

# Hunger Free Lenawee

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The June meeting was at the Promedica Farms on Shephard Rd. Amy Gillhouse shared information with us on how Promedica is using this setting to teach about healthy foods and how people can grow their own produce. The Veggie mobile is out of service right now as they search for a new driver. When it resumes, the truck will service 17 sites including the senior centers. But anyone can purchase from the truck. During off season they purchase fresh produce from Ciolino in Temperance but during the growing season they use local farmers and venders. The farm has some areas that are handicap assessable and there is a long walking path that winds through the area.

Some interesting information that Amy shared is that Canna bulbs are edible as are Jerusalem Artichokes. She also shared that when you are mulching, to be effective, the mulch should be 4-6" thick. Try not to use freshly created wood chips. If possible let them set as long as possible.

In the business meeting we discussed the results of the Trauma Temperature Check. We as a group scored higher than other groups. Under the fifth point of Empowerment our pantry's need to listen to our clients and give them a voice is selecting the food that they receive. We need to try to understand why some of our clients exhibit a negative attitude and make sure that we don't respond in kind.

There will be no meeting in July so our next meeting will be August 8. De'Angelo spoke about a community garden that has been started in the Erie St. area. So we will meet at The City of Refuge Church at 301 S. Tecumseh St. and then tour the garden.

Spencer asked for any corrections to his list of pantries

Madeline DeMarco will be starting a new job at U of M so she will not be able to be a part of our group. Many good wishes as she starts her new job.

The leader of the Daily Bread can not make our 1:00 meeting. What about changing to a 2:00 or 2:30 meeting time?