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September 2024 Newsletter

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Notes From the Field



Hi folks!

While planting and weeding are winding down, we are still very busy! We've been caring for the plants so that there will be plenty of veggies for our fall share! We've continued to host volunteer sessions, fall kids gardening class, and held our Open House last weekend! We are getting everything lined up so that we can add new beds to the Farm and double our growing space next year!

We had a bit of a lull in harvest in the beginning of September as summer crops started to slow production. They're still going steady though (except cucumbers) and fall crops are starting to come in as well! For anyone interested, here's a list of everything we harvested this week between CSA and mobile market:

- scallions and distributed some garlic
- mustard greens, lettuce, kale, and chard
- dill, basil, cilantro, parsley, and chives
- tomatoes, eggplant, sweet, hot and green peppers
- cherry tomatoes and tomatillos
- zucchini and summer squash
- broccoli, fennel, radish, and carrots

Hope you all enjoy the change in weather as much as we do!

Avery, Farm Manager

Volunteer Opportunities



Fall is here! Help us down on the Farm as we prep for the beginning of our Fall CSA, continue with our harvesting and planting, and overall get the field prepared for the cooler months!

We will be organizing, weeding, and doing other farm tasks. Sign-up for [September sessions here](#), or for [October](#) here.

And 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.

We'll see you on the Farm!

Save the Date: Needham Harvest Fair



The Needham Harvest Fair will be held on **Sunday September 29 from 11am - 3pm!**

Come down to Greene's Field in Needham and visit NCF's booth. Make your own pea shoots, buy a stylish NCF t-shirt, or chat with our Board members and staff!

The Harvest Fair is a long-standing event, presented by the Charles River Chamber, showcasing Needham-based businesses and community organizations while celebrating the fall season.

For more details, see the event website [here](#).

Exciting New Farm Addition: A Greenhouse!



We are thrilled to share that through a surplus donation from the Wellesley College and some incredible hard work by the Needham Rotary Club, we are the owners of a new (to us) greenhouse!

This greenhouse will allow us to extend our growing season by providing a protected space for some of our plants. And although it currently lacks electricity, we are developing a plan to incorporate solar-powered heating in the near future! Thank you Needham Rotary + Wellesley College!

Thank You: Whole Foods Volunteers



On a warm day in early September, we welcomed staff from Whole Foods in Wellesley and Dedham to the Farm for a group volunteer day.

The hard working team helped us clear a cucumber bed and prepped it (using a broad fork and scuffle)! They then planted spinach in the cleaned up bed.

It's supporters like these that truly make our mission possible. Thank you Whole Foods!

Fall Open House - that's a wrap!



NCF Community Bed Advisory Board member Deb Spielman at the honey bee station!



It was a sunny, beautiful day to explore the Farm!



Attendees create some lovely seed art

Community Events



Charles River Center Annual 5k Run/1 mile Walk

This annual Charles River Center event is a great way to show your support for an important organization! It will take place on Sunday, September 29th at 10:00 am and begins at the Charles River Center at [59 East Militia Heights Drive](#). To learn more and register, [click here](#).

Farm View



Kale growing strong in the foreground



Rainbow char nearly ready for harvest

Donations always accepted!

Donations can be made by clicking on the button below, by visiting our website at [needhamfarm.org](https://www.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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