

July 2012 Homegrown Minneapolis Update

Minneapolis Food Council August Meeting, July 18

The Minneapolis Food Council monthly meeting will be held Wednesday, July 18 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm at St. Olaf's Lutheran Church Campus, 2901 Emerson Ave N, Minneapolis. Prior to the meeting, at 2:15 pm, there will be a tour of the Youth Farm and Market Garden and at 2:30 pm, a presentation and discussion by several organizations who are working in North Minneapolis along with some of their community partners. The panel includes: representatives from Appetite for Change, St. Olaf's Community Campus and the Youth Farm and Market Project.

Members of the public are welcome to attend all activities and the meeting.

Food Council seeks Members of the Community for Working Groups

At the June Food Council meeting, the [2012 Strategic Action Plan](#) was approved and 6 Working Groups were established.

- Communications
- Community Engagement
- Economic Development
- Food Safety
- Growing
- Composting and Organic Matter

The Food Council invites anyone with any ideas or an interest in helping with projects to join a working group and continue the efforts of Homegrown Minneapolis to build our local food community. You can [sign up here](#).

General Mills Foundation Provides Funding for Homegrown Minneapolis

The General Mills Foundation recently provided \$40,000 to assist in funding a consultant to staff Homegrown Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Food Council. We appreciate the support of the General Mills Foundation and their interest in the work of Homegrown Minneapolis.

Updated Community Kitchen Facilities List

The Community Kitchen Facilities available to rent in Minneapolis [has been updated for the 2012 growing season](#). If you don't have a kitchen that meets your needs, check this list for a community kitchen you may be able to use.

To help Minneapolis residents and business owners work with local foods and be part of a food community, the City of Minneapolis has identified community kitchens where people may:

- Prepare food for their own use or for a small business they'd like to start.
- Can or preserve food for storage.
- Teach or learn about food and cooking.

Flyer for Minneapolis Farmers Markets

If your organization is interested in publicizing the various farmers markets in the City of Minneapolis, just click [this handy link for a printer-ready PDF](#) which gives the locations and times of all city farmers markets and mini-markets. This is in addition to our [interactive online map](#).

Food Council Send Letter of Support for Bees on City Hall

The Minneapolis Food Council sent a letter to the Municipal Building Commission in support of locating a working bee hive on the City Hall Courthouse green roof. The presence of a hive on the green roof also makes a strong statement about the importance of Homegrown Food.

For more information about Homegrown Minneapolis, please visit: www.minneapolismn.gov/sustainability/homegrown