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## July 2024 Newsletter

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## Notes From the Field



Hi folks!

Last week we harvested all of our garlic and half of our onions with the help of our wonderful interns and volunteers. This feels like a big moment for us. The garlic was planted last fall before I even started and the farm feels a bit bare without it! The onions are curing in the greenhouse and the garlic in my basement. We had great yield from these beds and are excited to have produce for distribution this fall! There may be a fall share coming your way full of veggies like these...

We've got tomatoes and eggplants and green beans as well. Summer crops! Most of our time is spent on harvest and weeding these days, though we are still planting new beds as soon as old crops are cleared from them.

Sasha did a great job with the gardening classes, which wrapped up last week! The garden class beds at the Farm are doing well, with lots for folks to harvest! We also had a great group of middle school volunteers who came four days in a row. Sasha led them well through onion and bean harvest and lots of field work. They were so helpful despite the very difficult heat!

Hope you're all staying cool!

Avery, Farm Manager

## Coming Soon: Fall CSA!!



**We are thrilled to announce that starting later this year, we will be offering a FALL CSA!**

This exciting new vegetable share is a result of the incredible efficiency and hard work of our Farm staff this season. Not only will you be able to get all your favorite fall veggies grown locally here at the Farm, we'll also be able to extend our Food Donation program further into the year - a win for the entire community!

As for the veggies: We will have lettuce and greens from the field as long as we can and then from our high tunnel. We'll also include many root vegetables, winter squash, herbs, cabbage, onions, garlic, leeks, and more!

Registration, timing, and cost coming soon! Stay tuned!

## Volunteer Opportunities

### VOLUNTEERS Needed

Calling All Volunteers! We Need Your Help! Weeding, seeding, digging and more, come connect with the earth AND help NCF!

SIGN UP NOW



Our high season continues at a rapid pace and we're now expanding our CSA offerings - which means we can use extra hands. There are so many tasks to complete in the coming months, so please sign up when you can.

We will be planting, weeding, and doing other farm tasks. Sign-up for [July, August or September sessions 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!

## Meet Our New Interns: Taylor



Taylor is a student at Smith College studying environmental science & policy, with specific focuses on how human beings are tied to land and its resources. She has previously worked in the fields at Volante Farm and as an intern with Vermont Law and Graduate School researching and supporting food justice and beneficial electrification initiatives. She is excited to use her experiences to return to farm work and investigating individual experience as a part of human and natural relationships. In her free time, she likes to play guitar and knit stuffed animals.

## Meet Our New Interns: Grace





Grace is a student at Smith College in Northampton, MA. She loves cooking, and is interested in the intersection between food production and equitable access to high-quality ingredients. Grace developed a broader curiosity for the complex process of farming after working at Powisset Farm in Dover. In her spare time, she loves exploring trails with her dog, photography, crosswords, and spending time with friends.

## A peek at our Gardening Classes on the Farm...

This past week, the Gardening Classes wrapped up a successful start to the growing season! Students in our beginner and intermediate classes covered a variety of topics, from soil fertility, to managing flea beetles and cucumber beetles, to protecting their plants from extreme weather; and they planted an even bigger variety of crops in their gardens. We're seeing zucchinis and cucumbers growing fast (and taking up more of their fair share of the bed!) and have already harvested lots of arugula, lettuce, kale, kohlrabi and more! Some of our students are pictured below, some with their bountiful harvests and others hard at work in their beds. Thank you to **all** of our wonderful students this year, and **congratulations on graduating gardening class!**



Busy students!



One participant with a hearty bounty

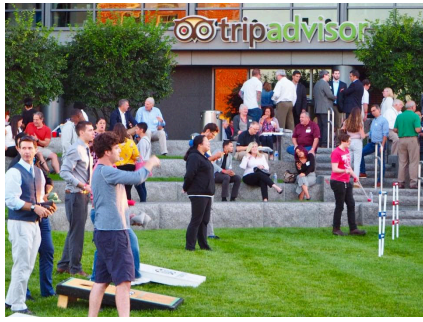


Many students brought their children with them!

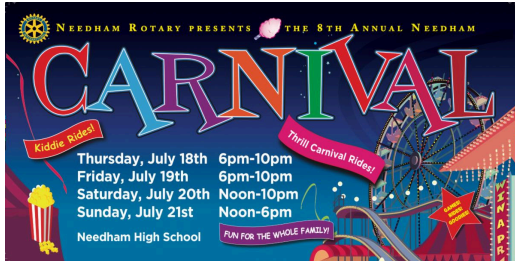
## Community Events

### Needham Night by the CRRC

Needham Night - presented by Charles River Regional Chamber, is an annual event honoring local businesses and organizations in Needham. This year a special honor will be bestowed on Denise Garlick, State Rep. [More details here.](#)



Date + Time: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 at 5:00 PM  
Location: TripAdvisor, [400 1st Avenue, Needham MA](#)



### Needham Carnival

The Needham Carnival is back! For kids of all ages, this good old fashion carnival has little kid rides, adventure rides, and rides for the elderly. Also enjoy the midway and carnival food. This event is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Needham. [More details here.](#)

Date + Time: Thursday, July 18 and Friday, July 19 from 6-10 PM Saturday, July 20 from 12-10 PM and Sunday, July 21 from 12-6 PM  
Location: Needham High School, [609 Webster St, Needham MA](#)

## Farm View



Tomatoes growing slowly - but in time for a late July harvest



View near the high tunnel with kale in the foreground

### Donations always accepted!

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