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Mid-winter farmers' market

Andover — In an effort to spread the concept of buying fresh and buying local, the Andover Green Team is sponsoring an indoor winter farmers' market on Feb. 12, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at Hillside Barn Park, 150 Lake Iliff Road, in Andover.

The market was created to raise local food awareness by connecting Andover and area residents with small, local farm producers.

"It is events such as this that make our town such a great place to live. I invite everyone to come and celebrate the endless bounty of local food and talents that Andover Township has to offer and support the local economy as well," said Andover Township Mayor Michael Lensak.

The market will offer consumers an opportunity to purchase cheese, meat and poultry, soap, breads, honey, raw fibers, vinegars, garlic, sauces and salsas, preserves, cider, and more.

According to Eric Derby, creator of the Andover market, "Winter farmers' markets can extend a farmer's income beyond the growing season, which also helps strengthen our local economy by keeping our hard earned dollars in the community."

The market will also feature local musicians, educational crafts for children and families, environmental presentations and food preservation and gardening workshops.

The Andover Township Green Team was founded in the summer of 2011 with the goal of promoting environmentally conscience decisions in the community and achieving certification through the Sustainable Jersey Program.

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