

September 2012 Homegrown Minneapolis Update

Update from the Minneapolis Food Council September Meeting

The Minneapolis Food Council monthly meeting was held Wednesday, September 19 in the City Hall building. The Council agreed to send a letter to the Minnesota congressional delegation in support of several small programs targeted to sustainable, organic farmers that are scheduled to expire the end of September.

The Council will hold an open house again in early December to meet with community members and discuss the work of the Food Council and the future needs of the community. Watch for further details!

The Next Food Council meeting is Wednesday, October 17 at 3:00pm, place to be determined.

Urban Farmers, Check out our New Link on our Website

We love urban farmers and want to see you grow and prosper! Check out this new link where we will list information on grants and farmer training programs.

<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/sustainability/homegrown/WCMS1P-098267>

Homegrown is Coming to a Neighborhood near You!

Homegrown Minneapolis will have a table at the Farm2School Community BBQ, September 21 at the Minneapolis Public Schools Culinary and Nutrition Center from 4:00-7:00 pm. We will also be at the Open Streets Celebration, Saturday, September 29 from 11:00-6:00 pm on Lowry Avenue between Upton Avenue and 4th Street North. Stop by and say hello!

Shout Outs

- To the Minneapolis Farmers Market on their 75th anniversary. The market has come a long way from opening day in May 1930 when it was the new horseless Central Market. Last month, Huffington Post listed the market as one of the top 9 farmers markets in the U.S. with a range of products that are seldom seen in the Upper Midwest a clear reflection of the diverse cultural population in Minneapolis.

We are also fortunate to have 32 other farmers markets and mini-markets in Minneapolis. Fall is a great time to shop the markets and watch for our new winter market season!

<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/news/WCMS1P-094105>

- To the Women's Environment Institute for bringing urban agriculture legend Will Allen of Growing Power in Milwaukee to their North Branch farm for a weekend training session for approximately 150 participants. Hoop house and aquaponics building, vermiculture and composting and garlic, bees and mushrooms were all part of the weekend program. Look for more urban production in your neighborhoods!

Suggestions or comments? Send us a message through the feedback section of our web page.

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