

2023 CSA MEMBERSHIP

Historic Wagner Farm





CSA BASICS

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 different varieties of produce from mid-June to mid-September.

Interested? Read on to learn more.

GROWN ON THE FARM WITH LOVE



Who is growing your food?

Wagner staff farmers, student farmers from True North District 804's be@the farm program, teenage and young adult agriculture interns and apprentices, and many wonderful volunteers. 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.

What are we growing this year?

The content of your weekly basket will vary based on what is ready to be picked. Here is the list of what will be grown this season:

- Beets
- Broccoli
- Cabbage
- Carrots
- Chives
- Corn
- Cucumbers
- Edamame
- Eggplant
- Flowers

- Garlic
- Herbs
- Hot Peppers
- Kale
- Lettuce
- Okra
- Peas
- Pole Beans
- Pumpkins
- Radishes

- Rainbow Chard
- Rhubarb
- Scallions
- Summer Squash
- Sweet Peppers
- Sweet Potatoes
- Tomatillos
- Tomatoes
- Winter Squash

When do I pick up my basket?

You can choose between Tuesday or Friday pick-up. All pickups take place between 3 and 5 p.m.

Tuesdays: 6/20 – 9/26 Fridays: 6/23 – 9/29

Where do I pick up my produce?

You will pick up your produce at the Heritage Center at Historic Wagner Farm. Be sure to turn in your basket from the previous week's pick-up to receive your fresh, filled basket.

How much does a CSA share cost?

Each share costs \$450. Don't think you'll need an entire share? Consider purchasing one to share with a friend or neighbor!



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 you with a plentiful share. 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. The first and last baskets will typically be a bit smaller in terms of quantity as we start up/close down harvest.

You are responsible for picking up your CSA basket on the day 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.

You do not have a say in what produce gets added each week; it is dependent upon weather and what is ready for harvest. You may receive vegetables 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 as much as we can, but we are not a certified organic farm. We try to limit any pesticide use, but if it comes down to the bugs winning, we may spray that particular crop in order to save it. Feel free to ask us about our farming techniques and feel free to come visit, see the produce growing and tour the garden. Not all produce is washed before going into your basket, so please wash everything before eating and refrigerate as needed.

COMMUNICATING WITH US

We love talking to our customers! Here are our phone numbers and e-mail addresses as a way for you to keep in touch with us throughout the growing season. We spend most of our time out in the field, so please allow a day or two for us to respond.

Blake Lanphier, Farm Manager <u>blake.lanphier@glenviewparks.org</u>
Marcy Frantz, be@the farm Teacher <u>mfrantz@truenorth804.org</u>

Historic Wagner Farm Phone Number: 847-657-1506

READY TO SIGN UP?

CSA sign up begins on March 20, 2023. Please visit the Glenview Park District website or **CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP**.

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.