



**2018 COLUMBUS
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FARM
TOUR
SERIES**

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The Columbus Urban Farm Tour Series is a joint project sponsored by the Franklin County Office of Ohio State University Extension, and the Columbus Urban Farmers Network. The goal of the Columbus Urban Farm Tour Series tours is to demonstrate to the general public the many benefits of urban farms in Columbus.

There is no fee or advance registration required to participate in these tours which are open to the public. Farm tours will be held rain or shine and participants should dress accordingly.

For more information about the Columbus Urban Farm Tour Series, contact Mike Hogan at OSU Extension at 614.866.6900 or hogan.1@osu.edu.

OSU Extension is the outreach arm of the OSU College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. OSU Extension conducts applied research and educational programs in agriculture and natural resources; community development; 4-H youth development; and family and consumer sciences. For more information about OSU Extension programs in Franklin County, go to: franklin.osu.edu.

The Columbus Urban Farmers Network is an alliance of urban farms and food producers in Columbus. The goal of the network is to strengthen and expand the local food system by producing food in urban areas of Columbus.



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Expanding Urban Farm Along High Street Corridor

Tuesday, July 10 • 4:00 – 5:30 PM

Harriet Gardens

Mark VanFleet
42 W. Jenkins Ave.
614.906.2834

Merion Village Neighborhood
mvanfleet@gmail.com
Columbus, OH 43207

Harriet Gardens is an urban farm in Merion Village which grows high quality fresh vegetables and herbs on a formerly overgrown ½ acre plot of land along the High Street corridor. The farm was started in the summer of 2016 and sells produce to area restaurants and at the North Market Farmers Market. In 2018 the farm will be expanding in size and will also add a high tunnel for season extension. The farm will also expand its marketing efforts to include the Bexley and Clintonville Farmers Markets. The farm uses no synthetic pesticides and focuses on building soil health by adding nutrient rich compost. Pest control strategies include the use of row covers and beneficial insects.



Photo courtesy of Harriet Gardens

Vacant Lots Become Productive Urban Farm

Saturday, July 14 • 10:00 – 11:30 AM

Magic House Farm

Joe Wolfle
120 N. Yale Ave.
614.453.4606

West Franklinton Neighborhood
magichousefarms@gmail.com
Columbus, OH 43222

Magic House Farms is a community based urban farm spanning a half acre on converted vacant lots in Franklinton. Starting in its second growing season, the operation has focused on companion planting and intercropping. Across four City Land Bank parcels, the stewards have sought methods that maximize a healthy crop variety and yield by utilizing organic practices to cultivate food for the local community. The expansion and experimentation of projects on the farm have been made possible by volunteer participation. You are invited to come and see how this urban oasis in a distressed neighborhood has grown from a small one man operation to a flourishing and necessary neighborhood resource.

New Urban Farm in Residential Neighborhood

Thursday, July 26 • 10:00 AM – noon

Freshtown Farm
 Marcie Todd
 1282 Ann St.
 916.533.8646

Merion Village Neighborhood
 Marcie.todd@gmail.com
 Columbus, OH 43206
 freshtownfarm.com

Freshtown Farm is a community supported farm, a partnership between farmers and customers. The farm is a sustainable, small-scale one acre farm based in the Southside of Columbus and in Pataskala, OH. The farm's small Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program offers hyper-local, super fresh vegetables from the farm to CSA shareholders door. Produce from the farm is also sold at farmers markets in Columbus and at a donation based farm stand at the Southside farm.



Photo courtesy of Freshtown Farm



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Photo courtesy of Project AquaStar

Urban Community Garden Serving Homeless Men

Sunday, August 19 • noon – 1:30 PM

Friends of the Homeless Garden
 Sue Simon
 924 E. Main St. (corner of E. Main and Carpenter)
 614.638.6135

Near East Side Neighborhood
 Columbus, OH 43205

The Friends Garden, located across the street from the Friends of the Homeless Shelter is a garden operated by OSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteers for Southeast Inc. The shelter provides emergency housing for 130 men, 24 hours per day. New Horizon Transitional Housing, adjacent to the garden provides housing to those who are chronically homeless and have greater medical needs. The Friends Garden provides a safe, green, and healing place where neighbors and friends can sit, read a book, share a meal, or harvest fresh, nutritious, organic fruits and vegetables. The garden also provides friends and neighbors a place to socialize and be part of the revitalization of the community. The garden is a place of beauty and splendor, just like the many who come to gather and share.

Expanded Aquaculture and Vegetable Farm

Thursday, August 23 • 10:30 AM – noon

Project AquaStar
 Max Slater
 St. Stephens Center
 1500 E. 17th Ave.
 614.294.6347

Linden Neighborhood
 mslater@saintstephensch.org

Columbus, OH 43219

saintstephensch.org/programs/project-aquastar/

Come see how Project Aquastar has expanded and evolved into a sustainable and productive non-profit urban education farm which is addressing food security in one of the most distressed neighborhoods in Columbus. Project AquaStar includes a new greenhouse and a closed loop circulating aquaponics ecosystem producing Tilapia and vegetables and herbs to serve their innovative 30 member "Buy One-Give One" CSA. More than 40 different fruits and vegetables are grown in high tunnel, in-ground, and aquaponics production systems. The farm uses regenerative soil management techniques and has added chickens and bees to the operation. An EPA Class II compost facility is also operated onsite.

Suburban Farmstead and Micro Dairy Tour

Saturday, September 1 • 2–4 PM

Jedidah Farm + Studio

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JEDIDIAH FARM + STUDIO is a 5-acre Certified Organic farmstead in the suburbs of Westerville, where the Taylor family utilizes ecologically inclusive principles to encourage biodiversity and resilient food production. Visitors can expect to see a space that is in transition from the typical suburban lawnscapes to perennial food forests, guilds, woodlands, and pasture; incorporating annual and perennial crops within rotational grazing principles. The use of dairy goats, honeybees, pastured poultry, and heritage hogs for pasture rehabilitation will be discussed during the tour, as well as the importance of incorporating guilds and native plantings to create supporting systems.



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The Ohio Master Urban Farmer program was developed by OSU Extension in Franklin County in 2014 and has graduated 228 Master Urban Farmers in five different classes. The program is a 12 week course designed to give participants the knowledge and skills needed to produce and market food in an urban environment. The program is now being offered in other cities in Ohio.



The next Master Urban Farmer course in Columbus will begin in September. Registration information will be available in early July. To receive registration information, send an email to: hogan.1@osu.edu.

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