

Currant Affairs

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Compiled regularly by Nick Riordan on behalf of Yarcucopia (a program of Alaska Community Action on Toxics) and the Alaska Food Policy Council

****Marks new and updated items in this issue**

WORKSHOPS, WEBINARS, & SPECIAL EVENTS

****June 25**

This Saturday, we are inviting willing helpers to the orchard from 9 am - 12 pm to help with mowing, weed-whacking, pulling vetch, thinning apples in the orchard, and other tasks as needed. If you can bring a mower or weed whacker, you get bonus points. For our [tree sponsors](#), this will be a great opportunity to thin your fruit, remove weeds, and give your Apple Tree some TLC

****June 25**

McPhee Community Garden work party spreading woodchips from 12:30 – 3:00 pm. Contact Karlie (karlie.wilhelmi@anchorageak.gov) to rsvp and with questions.

****June 28**

Community Composting at the [Midtown Garden Depot](#) (2930 Cheechako Street), 6-8:00 pm. Contact garden@akaction.org / 907 717 4392 to rsvp with Yarcucopia/ACAT. Help divert yard waste from Anchorage's landfill by making compost to share with Anchorage gardeners.

****June 30**

Grow North Farm – Opening Day! Help us celebrate the kick-off of our best season yet by coming by for opening day on Thursday between 4-7PM for the freshest veggies and delicious hot food. Plus, cookbooks, spices, farm swag, sweets, and more- for the love of all things green, you're going to want to be there!

****July 6**

Composting & accepting pesticide-free green waste at the [Midtown Garden Depot](#), 6-8 pm. Contact garden@akaction.org / 907 717 4392 to rsvp.

July 9 (and 23rd!)

Stickleback Farm "Build and Beautify" days will be taking place from 4 to 8 pm. These events will include free bags of lettuce for volunteers along with free BBQ and art activities for the youth. Our location does not have a specific address, but it is on 3rd and Ingra. A notable building that we are near is the Brother Francis Shelter. Contact anangookwe.wolf@akseedsofchange.com with questions.

****July 13**

Composting & accepting pesticide-free green waste at the [Midtown Garden Depot](#), 6-8 pm. Contact garden@akaction.org / 907 717 4392 to RSVP.

****July 16**

Yarducopia Garden Bike Tour from 2-6 pm - Ends in a potluck at the last garden - More details to come, save this space!

July 23

Stickleback Farm "Build and Beautify" days (Round Two!) will be taking place from 4 to 8 pm. These events will include free bags of lettuce for volunteers along with free BBQ and art activities for the youth. Our location does not have a specific address, but it is on 3rd and Ingra. A notable building that we are near is the Brother Francis Shelter. Contact anangookwe.wolf@akseedsofchange.com with questions.

PROGRAM and JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

****Food For Thought** opens food fridge in Mountain View – [More at AK Public Media](#)

****Sponsor an Apple Tree** at Boyers Orchard in Anchorage - care for the tree, harvest the fruit, learn, have fun! More info at the **Friends of Boyers Orchard** website - <https://alaskaorchard.org/sponsor-a-tree/>

****Anchor Gardens** is hosting a **Garden Questions Hotline** called Roots and Shoots every Tuesday starting at 7 pm. [Sign up for Anchor Gardens to learn more, get the link, etc.](#)

****Urban Harvest (a program of Anchorage Museum)** has posted their July/August lineup of classes – As always, great topics – [Check it out.](#)

ABG is hiring an **Environmental Education Assistant Camp Counselor.** [More info.](#)

AK Food Policy Council - We are working on a **statewide map of the state food system resources.** If you wish to add yourself or your organization to this map, please visit this page to read more about this important effort to provide an inclusive map of all our state food system resources. [Link to info.](#)

Summer Garden Tours have begun! Many of the organizations listed above and below host garden tours all summer long. I encourage you to join a garden club (or three!) and attend their tours. It can be a great way to be inspired, learn from others' experiences, and meet fellow enthusiasts and friends.

Midtown Community Garden – a new community garden at 2930 Cheechako Street has space and materials to construct more garden beds. Reach out to Yarcopia at garden@akaction.org to sign up & get more info, or drop by during one of our gatherings (see above).

****Chanshtnu Community Garden** in Muldoon still has a few spaces available!

Anchor Gardens' I Street Garden Depot info - anchorgardens.org/stockpiles

Seeds of Change's Summer Apprenticeship Program ([flier](#)) and **Farm Field Trips** ([flier](#)).

Calling All Young and Beginning Alaska Farmers/Ranchers the Alaska Farmers Market Association is helping kick off an Alaskan chapter of this group. The first step is to [take this survey](#) and reach out to Kyra Harty if you need more information - kyra@alaskafarmersmarkets.org / 907-235-4068 ext 20

Yarcopia (a program of Alaska Community Action on Toxics) is accepting signups for gardeners looking for growing space, landowners offering space, and volunteers offering time to help make it all happen. Reach out to Yarcopia at garden@akaction.org or [their website](#).

Alaska Master Gardeners Anchorage and the **Alaska School Garden Network** compile a list of public garden projects and volunteer opportunities – [you can view it here](#).

FINDING FOOD: FARMERS MARKETS, FOOD PANTRIES, & FOOD HUBS

The Alaska Farmers Market Association's [Market Directory](#) is a simple and easy way to find and learn more about farmers markets you live near, locations, hours, payment options, etc.

****Whispering Bay Ranch** has **local eggs for sale** in Anchorage on Thursdays, Mat-Su on Mondays. Chicken and Duck. (907) 885-7732

****APU Farmstand** this Wednesday from 3:00-6:30 with kale, bok Choi, salad greens, sorrel, and more! Come get your early summer fix of fresh greens!

Grow North Farm Farmstand open 4-7 pm Mon-Friday. Thursdays feature global cuisine to-go from a rotating Grow North Farm farmer! SNAP and WIC welcome.

Locally Grown Resource Guide made by the Mat-Su Cooperative Extension – [Link to PDF](#).

Arctic Harvest Deliveries – produce share sold out, [meat and seafood shares still available](#)

Alaska Food Hub opened for its 7th season, with pick-ups in Homer, Soldotna, Ninilchik, and Seldovia, with more locations in the works.

A List of Anchorage Food Pantries can be found at AnchorageFood.org (Address, hours, etc.)

Support Alaska's American Indian Producers - <https://www.indianagfoods.org/alaska-1> & check out Ag Alaska's list of AK farms - <https://agalaska.org/alaska-farms/>

Blue Market carries lots of locally grown and fermented foods throughout the winter. You can find **Happy Mushrooms**, **Common Root** kimchi and curtido, greens from **Seeds of Change** & much more.

City Farms is an indoor hydroponics farm in Anchorage. Their veggies can be found at New Sagaya, Natural Pantry, Fred Meyer, and Walmart. <https://www.cityfarmsalaska.com/>

Local Greens sell hydroponically grown veggies year-round in Anchorage. [Get a weekly or every-other-week subscription](#), and pickup at Double Shovel Cidery at your convenience

Far North Fungi grows and sells fresh and dried mushrooms in Anchorage & teaches fungi cultivation.

Anchorage Greens sells direct to consumers through a weekly Green Bag subscription as well as folks who stop by for on-site ala carte purchases. <https://www.anchoragegreens.com/>

Alaska Sprouts sells sprouts and microgreens online for pickup in Anchorage - <https://www.alaskasprouts.com/>. Read more about their story in a [2017 issue of Edible Alaska](#)

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