



Homegrown Minneapolis – December 22, 2014

News, Events, Resources, and Jobs

[Homegrown Minneapolis](#) is a citywide initiative expanding our community's ability to grow, process, distribute, eat and compost more healthy, sustainable, locally grown foods. Homegrown Minneapolis brings together key partners from local government, area businesses, community organizations, non-profits and residents to build a healthy, local food system.

Find more information on the [Homegrown Minneapolis website](#).

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News

Homegrown Minneapolis Celebrates Homegrown Heroes and 2014 Local Food Policy Highlights at Annual Open House

The [Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council](#) hosted its [annual open house](#) on December 3 at the Cedars Hall in Northeast Minneapolis. Hundreds of attendees enjoyed a preview episode from the new PBS show [The Victory Garden's Edible Feast](#), produced in partnership with [Perennial Plate](#) and featuring local farmers.

The event also featured remarks by Mayor Betsy Hodges and City Council members Cam Gordon and Jacob Frey, a report on [2014 local food policy progress](#), and a presentation of "[Homegrown Heroes](#)" awards. [Youth Farm](#) and [Waite House](#) participants prepared and served delicious refreshments. Attendees celebrated progress on local food access through recent passage of amendments to the Staple Food Ordinance and Farmstand Ordinance, as well as other highlights, including support for pollinators through increased flexibility on beekeeping permits.

[View the Homegrown Minneapolis 2014 Highlights >>](#)

[Learn about the Homegrown Heroes awardees >>](#)

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Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council Authorizes Letter of Support for Changes to Minnesota Seed Law

The Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council authorized a letter to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture on December 10, 2014, recommending changes to the Minnesota Seed Law based upon recent enforcement of Minnesota Seed Law against the Duluth Public Library's Seed

Library. For further details on the Duluth Seed Library and local action to address challenges to community-based seed sharing, visit the websites below:

<http://www.gardeningmatters.org/news-update-advocacy-community-based-seed-sharing>

<http://www.duluth.lib.mn.us/programs-events/duluth-public-seed-lending-library>

<http://www.isfusa.org/>

Events

January Food Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 14, 2015

5:00-7:00 meeting, 4:30 pm optional presentation about Gandhi Mahal's aquaponics project

Gandhi Mahal, 3009 27th Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55406 ([map](#))

Food will be available for purchase but no purchase is required.

Resources

Deadline approaching for sustainable agriculture grants

The deadline to apply for the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) **Sustainable Agriculture Demonstration Grant Program** is **January 23, 2015**. Current and past grant projects are highlighted in the MDA's *Greenbook* publication: www.mda.state.mn.us/greenbook. Application materials are available at: www.mda.state.mn.us/grants/grants/demogrant.aspx or by calling 651-201-6012.

Foodshed Planning Webinar: Save the Date, January 14

On Wednesday, January 14, 11AM-Noon, U of M Soil, Water, and Climate Research Fellow Jake Galzki will discuss [research](#) to determine food demands of SE Minnesota based on population data and a representative diet. This research was funded by the U of M SE Regional Sustainable Development Partnership as part of the [SE Foodshed Planning Initiative](#).

Registration and webinar link coming soon. Contact Erin Meier for more information at tegtm003@umn.edu.

Applications open for Urban Farming Certification, Apprenticeships, Advanced design series

Want to know how permaculture can regenerate your lifestyle and livelihood? PRI Cold Climate offers three season-long programs designed to build your confidence and experience in permaculture design and local food production.

[Urban Farming Certification](#) | [Permaculture Apprenticeships](#) | [The Advanced Series in Whole Systems Design](#)

Contact Maggie@pricoldclimate.org for more information.

Local Foods College begins in January

The Local Foods College, a series of eight sessions for gardeners and farmers who are part of the growing community-based food system, will begin January 13 and runs through March 3. The weekly sessions can be viewed online and at several locations throughout northern and central Minnesota. Registration is free for participants who print their own materials.

The 2015 Local Foods College is supported by Extension, the Statewide Health Improvement Program, and Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education. For more information and to register, visit <http://localfoods.umn.edu/college> or call [1-888-241-0781](tel:1-888-241-0781).

A Guide to Regulations for Local Food Entrepreneurs

“A Guide to Regulations for Local Food Entrepreneurs” is a new publication released by the Minnesota institute for Sustainable Agriculture (MISA). The main focus of the Guide is on the regulatory framework for food businesses. The 54-page book will be a valuable aid to food entrepreneurs who need to deal with complex regulatory systems in order to be successful.

The report is available online as a PDF on the MISA website:

www.misa.umn.edu/Publications/LocalFoodRegulationsReport/index.htm.

Jobs

Field Manager – Stone’s Throw Urban Farm

<http://stonethrowurbanfarm.wordpress.com/2014/12/14/stones-throw-is-hiring-a-field-manager-for-the-2015-season/>

Student position on Hazelnut project – University of Minnesota

employment.umn.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=126420

We need to grow the local food movement! Forward this newsletter to your friends or post the link to Homegrown Minneapolis on Facebook. Let us know if you have an event or resource to share with the community. <http://www.minneapolisismn.gov/homegrown>

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