Hi Fresh Food Fans,

Thursday will be our final market of the season - our longest ever - with a 24 week run from June 4th to November 12th. This community venture is only possible because of steadfast support from businesses, nonprofits and individuals. I am grateful to you ALL!



Thank you to our host **317 Main Community Music Center** for allowing us to run the market once again even though the pandemic made it more complicated and challenging. The venue and the high-quality musicianship make our market special. We are so thankful to **Chris Moore, 317 Main's Director of Music Education,** who set up and broke down the equipment every Thursday making sure the musicians were supported. Chris also brought his own talent to the market whenever musicians had to cancel or there was a gap in the schedule.. It is a treat for us to have a musician of his caliber play for us so often.

Because we intentionally keep vendor fees low, The market couldn't run without financial support from the business community. We are indebted to the market's lead sponsor, **Yarmouth's Economic Development Advisory Board,** a group of local business leaders who understand the value of a vibrant farmers market. Thank you!

We are grateful to many businesses for their support.. Realtors **Kristina Keaney and Carrie Martin** with **Legacy/Sotheby's** underwrote the cost of our tote bags, came to the market often, and brought friends. Thank you to **Key Bank, Estabrook's** and **People's United Bank,** for supporting us. You are terrific allies for the market and so many other ventures around Yarmouth.

I just ran preliminary totals on the 2020 Food Voucher program. Not surprisingly, this was a record year for families seeking food assistance. **More than $4,000 in vouchers have been redeemed so far.** This effort was generously funded by

Machias Savings, YCAN, Yarmouth Community Food Pantry, Legacy/Sotheby's the parishioners at First Parish Church, and Island Treasure Toys. The voucher program is efficient and it works well-both for families in need and farmers and small business owners. Bravo to you for making it possible.

We are very thankful to the Bickford Family for welcoming us under the shelter of the pavilion so we could extend the season. It made all the difference this month.

Thanks to Kate Butler Thomas of Rhizome Marketing for once again designing our beautiful poster. The heart message was spot on for 2020.

Thanks to our vendors for showing up week in week out-always in good spirits, (at least I think so because with masks on, who really knows? :)) Maybe it's because of COVID and I don't get out much, but I really enjoyed your company this year!

And finally, thanks to YOU - our customers. We now have a core group of people who show up every week with tote bags in hand. You are the backbone of this enterprise. THANK YOU. There were more new customers than ever this year, maybe it was because of COVID, maybe you're new to town, maybe you were just driving by. Whatever the reason, thanks for showing up. We hope you'll come back.

We hope to see you one last time this Thursday. A programming note- we'll end at 5:30pm because it's pitch black and most of you are doing your shopping between 3-5pm. We're already looking forward to seeing you in 2021 -starting June 3rd.

Gratefully yours,

Amy

P.S. Oh my goodness. Almost forgot to thank this year's AWESOME assistant manager Jane Fulton who's now studying at Boston College. Miss you every Thursday Jane!