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April 2025 Newsletter

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April 2025 Newsletter

Notes From the Field

Hi Folks -

This month, we've been busy at the Farm implementing the changes that we planned for this year! Our BCS tractor is up and running, ready to spread compost on our new beds! We've been trying to kill the weeds in the new beds with black tarps and volunteers have been helping us add woodchips to the aisles to keep the weeds down and improve drainage.

We have also been getting our new high tunnel up! So far, all the ground posts are in. The bows that will create the arch of the tunnel are all assembled and going up next week! Thanks to the Needham Rotary Club for their help with this project. We'll be sure to add pictures next month, when the tunnel will be complete and full of tomatoes, peppers, and basil!

Assistant Farm Manager Sasha has also begun classes. Students are planning their gardens and planting early crops like peas, kale, cabbage and onions. If you feel you're missing out you can still [sign up](#)! The Virtual Class has not begun and is a great place to get advice and skills for your home garden!

See you on the Farm,

Avery Westa
Farm Manager

Summer CSA: Last Chance to get a Share

Shares are going quickly! We only have 10 left! Get yours today before they're gone.



"The taste of farm-fresh veggies from NCF is unbeatable. I love the variety and it really helps my family eat more vegetables all season!"

- 2024 CSA shareholder

"Having a CSA introduced me to new vegetables, new methods of preparation, and knowing that I support local makes all the difference in taste!"

- 2024 CSA shareholder

Note: Get the freshest and most local veggies around - all grown sustainably. [Sign up today!](#)

5th Annual Seedling Sale - May 17th at Newman School



Our Seedling Sale is back for the 5th year in a row! We will be out in front of Newman School again, next to the Historical Society.

Date + Time: May 17, 9am - 1pm

Location: [1155 Central Ave Needham MA](#) (Newman Elementary)

Seedlings for 2025:

Lots of varieties of our most popular seedlings: Tomatoes, Peppers, Eggplants, Cucumbers, and Summer Squash! Also beets, Broccoli, Cabbage, Lettuce, Kale, Onions, Spinach, and Winter Squash!

NEW THIS YEAR: flowers and perennial herbs, including cosmos, Marigold, Nasturtium, Snapdragons, Sunflowers, and Zinnias!

Perennial and Annual Herbs: Basil, Cilantro, Dill, Parsley, Lavender, Rosemary, Lemon Balm, Lemon Verbena, Thyme, Sage, Mint, and Oregano!

Community Garden Bed Registration: 10 beds left

The Needham Community Garden Beds are going fast! There are only 10 beds available for rent (out of 150) for the 2025 season.

What do you get when you register for a NCF Community Garden Bed? All registrations include seasonal lease of 4'x12' garden bed. All beds contain soil and compost, and any gardener can use the supplies on site, including wheel barrows, hand tools, hoses and more.

So come join this new, great community on the Farm!

[Register NOW!](#)



Garden Classes: Last Chance!



Collective Growers class - sold out!

Independent Growers - 1 spot left! This class is for intermediate or expert growers who want specific advice, new techniques, and a great community of growers. Now located at the Community Garden Beds at Pine St. [Register for this class.](#)

Virtual Gardening Class - 3 spots left! This virtual class is designed for all gardeners-whether you are just starting your gardening journey or you are years in! Enjoy from the comfort of your own home! [Register for this class.](#)

Scholarships are available for those that qualify!
Details included on the registration pages.

Volunteer Opportunities: Sign up for Spring!

Spring cleanup is well underway at Pine St! Join us to help us finish prepping beds, continuing to weed, lay some mulch, and more!

New to volunteering at NCF? Come join us on the Farm, surrounded by fresh air, and make a real impact! Whether you're an experienced gardener or just excited to learn, we provide a friendly and inclusive space for everyone.

If you'd like to bring a group with you to volunteer, please visit the 'Volunteer Group' section of our website [here](#) and submit a request form.

[**Register to volunteer now!**](#)



NCF in the Community



NCF will be around Needham in two different events later this month:

1. Pea Planting Program @ the Needham Free Library!

April 25th (Friday) during school vacation week
2pm-3pm at Library Community Room
Learn to plant peas and share with your community!
Sign up [here](#)!

2. Healthy Kids at YMCA Needham - Greenes Field

April 26th (Saturday)
10am-1pm
NCF will have a table with pea planting kits/arts and crafts for kids to stop by and enjoy.
Other vendors will be there too, along with a

Needham Fire truck and a Needham Police car for kids to check them out.

Our New High Tunnel - Construction



Determining location of posts



More site evaluation and posts



Starting the build! With help from Needham Rotary Club

Community Events



YMCA Charles River presents Healthy Kids Day!

This FREE event is open to the community and is all about promoting healthy habits and family fun. Join us for fun events, games, activities, and more! Plus look for NCF's table and get your pea growing started! More details [here](#)

Time + Date: April 26 - 10am

Location: Greenes Field, [20 Pickering St Needham MA](#)

Farm View



Seedlings in the greenhouse (currently being used as a high tunnel) at Pine St



The Farm on a warm spring morning - ready for planting

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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