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**Programs Especially for Children at Mattapan's Ryan Playground
Thursdays July 21st and 28th**

Part of the summer-long Boston Natural Areas Network Neponset River Greenway Festival

BOSTON, MA – July 18, 2011 – Boston Natural Areas Network welcomes children to a pair of special events Thursday mornings in Ryan Playground on River Street in Mattapan.

On **Thursday, July 21 from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.** the Massachusetts Audubon Society Blue Hills Trailside Museum invites kids to meet live birds of prey up close as professional handlers teach them something new about these fascinating hunters and their role in the environment.

On **Thursday, July 28 from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.** the Rangers from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation bring their special program for children to Ryan Playground. The kids will surely enjoy this program specially tailored for the younger set.

These free one hour shows promise fun and excitement for all ages. BNAN offers these programs as part of its Neponset River Greenway Festival which continues all summer.

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