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FARMERS MARKET OPENS

The Pawtuxet Village Farmers Market opens its eighth season Saturday May 8 from 9 AM to 12 PM in the Rhodes on the Pawtuxet parking lot. The lot is on Rhodes Place, just off Broad Street in Cranston's portion of Pawtuxet Village. Salad greens, farm fresh eggs, swiss chard, and plants will be on sale.

Consider buying some seedlings for your garden and support our farmers and protect Rhode Island vegetables from disease. Last year, Rhode Island tomatoes suffered from the late blight when a nursery that supplies Loews shipped blighted tomato plants all over the Northeast. Buying plants from local farmers helps prevent a similar regional blight, by keeping any disease local.

Saturday, customers can also turn in pint and quart berry boxes, egg cartons and honey jars from for reuse. More vegetables and fruit will be available as the season progresses. Check www.friendsofthepawtuxet.org for a full list of the market's special programs, or pick up a newsletter at the market.

The market accepts EBT cards.

SPRING KIDS INVASIVE SPECIES WALK

Children will identify invasive species and remove them, during Friends of the Pawtuxet's walk Saturday May 8. Kids will be given small cuttings of plants, and photos and asked to find them along the Pawtuxet River trail. People of all ages are welcome to attend, but the walk will be targeted to kids. Led by Steve Stycos, the walk will leave from the recycling table at the market at 10 AM and last about an hour. For more information, call 461-2618.

OUTDOOR PLAY

The PBS documentary film, "Where do Children Play?" will be shown Tuesday May 18 at 7 PM at Cranston's William Hall Library. The movie explores the lack of opportunities for children to play outdoors in unsupervised settings. A discussion led by Dr. Jean Swen, Cranston School Committee member Steve Stycos, Providence Children's museum director Janice O'Donnell and Roger Williams Park Zoo early childhood coordinator Chris Hitchener will follow the half hour film.

CVS IN EDGEWOOD

Plans for an ugly 24 hour CVS at the corner of Broad and Norwood Avenues will be reviewed by the Cranston Site Plan Review Coommittee Wednesday May 5 at 9 AM in City Council Chambers. Those challenging the plan will also hold a public meeting the same day at 6 PM at Hall Library. Those concerned are urged to attend both meetings. More information available at respect4edgewood.weebly.com.

OLD HOUSE ADVICE

Saturday May 15 the Pawtuxet Village Association will sponsor The Old House Fair at the Aspray Boat House in Pawtuxet Village. The Fair is free and open to the public. You will learn more about how to maintain your home and meet tradespeople, contractors and architects best equipped to help you. The fair is open from 10 AM to 4 PM.

BIKE PATH CLEAN UP

Paul Archetto and Steve Stycos will lead a clean up of the Cranston Bike Path Sunday May 9. Meet at 9 AM in the Bain Middle School parking lot. Bain is on Gansett Avenue next to the Youth Center, which is next to the Cranston Y. If you missed the other clean ups, this is your chance to help Mother Earth. Children welcome. We will pick up until 11.

MORE CRANSTON LAND DEALS?

Thursday May 13, the Cranston City Council will continue its review of a new comprehensive plan for the city. The meeting will start at 7 PM in City Council Chambers. At the last meeting, the Ordinance Committee made a zoning change to allow half acre lots on Pippin Orchard Road in western Cranston that will encourage develop and increase the need for city services. More information will follow, but save that date.

MAY EVENTS AT CRANSTON'S HALL LIBRARY

May 12th, 12:30 PM: "Brown Bag Poetry." Join us for this new monthly program. Jay Walker, local actor, writer and poet will share poems from his new book "Sifting Through The Ashes of Me: Old Poems."

May 14th & 15th, 7 PM: The Epic Theater Company presents a stage reading of Corpus Christi by Terrence McNally. The Tony Award winner's story of Christ is a powerful drama and an affirmation of faith.

May 17th & 24th, 6 PM: Sam Brusco on renovating a home without spending a fortune. Sam will share his knowledge about permits, architects and construction for homeowners who are considering a renovation project.

May 19th, 6:30 PM: Rhode Island Civil War Round Table.

May 19th, 6:30 PM: Reading in the Hall. The William Hall Library Book Group will discuss Sue Miller's The Senator's Wife. This is a searing novel of infidelity and politics at the highest level. Call or email to register.

May 26th, 6 PM: Cranston High School East Jazz Band and Jazz Combo will perform on the lawn. Directed by Mark Collozzi, the Jazz Band will perform standards as well as some contemporary pieces. Join us for the opening concert of the 2010 season. The rain date is May 27.

See you Saturday at the market.