw Festival:** 9-12:30 at the market. The Pawtuxet Village Association, Edgewood Garden Club and Friends of the Pawtuxet offer canoe rentals, hay rides, a kids craft activity and gardening advice. Paw paws for sale. Bring your plastic plant pots for farmers to reuse. Reservations recommended for canoe rentals. Call 573-7054 after September 30. \$6/family hayride tickets available after October 9 at Twice Told Tales.

Sat. November 20: Last market of the year