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MARKET JUNE HAPPENINGS

In addition to the growing variety of fresh vegetables (especially strawberries, spinach and tender lettuce), this month the Pawtuxet Village Farmers Market will feature a cooking demonstration, Farm & River Day activities and a visit to the library.

This Saturday, the market moves to the parking lot behind Cranston's William Hall Library. The library is on Broad Street just south of the junction of Broad Street, Warwick Avenue and Norwood Avenue (You know where Cranston General Hospital used to be?). The one time move is due to the Gaspee Day parade in Pawtuxet Village. If you drive to the market, please avoid Pawtuxet Village and Park Avenue which will be clogged with parade traffic. Instead use Warwick Avenue and Broad Street.

Opening on Gaspee Day is a first for the market. If you like the idea, please attend so we know to make this a regular event.

Also Saturday, Maureen Morgan will be cooking at the market with free samples to munch on. Maureen is the first of a series of chef demonstrations, sponsored by the Rhode Island Rural Development Council and the market, to encourage customers to try new recipes with local produce. She was unable to attend last week due to a work commitment.

June 19, will be Farm and River Day at the market sponsored by Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island. The main event will be a used book sale with proceeds going to benefit the scholarship fund for Bob and Alan Fratantuono of Moosup River Farm. Their father Peter died in November. Books may be donated by dropping them on the porch at 25 Berwick Lane, 37 Ferncrest Avenue or 10 & 18 Williams Avenue, Cranston. Cash contributions to the scholarship fund will be accepted at the sale or can be mailed to Ingrid Fratantuono, 1640 Plainfield Pike, Greene, RI 02827. Checks should be made to "The Fratantuono Boys Education Fund."

UPCOMING WALKS

Friends of the Pawtuxet's walks continue next week with firefly and wildflower walks. Edgewood naturalist Rod Rodrigues will lead the wildflower walk along the Pawtuxet River Saturday June 19 at 10 AM, leaving from the market recycling table. The firefly walk will feature the spectacular annual firefly mating ritual in the large grassy field along the river. The brief walk starts from the lower Rhodes on the Pawtuxet parking lot at 8:45 PM Wednesday June 16. Please do not bring dogs, nets or jars on either walk.

Previous walks have had widely varying attendance. An invasive species walk was rained out and the bird walk drew no participants, but Wenley Ferguson's Stillhouse Cove walk attracted about 50 people. Last week's walk from Bellefont Pond had two attendees.

See you Saturday at the market.