GET FRESH YONKERS FARMERS MARKET

Visitors snap up local produce

YONKERS — Van der Donck Park was abuzz with lovers of honey and fresh produce on June 8 for the second installation of the Get Fresh Yonkers Farmers Market.

Visitors milled past baskets overflowing with crisp lettuce, fresh deep-green spinach, arugula and sweet sugar snap peas.

"I looked out my window this morning and saw the market, so I came down with my mom and sister, who are visiting from the city," said Lisa Olney of 56 Main St., sipping on "deliciously refreshing" lavender iced tea.

The farmers market is a part of Groundwork Hudson Valley's comprehensive Get Fresh Yonkers initiative, designed to improve access to affordable fresh produce. All of the farms participating in the market are local New York state farms and include the organic Ryder Farm, as well as Glebecki and Sisters Hill farms.

Hydroponically grown produce freshly picked from the Science Barge greenhouse is also part of the mix, including the tender-leaved butterhead romaine lettuce. When fruit is ready for harvest, Stuart's and Amba Farms will add to the bountiful array.

"Last week we bought some bok choy. That was my favorite. I sautéed it in a little garlic and carrots and my family devoured it," said Andrea Pucci of Ludlow Park, shopping with her son, Marco Gobato. Her other son, Leonardo, works on Groundwork Hudson Valley's youth Farm Team.

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From left, Lisa Olney, Jade Millington of Saunders High School, Emily Markwald and Linda Markwald at the Get Fresh Yonkers Farmers Market.

Khalid Salch of Gorton High School with Maria and Anthony Nigro and baby Alexandra.

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