



# Spring Newsletter

June 2012

## **What is the Springfield Food Policy Council?**

The Springfield Food Policy Council is an independent body with endorsement from Mayor Sarno and the City Council. The purpose of this Council is to promote public and private food policies and efforts that improve access to nutritious, affordable, culturally appropriate, fresh, and safe foods for all residents of Springfield.

We welcome you to any of our meetings to shape the future of food policy in Springfield!  
(See Reverse)

## **Urban Agriculture Updates**

The purpose of the Urban Agriculture Committee is to advocate for policies that create opportunities and infrastructure for people to grow their own food throughout all neighborhoods in Springfield.

Our first major effort involved "enhancing" a community gardening ordinance draft started by the community. After receiving approval by Mayor Sarno, a final Community Gardening Ordinance was championed at the March 19, 2012 City Council meeting by Councilors Tim Allen and Kateri Walsh. It was unanimously approved on May 7th at City Council. For more information about obtaining a Community Garden application in English or Spanish, go to 70 Tapley Street, Planning Dept.; 200 Trafton Road, Dept. of Parks and Recreation or 95 State Street, Dept. of Health and Human Services. You can also call Deputy Direct Phil Dromey at the City Planning Dept. at 413.787.6020.

## **Farmers Markets Near You**

Springfield Cooperative   
Avocado Street  
Saturday 7:00-11:00 AM  
*opens May 5th*

Springfield / Farmers Market At Forest Park    
Cyr Arena in Forest Park  
Tuesday 12:30-6:00 PM  
*opens May 1st*

Springfield / Mason Square    
Baystate Mason Square Health Ctr.  
11 Wilbraham Rd  
Saturday 10:00-2:00 PM  
*opens July 7th*

Indian Orchard Farmer's Market  
187 Main Street (the Hampden Bank)  
Fridays 11:00-4:00 PM  
*Opens May 8th*



## **School Nutrition Updates**

Over the next year, the School Nutrition Committee will be dedicated to accomplish the following:

- Helping to implement the new school nutrition guidelines
- Creating a How-To guide to help Springfield schools establish school gardens
- Working to help create a feedback loop between Sodexo and the community
- Working to get more locally grown food into the school food program

## **Steering Committee Co-Chairs:**

Janet Rodriguez Denny, Mayoral appointee, Dept. of Elder Affairs, 413-750-2654 [JDenney@springfieldcityhall.com](mailto:JDenney@springfieldcityhall.com)  
Synthia Scott-Mitchell, Elected community representative, (413) 263-6500 [synthiam@springfieldpartnersinc.com](mailto:synthiam@springfieldpartnersinc.com)

# Springfield's Community Gardens

Martin Luther King Jr.  
Family Life Center Garden  
356 Bay St.

New Growth Gardens  
Albany St.

Mason Square Branch  
Library Garden  
765 State St.

Worthington St. Gardens  
at Homeless Shelter

Linda Patrella Park  
Community Gardens

Riverview Apartments Garden  
Clyde St.

Memorial Square  
Intergenerational Community Garden  
Corner of Main St. and Osgood St.

Gardening the Community  
Lebanon St. Garden  
49 Lebanon St.

Gardening the Community  
Hancock St. Garden  
256 Hancock St.

Gardening the Community  
Central St. Garden  
488 Central St.

Concerned Citizens of Springfield  
Dickenson St. Garden  
20 Dickenson St.

Concerned Citizens of Springfield Garden  
78 Beaumont St.

Kennedy Middle School Garden  
1385 Berkshire Ave.



YWCA Campus Garden  
1 Clough St.

Concerned Citizens of Springfield  
Holy Name Church Garden  
Alderman St. and Ventura St.

## Steering Committee

Meetings: 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of month  
2:30-4:00pm  
At the Dept of Elder Affairs  
1600 E. Columbus Ave.

## Executive Committee

Synthia Scott-Mitchell, Co-chair  
Jan Rodriguez-Denney, Co-chair  
Robert Hassett, Treasurer  
Meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of month  
2:30-4:00pm  
At the Dept of Elder affairs  
1600 E. Columbus Ave.

## Communications Committee

Andrew Morehouse  
[andrewm@foodbankwma.org](mailto:andrewm@foodbankwma.org)  
Meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of month  
4:00-5:00pm  
At the Dept of Elder affairs  
1600 E. Columbus Ave.

## Urban Agriculture Committee

Jessica Collins, Chair  
[Jessica.Collins@baystatehealth.org](mailto:Jessica.Collins@baystatehealth.org)  
Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of month  
11:00am  
At Partners For a Healthier Community  
140 High Street

## School Nutrition Committee

Nicole Bourdon, Chair  
[nbourdon@springfieldcityhall.com](mailto:nbourdon@springfieldcityhall.com)  
Meetings: TBD  
At Dept. of Health & Human Services  
95 State Street, Suite 222

## Emergency Preparedness Committee

Robert Hassett, Chair  
[rhassett@springfieldcityhall.com](mailto:rhassett@springfieldcityhall.com)  
Meetings: TBD

## Steering Committee Members:

Ibrahim Ali, Qamaria Amatul-Wadud, Dara Bartlett, Nicole Bourdon, Jessica Collins, Phil Dromey, Zaida Govan, Robert Hassett, Alex Martin, Allison Maynard, Geraldine McCafferty, Andrew Morehouse, Kyle Moye, Yasmin Otero, Timothy Paul, Kathy Pedersen, Janet Rodriguez-Denney, Cynthia Scott-Mitchell, Patrick Sullivan, Ed Whitley

**COMING IN SEPTEMBER: Stay tuned for "save the date" of Springfield Food Policy Council Annual Meeting & Celebration!**