



A Monthly Newsletter

June 2016

The dinners at the Sudbury United Methodist Church will be suspended after the dinner on June 14 to allow upgrades to the kitchen and serving areas. Guests are invited to attend the community dinner at the First Parish Church in Concord on Thursday evenings at 5:30.

CHECK OUT THE NEW LOOK AT OPEN TABLE!

Our webmaster Christine has been working hard to improve our website. It (www.opentable.org) has had a face lift and is looking fresher and more in line with current website styles. It is also now more fully responsive, meaning that it will look better on whatever device you are using, from desktop, to tablet, to phone. The update is still in progress, and we'd love your feedback on what can be done to further improve the site.

Please email webmaster@opentable.org with any

JOIN THE TEAM

On Sunday, September 25 you can be part of the RIDE for FOOD by riding, volunteering and/or donating. The Ride was created by Three Squares of New England, an organization whose mission is to build the capacity of hunger-relief organizations and alleviate food insecurity. This year's bicycle event Ride for Food 2016 supports 18 food pantries, kitchens, community farms and food rescue organizations with an aggregate fundraising goal of \$350,000. Registration is open and you can join the Open Table Team headed by Laurie Foster and Ray Andrews at <https://ride.threesquaresne.org/fundraise/team?ftid=76319>



Doesn't this look like a group you'd like to join?

THANK YOU FROM VOLUNTEERS AT THE EVERETT STREET PANTRY

In April, Open Table's Everett Street pantry was asked to make major improvements to our pantry facility that led to emptying the entire pantry and extensive cleaning and repairs. The pantry will reopen on June 23rd thanks to the efforts of many volunteers. Open Table does not ordinarily acknowledge in any formal way the efforts of individual volunteers, but the Everett Street pantry group would like to recognize three Open Table volunteers for their help on this project. We have our own special pantry awards.

To Mark Brennan, we present the prestigious Cardboard Box Award. Mark, though dubious at the start, provided a free dumpster and free storage, and loaned his tools. He was always available to cart away trash, move heavy items and offer expert advice. Thank you, Mark!

To Fran Warner, we present the coveted Paper Bag Award. Fran helped every step of the way. He helped move all of the Everett Street pantry's food to Maynard and he cleaned and painted. He provided essential and valuable advice. Thank you, Fran

To Will Young, we present the highly regarded Soup Can Award. Will helped from the project's beginning, but really stepped up when we failed the second inspection. He capably tackled every task necessary to the project's success and provided wise counsel along the way. Thank you, Will!

In addition, we thank Pam Gardner and the Maynard Monday morning pantry group for making our Everett Street group welcome and for helping us to carry on. We also thank all the many wonderful Open Table volunteers who pitched in to help along the way!

Kerry Munro and the Everett Street Pantry Team

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