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## **East Providence library to open 2021 Weaver Farmer's Market**

EAST PROVIDENCE, RI – The City of East Providence, together with the East Providence Public Library, will open the 2021 Weaver Library Farmer's Market on Thursdays this summer beginning Thursday, June 24, 2021. The market will operate as it has during pre-pandemic years, except for one restriction: anyone experiencing COVID-19 related symptoms and/ or has been exposed to COVID-19 is asked to stay home. Hand washing and bathroom access is available in the library and hand sanitizer will also be made available at the market.

“Each year we see how important the Farmer's Market has become to the community,” East Providence Library Director Joyce May said of the market, now in its eighth year. “The Weaver library lawn has is the place to be on Thursday afternoons.”

The market, which will be located outdoors in front of Weaver Library at 41 Grove Ave., will be held each Thursday from June 24 through September 9 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The market features fresh, local foods and live weekly entertainment for all residents to enjoy. East Providence Health Equity Zone (HEZ) and the East Providence Prevention Council (EPPC) will attend the Weaver Library Farmer's Market throughout the summer sharing information with the community and Friends of the East Providence Public Library will host their popular weekly book sale.

The Market table returns with local products including granola, hot sauce, maple syrup, market bags, and masks earrings by local entrepreneur Marley's Earrings!

On Opening Day, the market will feature the Jesse Liam Band, a band which performs a number of cover songs from the Everly Brothers and Beatles to the current hits.

Also featured at the market on Opening Day will be new vendors including:

- two bakers
- a knife sharpener
- a Pop-up Artisan booth featuring jewelry, canvas bags, and other creations.

The Weaver Library Farmer's Market will continue to prioritize food access with its welcome table accepting SNAP/EBT, Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Coupons, Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program coupons, and credit or debit cards.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) customers may double their benefits, thanks to grant funding from Farm Fresh Rhode Island. For every dollar swiped, SNAP customers receive a FREE dollar in Bonus Bucks for fruits and vegetables.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The Farmers' Market will host a Food Truck Night on July 15, 2021 with special entertainment ~ Superchief Trio, the ultimate dance-party band and the East Providence Fire Dept. will also offer a pop-up vaccination clinic. The first 25 people to get vaccinated will receive a \$5 Gift Coin to spend at the Market.

*For more information on the Farmer's Market, please contact East Providence Library Director Joyce May [jmay@eastprovidenceri.gov](mailto:jmay@eastprovidenceri.gov) or 401-434-2453*

