

WALTHAM FIELDS COMMUNITY FARM

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PREVIEW OF 2008

The farm office is abuzz with planning for a vibrant season here on the farm. Here are just a few things

to look forward to as the days get a little warmer!



Farm Intern Vinny Errico and children from the Cedar Hill Girl Scout Camp bringing in their harvest of carrots, summer 2007

Children's Learning Garden

We're expanding again! Each summer for the past ten years, we have welcomed local kids onto the farm through our Children's Learning Garden program. These young farmers, ages 6 to 9, have their own homebase on our farm—a garden to tend themselves. They also get to know the entire farm through work projects and experiential lessons in everything from seeds to worms to compost. Last year we expanded this program for the first time, more than doubling the number of children served, with a focus on bringing Waltham kids onto the farm. In 2008, the Children's Learning Garden will, for the first time, include programs in the spring, summer and fall. This growth is made possible by our partnership with the Waltham Parks and Recreation Department. If your child is interested in signing up, visit the Parks and Rec website by going to www.city.waltham.ma.us and following the Recreation links.

Outreach Market

Access to local food is a critical part of our mission. Indeed, it is stated very clearly in our vision statement: *We envision communities in which sustainable agriculture plays a central role in creating universal access to the food and beauty of local farms.* This year we will increase access to our food by focusing on communities within Waltham who have little access to fresh, sustainably grown food.

To this end, we are going to pilot a once-a-week, subsidized market in Waltham. We look forward to learning a lot from this new effort.



Building Awareness

In the first week of 2008, we launched a branding process for Waltham Fields Community Farm. Working with Guarino Design Group of Cambridge, we asked a focus group of board, staff, and volunteers to brainstorm the creation of a logo for Waltham Fields Community Farm. As this process progresses, you can look forward to our first ever official farm gear! Our hope is to have t-shirts and canvas bags for purchase during the 2008 season. Stay tuned for more details.

This Season's Assistant Growers

Our Assistant Grower positions continue to be the heart of our Farmer Training Program. Intermediate-level training for those who want to pursue a career in farming is not easy to come by, and our focus on this stage continues to make an impact in our immediate farming community and the larger community farm movement. Each year, we hire two Assistant Growers to be a part of our farm crew and receive this training. For the 2008 season, we will be joined by Erinn Roberts and Jonathan Martinez. Erinn comes to us from Portland, Oregon where she served as Assistant Farm Manager for the Johnson Environmental and Nutrition Farm. She is excited to return to New England, where she and her husband have roots and family. Jonathan began his work in sustainable agriculture as the Urban Education Coordinator at The Food Project, and spent the 2007 season as an apprentice on Overlook Farm in Rutland, Mass. He is committed to training as a farm manager, and looks forward to joining us in Waltham. Please join us in welcoming Erinn and Jonathan to the farm crew this year!

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We promote local agriculture through growing and distribution practices that are socially, ecologically, and economically sustainable. We forge relationships between people, their food supply, and the land from which it grows.

Waltham Fields Community Farm is the business name of Community Farms Outreach, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization.

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FROM THE FARM OFFICE

Dear Friends,

Every year is a year of growth on the farm, and this year will be no exception. In addition to growing delicious vegetables, flowers, and herbs for our CSA shareholders and our hunger relief recipients, we are also increasing our programs this year to serve more of our community. With increased staff capacity, we will reach more people than ever before. We hope you'll find ways (many of which are listed in this newsletter) to get involved!

This year will also be a year of transition. Over the last two years, I've had the privilege of serving as the first Executive Director of Waltham Fields Community Farm. We have made great strides, and the organization is strong and healthy. Thus, it is a bittersweet moment for me to announce that I will be leaving my position in July of this year. I am thrilled by the progress we have made together, and truly love the work of this place. I am also very excited about the work that lies ahead for me. I will be embracing an opportunity to start up a small foundation to be based in Boston. I am humbled by this responsibility, and very grateful for the support that the staff and board of Waltham Fields have offered me as I prepare to embark on this new venture. The board has asked me to join the Advisory Board when I leave, and I am very happy to do so.

As I prepare for this move, I want to offer my thanks to all of you for the wonderful experience I have had here at Waltham Fields. I have been consistently inspired by the commitment of everyone associated with Waltham Fields Community Farm – volunteers, shareholders, members, donors, staff and board. Every day, your contributions weave together to create an incredible and important resource for this community. I have been honored to be part of it, and look forward to continuing to be involved in a different role.

With many thanks,

Meg



From the Board:

The year 2008 will indeed be a year of growth and change at Waltham Fields Community Farm. In Meg Coward's two years as the farm's first Executive Director, she has displayed remarkable leadership in ensuring that the organization upholds the spirit of our mission and vision. Two years ago, our all-volunteer Board of Directors was happy to hand over the day-to-day business of the Farm to a professional. Since then, Meg has done a great deal to define the Executive Director's role in our organization. Because of Meg's dedication, generosity, and abundant good judgment, we are a much stronger organization today.

In 2006, Meg helped finalize our first three-year Strategic Plan, which guided our activities for the first time in 2007. She worked closely with the rest of the staff to create workplans that were aligned with the Strategic Plan and thus efficiently pursued our goals and mission. Along the way she has helped create an organizational environment that feels open, supportive, and energized. Much of Meg's efforts over the last two years have focused on supporting the development of both staff and board capacity. Today, the Board is a strong, collaborative group focused on guiding the future of this organization we all hold dear. And though we are very sad to see her go, it is largely thanks to Meg that we are in such great shape to make the transition to a new Executive Director.

Of course, our most important job now is to find a new Executive Director for Waltham Fields Community Farm. An Executive Director Search Committee is in place, chaired by board member Sam Robinson, and is ready to start receiving applications from candidates. The job description will be posted on our website. We welcome your help in finding people who might be interested in this exciting role! If you know anyone who would be interested in joining us in this capacity, please encourage them to contact Sam at srobinson@neasc.org. This new Executive Director will be joining an organization that is vibrant, strong, and growing.

With best wishes for a bountiful 2008,

Judy Fallows, Board President

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2007:

Strengthening Our Roots and Our Reach:

Guided by our new strategic plan, 2007 was a year of internal and external growth for Waltham Fields Community Farm. In order to build the strength necessary to achieve our goals, we expanded our staff capacity by making our Executive Director full time, adding an Assistant Farm Manager, and doubling the hours of the Children's Learning Garden Coordinator. These steps allowed us to raise the money we needed for our growth, refine our Hunger Relief and Service Learning programs in anticipation of future growth, and more than double the number of children in our summer program. With renewed commitment to the community of Waltham, we ventured off the farm this year like never before. We became active participants in the Waltham Interagency Council and the Healthy Waltham initiative, and worked with students from the Heller School at Brandeis to envision new collaborations with other Waltham non-profits. All of these conversations have led to exciting plans for 2008.

Board of Directors:

In December 2006, the board approved its first strategic plan. In 2007, it was extremely gratifying to see the first year of the plan come to life in the form of exciting new programming, staff and board development, successful fundraising, increased community involvement, strong financial control, and continued success of our core programming. The Board of Directors continued its transition from operational management toward governance, support, and long-range planning. Highlights of the Board's work over 2007 include complete revisions of personnel and finance policies; creation of a new savings policy; and development of our first programmatic budget, reserve budgets, and long-range capital plan.



Farm Intern Sara Franklin demonstrates using a pitchfork for kids in the Children's Learning Garden program, summer 2007

Financial Status:

We began and ended 2007 in very good financial health. Our total income for 2007 was \$294,613. Earned income from the sales of shares in our Community Supported Agriculture program accounted for \$170,600. In addition, we generated a little bit of income from the Children's Learning Garden for the first time, though the program remains highly subsidized. The remainder of our income was donated by individuals, foundations, businesses, and faith communities. Total operating expenses were \$258,166. We also made annual payments to our reserve accounts: \$5,000 in Capital Reserves, \$7,585 in Emergency Reserves, and \$7,970 in our Benefits Reserves. The remaining surplus of \$15,891 was split amongst our reserve accounts according to the budget category that drew the surplus.

Farm Preservation:

Our farm operation was ably guided in 2007 by Farm Manager Amanda Cather. In her fourth season, Amanda brought seasoned experience and wisdom to her management of the farm and oversight of all of our programs. Three major changes to our agricultural operation in 2007 made significant impacts on our farm. Our regular season Community Supported Agriculture program (CSA) grew from 250 to 300 shareholders, and our winter CSA doubled in size to 105 shareholders. We established a new partnership with Picadilly Farm, a new family farm in Winchester, New Hampshire, which grew all of the potatoes and winter squash for our CSA. And we hired a new year-round Assistant Farm Manager, Andy Scherer, whose role includes oversight of our Hunger Relief and Service Learning programs. In the context of both experience and change, our farm had another very productive year despite some consistent pest and weather challenges.



Hunger Relief:

In his first season running our Hunger Relief operation, Andy Scherer focused on building more in-depth relationships with the staffs of our partner organizations. At the end of the season, Andy interviewed staff members from each of our partner agencies extensively. Andy's conversations allowed us to collect data on how well our current program is serving the needs of our partner organizations, and how an expansion of this program could best serve them. As we laid the groundwork for our growth, we continued to grow a wide variety of vegetables for our four Waltham-based partners: Joseph Smith Community Health Center, Sandra's Lodge, the Salvation Army, and the Red Cross Food Pantry. We also grew a large quantity of a few targeted 'bulk' donation crops for our two food broker partners: Food for Free, and the Greater Boston Food Bank. Despite the challenges of our growing season—in particular the failure of our cucumber crop, one of our primary donation vegetables—and the expansion of our CSA program, we were able to donate slightly more produce this season than in 2006, for a total of \$32,178.

Education:

In 2007, for the first time, we expanded the opportunities for local kids to be on the farm through our Children's Learning Garden program. We increased the number of children served from 75 (which had been the number for many years) to 220! This was accomplished through great new partnerships with the Waltham Parks and Recreation Department, and the Cedar Hill Girl Scout Camp. We also enjoyed wonderful partnerships through our Volunteer Program, which continues to be at the heart of our mission and farm operation. All told, 1,070 volunteers contributed 3,576 hours of work on the farm in 2007. This included many different groups, and lots of individuals who took advantage of our "drop-in" hours. Those volunteers were ably guided in their work by our farm crew, including 2 Assistant Growers and 4 Interns. Training our Assistant Growers to go on and manage their own farms continues to be a very important part of our work to further the local food movement, as does the experience that we provide our Interns, who go back to their lives much more aware of all of the issues surrounding local food and farms.

The full 2007 Annual Report is available on our website:
www.communityfarms.org.



CHILDREN'S LEARNING GARDEN ASSISTANT

We are looking for an enthusiastic person to assist our Children's Learning Garden Coordinator this year. The CLG Assistant will help plan and implement garden-based activities for children aged 6-9, and help plant and maintain the garden itself. The



ideal candidate will have experience working with children, some gardening experience, and the ability to assist the program throughout the season (one afternoon a week in the spring and fall; two and half days a week in July and early August). A modest stipend will be provided for this position. To express your interest, please send your resume and letter of interest to Amanda at farmmanager@communityfarms.org.

WISH LIST

If you have any of the following to donate, we would make great use of them!

- _____ 3 acres of land in Waltham
- _____ Auction items for SPROUT
- _____ Big blue 55-gallon barrels with lids
- _____ 5-gallon pails with tight-fitting lids
- _____ Picnic tables
- _____ Office chairs in good repair
- _____ An 18,000 BTU air conditioner
- _____ Manure for our compost (horse, cow, or chicken)

Thanks so much!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Tuesday, March 11th: Volunteer drop-in hours begin at the farm. Come help our farmers get the season off to a great start! Visit our website for days and hours (which have changed slightly from 2007).

Friday, May 2nd: SPROUT! Waltham Fields Community Farms's annual spring fundraiser will once again be held at the Paine Estate in Waltham, from 7-10pm. Look forward to a wonderful evening with fabulous food, great music, and an amazing silent auction with something for everyone. Tickets go on sale at the beginning of April—get yours early, as we anticipate another sold out event this year! Watch our website for further details.

Sunday, June 15th: Our first Third Sunday Gathering of the year. This year these events will include a family-friendly volunteer opportunity on the farm from 1:30 to 4:30, followed by a potluck at 5PM and a speaker at 5:30 PM. Come for the whole afternoon, or one part of the event. No need to sign up in advance. Visit our website for more details. Gatherings will also be held on July 20th, August 17th, September 21st, and October 19th.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR CSA SHAREHOLDERS

Orientations: These are great opportunities for shareholders both new and returning to talk with our farm staff and find out more about your farm and your CSA share. We highly encourage all new shareholders to attend an orientation. Join us either on Thursday, June 5th or Sunday, June 8th, at 5:30 PM. We'll meet you on the farm at the distribution shed.

First CSA Distributions: We will begin our regular season CSA distributions the week of June 10th. Shareholders can come to the farm on Tuesday the 10th, Thursday, June 12th, or Sunday, June 15th to pick up your first share. Please see our website for further details.

THANKS TO OUR 2007 DONORS

The work that we do at Waltham Fields Community Farm is made possible by the support of hundreds of individuals each year, as well as local businesses, schools, faith communities, and foundations. We are very grateful to everyone who contributed to our work in 2007! Volunteers from Eaton Vance (pictured below) made a very significant in-kind contribution of their time, spending countless hours over the year constructing a new database to support us as we expand. Other donors in 2007 included:

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THE IMPORTANCE OF MEMBERS

We have always been a membership-based organization. As our CSA has grown, and more people have become shareholders of the CSA, the difference between being a member and being a shareholder has gotten a little confusing. Members are very important to us, so we thought we'd offer some clarification, and encourage you to become a member today!

Why is membership important?

Membership dues account for approximately 12% of the funds raised each year to make our charitable programs possible. In addition, a strong membership base provides an important base of official support for Waltham Fields Community Farm.

What's the difference between being a member and a being shareholder?

Members of Waltham Fields Community Farm pay annual dues of \$25. These funds are used to support the charitable programs of the organization: our Hunger Relief Program, Children's Learning Garden, Outreach Program, and Service Learning Program.

Shareholders of Waltham Fields Community Farm pay for a share of our harvest. Funds from the sales of shares are used exclusively to pay for the costs of producing that food.

How long does my membership last?

As of 2008, memberships are good for 12 months from the date that dues are paid.

What are the benefits of membership?

Membership benefits now include:

- a subscription to our Farm Friends e-newsletter (providing updates on our programs, opportunities to get involved, and serving as your portal to the local food/farm scene)
- a head start on signing up for the CSA each year
- a discount on entrance to any ticketed event
- a discount on farm merchandise (new t-shirts are in the works!)
- voting rights at our annual meeting.

To become a member today, send in your dues in the enclosed envelope, or visit us at www.communityfarms.org/i-member.htm.



Shares for the 2008 season are sold out

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED IN 2008

Third Sunday Gatherings

Are you passionate about local food and farms? Can you think of lots of topics and issues that you and other folks in our community would like to learn about while sharing a delicious farm-based potluck meal? Can you locate and recruit local speakers on those topics? Then consider helping to coordinate our Third Sunday Gatherings! Contact Meg at megcoward@communityfarms.org to express your interest.

Children's Learning Garden

Do you enjoy working with children in out-of-school settings? Then consider volunteering with our Children's Learning Garden program to give young visitors to a taste of farm life. Programs take place weekdays from May through October. You can volunteer throughout the season, or for just a few hours. Contact Amanda at farmanager@communityfarms.org to express your interest.

Hunger Relief Prep

Want to help out with our hunger relief efforts? Have a little bit of time in the evening? This year we will be coordinating volunteers to pack up leftover produce after each CSA distribution (Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday nights at 7:00 PM). The boxed produce will be delivered the next day to emergency food programs. We're looking for folks who can make a semi-regular commitment. Contact Andy at volunteer@communityfarms.org to express interest.

SPROUT Volunteers

Looking for a way to support Waltham Fields? There are many opportunities to help out with our annual spring fundraiser, SPROUT. A committee of volunteers is hard at work to make this year's event the best ever! They would love your help, whether you can offer a few hours, or a more regular commitment. We'll also need people to help out during the event itself. Contact Julie at sproutauction@gmail.com to express interest.

SPROUT Auction Donations

Have a skill to share? Know any small business owners? Have a cabin in the woods? Our most popular auction items are often experiential (weekends away, dinner for two, a night at a hotel, a massage) or farm-related (canning classes, jam making, dinner with the farm staff). Creative ideas are encouraged! Last year a farm volunteer offered dog-sitting for a weekend, which was very popular. If you can contribute an auction item, or have a great idea, please contact Laurie at sproutauction@gmail.com.