

2020 Historic Wagner Farm CSA Membership

We are happy to announce Wagner Farm and NSSSED are joining forces again this year to offer CSA shares at the farm.

CSA stands for Community Supported Agriculture. It is a fun, economical way to buy local, fresh produce while supporting your local farm and our youth educational opportunities. As a member, you will receive a bushel basket filled with different varieties of produce for 15 weeks starting the last week of June and ending at the beginning of October.

Who is growing your food?

This summer we are operating with a greatly reduced work force due to the response to COVID-19. We are hoping to have Wagner staff farmers, student farmers from NSSSED's be@the farm program, college agriculture interns, and many wonderful volunteers again as restrictions loosen up. *Safety and health are our greatest concern, and we will follow the state directives and safe practices.* Much of the planning, planting, growing, harvesting and packing are done by students. It is a great opportunity for them to experience the work that goes into food production and to learn agricultural skills.

When do you pick up your basket?

There are two pick up times available. When you sign up, please choose which pick up time works for you. This will be your weekly pick up time for the whole season. Tuesdays from 3:00-5:00 starting June 23, 2019 Fridays from 3:00-5:00 starting June 26, 2019. This could change depending on growing conditions, but you will be notified via email if the start date changes.

Where do I pick up my produce?

You will pick up your produce at the Heritage Center. Turn in your basket from the previous week to receive your fresh, filled basket.

How much does it cost?

The membership costs \$400 for 15 weekly baskets. Each basket will be filled with different varieties of produce depending on what is available for harvest that week. This breaks down to about \$26.00 per week in fresh produce.

Here are the details.

As a CSA member, you are agreeing to share in the bounty and the potential loss of our farm's market crops. We promise to do our best to provide a plentiful share each week. The quantity and quality of produce may vary due to extreme weather, insects or other factors despite our best efforts. Refunds are not given for a crop failure. If one or two crops fail, we will compensate by substituting with other produce. If we experience a bountiful year, you will receive more. We are expecting to offer 15 weeks of produce, filling up a bushel basket each week, but that can vary. If the harvest keeps coming in, we can extend our baskets an additional week or two. It's all weather dependent so stay tuned in the fall for announcements. The first few baskets will typically be a bit smaller in terms of quantity as we start up our harvest.

You are responsible for picking up your CSA basket on the day and time you chose. We cannot accommodate changing days or times for pick up since we harvest on specific days to ensure the freshest produce. If you cannot make it, you can send a neighbor or friend to pick it up for you as long as they return the previous basket. If you are on vacation, you will still get your basket, so feel free to offer it to a friend or neighbor while you are away. In order to avoid waste, let us know if you cannot pick up your share so we can distribute it or donate it. Your produce will vary each week, dependent upon weather and what is ready for harvest. You may receive a vegetable that you have never seen before. That's the great thing about CSA's: you learn new recipes, try new things and eat a whole lot of vegetables. It's a healthy win-win!

Our Growing Practices.

We have gone through Produce Safety training to comply with current regulations. We try to stick with organic practices, but we are not a certified organic farm. We do try to limit any pesticide use. Feel free to ask us about our farming techniques and come visit the growing fields. We love hearing your input about your baskets and the creative ways you find to use all of the produce.

Ready to sign up?

This year our sign up is taking place online only. Please visit the Glenview Park District website:

<https://webtrac.glenviewparks.org/WEB/wbWSC/webtrac.wsc/search.html?beginDate=1/1/2015&display=detail&endDate=12/31/2025&module=PST>

There you will choose which day you will pick up your share and pay the \$400.00. Then get ready to receive your first basket of goodies. We will confirm your membership and remind you of the first pick up date by email. We hope you enjoy your produce and thank you for supporting the student farmers who devote their school year and summer to this project.

Communicating with us.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please email us. Emails are the best way for us to keep in touch. We spend most of our time out in the field, so please allow a day or two for email responses. You will receive regular emails from us throughout the season.

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