

## PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Dear Newtown Community Members:

We deeply regret that the scheduling of our annual Market Day colonial craft fair event conflicts with the second day of Rosh Hashanah on Saturday, September 19, 2009.

In an effort to avoid scheduling conflicts with other local historical events and community activities, and in keeping with the tradition of scheduling Market Day for the second Saturday after Labor Day each year, the date of September 19<sup>th</sup> was chosen for this event well over one year ago. Unfortunately, with the planning process completed, the event being filled and many vendors travelling from miles to attend, it is not feasible for us to reschedule Market Day at this time.

Please be assured that as a matter of policy and practice, our organization does its best to work around religious observances whenever such conflicts arise. The value that our community places on diversity demands our deepest respect for, and sensitivity to, this issue. As a step in that direction, we will be sure to be more mindful of the observances of religious holidays when scheduling our future community events.

Again, we apologize for the disappointment and hurt this scheduling conflict may have caused for our community members this year.

Sincerely,

Brian Rounsavill President