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August 2023 Newsletter

Notes From the Field



Greetings!

Late July and early August is a time for transition at the Farm. While we are still in the thick of summer, fall is coming (we certainly felt it with the cooler mornings last week!) and we are putting a lot of

crops in the ground for our fall harvest. In the second half of July we harvested all of our garlic and storage onions, which are now curing in the greenhouse. In those empty beds and others, we are now planting purple cabbage, broccoli, collard greens, winter radishes, spinach, beets, carrots, and more. For now, we are still harvesting lots of tomatoes, peppers, and cucumbers, but we're getting excited about these fall crops. We've had lots of volunteers on the Farm all summer helping with harvesting, weeding, and planting, and look forward to more sessions throughout the summer and fall.

We are also starting to get ready for our big fall event - the Farm Open House! This will take place on Saturday, September 23rd from 1-4pm. This is a really fun and important day for us



Farm Open House: Save-the-Date!

The Needham Community Farm's 3rd Annual Open Farm/ Open House will be held on **Saturday, September 23, 2023, from 1-4pm.** (rain date Saturday, Sept 30 between 1PM-4PM)!

Come down to the farm for a walk around the farm, see what we do, and visit various info and activity stations led by staff and volunteers! Activity stations include a farm craft and family scavenger hunt. All ages welcome!

each year to welcome the community onto the farm, so we hope you will join us and bring a friend along!

Read on for more details about the Open House.

Looking forward to seeing you on the farm!

- Allie, Farm Manager



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Farm Manager Allie harvesting cherry tomatoes using a front bin



NCF to Receive Community Impact Award

Needham Community Farm is honored to be receiving a Community Impact Award courtesy of The Charles River Chamber of Commerce!

This award will be presented at the CRCC's upcoming Needham Night, being held at Tripadvisor. Please read below for more details on this fun evening!

Community Events



Fall Volunteers Needed!

Fall On-Farm Volunteers

Summer is winding down. We will be prepping the farm for fall and winter. Tasks may include weeding, preparing beds for winter, farm clean-up, and more! [Register here.](#)

Sept + Oct Harvest Volunteers

Join us as we harvest our fresh produce for our CSA and our food donation program! You must be at least 15 years old to participate in a harvest session, and commit to at least 4 sessions over the course of the year. [Register here,](#)

Coming Soon...



NCF is pleased to announce that we are a recipient of the Commonwealth's Food Security Infrastructure Grant (FSIG) Program, which will be utilized to purchase a new electric powered cargo van. This grant was made possible by immense efforts from NCF staff and Board members, and we couldn't be more thrilled! The eco-friendly van will replace our current gas-powered version, ensuring a cleaner and more efficient delivery for our CSA, Mobile Market, and more!

Endless thank you's to the Healey-Driscoll



6th Annual Needham Night!

[The Charles River Chamber's](#) 6th Annual Needham Night event will be held on Wednesday, August 16th from 5-7 pm on the lawn at Tripadvisor's headquarters. Join the town's business and civic leaders and enjoy Blue Ribbon BBQ, Abbott's Frozen Custard, and more.

Needham Community Farm is being recognized for a Community Impact Award at this event! Please say hello to us if you stop by!

[Register here!](#)

Donations always accepted!

Donations can be made by clicking on the button below, by visiting our website at needhamfarm.org or by sending a check made payable to the Needham Community Farm and mail to P.O. Box 920877, Needham, MA 02492.

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Administration for selecting NCF alongside many other incredible organizations!

To read more on this grant, please see the governors press release [here](#).



A late July view of the farm.



Many variety of tomatoes ready for their CSA boxes and Food Donation deliveries!



Drying onions and garlic!

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