

MARKET NEWS
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Hi All,

Our winter market continues on February 20th from 10:30-1:30 at the Methodist Church on the corner of Rte. 83 (Somers Road) and Chestnut St. Unless there is a major storm, we are there. The market is heavy with dairy, baked goods, and meat. We have apples from Wilbraham also.

The big news for our Forest Park market is that we will be moving into Forest Park next to Cyr Arena, the ice skating rink. There is lots of parking and a separate space for vendors, so you won't have to dodge cars while shopping.

You won't have to pay to enter the park. Tell the person at the kiosk that you are going to the market, and you will be waved on through. Also, the Trafton Road gate will be open. Patrick Sullivan told me that he would have it open on Tuesdays so that customers can leave that way. So, I figured that it would take our smart customers a nano-second to figure out that if you can leave that way, you can also enter that way. We will be right there near that entrance.

Our hours will be the same, 12:30-6, rain or shine. I have a couple of new vendors very interested in joining us. We will have the room for them. One grows wild mushrooms. Another has prepared foods to take home.

It's baby goat season for the Hayes dairy farm (Sweet Pea Cheese). They have delivered 85 new kids to add to their herd. Vicki Barnum, from Barnum and Buckley Farm has received her baby chicks, so she will have more eggs and chickens to bring to the market this coming season.

We are thinking of extending our season two extra weeks into November, so some of our farmers are changing their product mix so that they can have more winter crops. Farmers are always busy even in the "off season."

If you have any questions about anything, call or email me. 737-1724, or bellerita@verizon.net.

Have a safe rest of the winter.

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