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GOVERNMENT-GRASSROOTS PARTNERSHIP PRODUCES UNIQUE FARMERS' MARKET FEATURE

Glenview, IL, June 9, 2009.....A collaboration between the Village of Glenview and the Glenview Park District and a few interested citizens has resulted in the creation of a "Green Table", a new environmental community resource at the Glenview Farmers' Market which opens June 27 at Wagner Farm. The goal of the Green Table is to build community, promote conversation, and provide education around sustainable living. Situated at the Farmers' Market entrance, the table will host a different topic and expert each week. The experts will be in attendance from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. each Saturday. Access to them is free and no sales promotions or business transactions are permitted.

"To the best of our knowledge, the Green Table is the only one of its kind at a farmers' market," says Roxanne Junge, Glenview Farmers' Market co-manager. "By connecting patrons with information, services and opportunities to support sustainable practices, we provide yet another forum to advance the mission of the Glenview Farmers' Market. That mission is to enhance and strengthen community and sustainable lifestyles through education and support of local farmers and artisans."

Inspiration

Inspiration for the Green Table came from many sources. Junge's personal interests in environmental matters prompted her to search for volunteers who would be willing periodically to staff a table addressing relevant topics. Her neighbor, Glenview Natural Resources Commissioner Henrietta Saunders, had a similar notion. New Wagner Farm volunteers Barbara St. Cyr of Evanston and Sheri Latash of Glenview, both friends of Henrietta Saunders, expressed interest as well. Latash and Saunders were motivated, in part, by the achievements of the neighboring grass-roots organization, Go Green Wilmette.

As Saunders quickly compiled a list of prospective experts who could address a range of issues, from local nature to food security to sustainable living, it became clear there were more experts and topics than could be scheduled. "In fact, we had so many ideas about what would be appropriate for the Green Table, we plan on meeting with the Glenview Park District and the Glenview Public Library about scheduling adult programs on these topics after the Farmers' Market ends", said Sheri Latash.

"Everyone I've contacted is excited to be part of the Green Table concept. The setting provides an ideal opportunity for visitors to ask questions and have an informal discussion", said Henrietta Saunders. "We are hopeful that people will time their visits to the Farmers' Market in order to meet

the featured expert and get answers to their environmental questions or gather green ideas and tips,” she added.

Partnership

Through Saunders’ efforts, the Village of Glenview’s Natural Resources Commission readily agreed to co-sponsor the Table with the Glenview Park District, owner of Wagner Farm. After reaching that agreement in March, it took the four participants just two months to talk through the concept and complete the schedule. The attached schedule of featured experts is also posted on the Glenview Farmer’s Market website, www.glenviewfarmersmarket.org.

Green Table updates, including profiles of the experts, will be posted on the market website as information becomes available. The Glenview Communicators, a group of marketing and public relations professionals who work for governmental and quasi-governmental organizations, will provide additional publicity through their environmental effort, “Go Green Glenview”.

“We anticipate that people who care about buying local fruits and vegetables will have an interest in living sustainably, making the Green Table a natural fit for the market,” Junge said in closing.

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Farmer's Market Green Table Schedule (as of 6/9/2009)

Questions, comments: Henrietta Saunders 847-814-2329

- June 27 **Nature in Glenview**
Kent Fuller, Chairperson, Glenview Natural Resources Commission
http://www.glenview.il.us/departments/public_works/natural_resources/natural_resources.shtml
- July 11 **Recycling**
Jill Brickman, Northfield Township Supervisor, <http://www.twp.northfield.il.us/RoadDistrict.htm>
and SWANCC, <http://www.swancc.org/recycling/recycling.html>
- July 18 **Seed Banking with the Chicago Botanic Garden**
Ginny Hotaling, Manager of Governmental Affairs, Chicago Botanic Garden,
<http://www.cbgseedbank.org/about.html>
- July 25 **Supporting Back Yard Wildlife**
Nancy Halliday, Natural Resources Commissioner and Tim Joyce, Wild Birds Unlimited,
<http://www.wbu.com/>
- August 1 **Preserving our Forest Preserves**
Kent Fuller, Steward, North Branch Restoration Project, <http://northbranchrestoration.org/>
Gregg Goslin, Commissioner, Cook County Forest Preserves, <http://www.fpdcc.com/home.php>
- August 8 **Local Food, Farms and Jobs: Growing the Illinois Economy**
Debbie Hillman, Illinois State Task Force Coordinator, <http://www.foodfarmsjobs.org/>
- August 15 **Sustainable Building and the Evelyn Pease Tyner Nature Center**
Evelyn P. Tyner, Judy Ksiazek,
<http://www.glenviewparks.org/air-station-prairie-tyner-center/air-station-prairie.htm>
- August 22 **Green Team Inspirations**
Lutheran Church of the Ascension Green Team, <http://www.ascension-church.org/>
- August 29 **Lake Michigan**
Judy Beck, Lake Michigan Manager, US EPA <http://www.epa.gov/glnpo/index.html>
Abby Christomo, Alliance for the Great Lakes, www.lakemichigan.org
- September 5 **Habitat Restoration in the Glenview Area**
Natural Resources Commissioner,
http://www.glenview.il.us/departments/public_works/natural_resources/natural_resources.shtml
Wayne Rogoski, The Grove <http://www.glenviewparkdist.org/The-Grove/get-involved.htm>
- September 12 **Putting Up Food for Winter**
Rebecca Weaver-Gill, The Talking Farm <http://www.thetalkingfarm.org/>
- September 19 **Sustainable Seafood**
Kassia Perpich, Shedd Aquarium Right Bite Program, http://www.sheddaquarium.org/Right_Bite.html
Note: Wildfire will be at the Chef's table on the same day. Wildfire has recently joined the Shedd's sustainable restaurant program
http://www.sheddaquarium.org/Right_Bite_Restaurants.html
- September 26 **Our Tree Heritage**
Glenview Natural Resources Commissioner
http://www.glenview.il.us/departments/capital/natural_resources_071408/heritagetreeprogram.shtml
Horigan Urban Forest Products, <http://www.horiganufp.com/>
- October 3 **Pleasant Ridge School Planet Protectors Club, and other Dist 34 Environmental Club members**
See www.takebabysteps.org for info on the clubs and other PTA efforts.
- October 10 **Energy Efficiency At Home**
Jonathan Smith, Effective Air, <http://effectiveair.com>
Mike Abt or Marc Cook, Abt Electronics, www.abt.com