

# FALL NEWSLETTER

UPDATES FROM THE WELLSPRING COMMUNITY



## Co-op Spotlight Chronic Trips

Chronic Trips is a multi-stakeholder cooperative (worker and consumer owned) built by people passionate about nature, holistic and plant-based wellness, community building, and educating others. They feel strongly that no matter what you do, you'll enjoy it more if you do it elevated & outdoors.

Their worker-owners (Seth, Margot, and Julia) plan and host outdoor events and adventures every month that member-owners can enjoy: such as morning bike rides, evening kayaking trips, hikes in beautiful places, bonfires under the full moon, and a members only monthly



geocache. They are building a community that promotes environmental stewardship and a sense of place through experiential learning and connection with the natural world. Chronic Trips is excited to offer an end of the summer discount on memberships! **Until the 21st of the month, they will be offering a 50% discount on lifetime memberships, bringing the total price to \$60 for either an individual or a couple.** Membership includes free participation three to four monthly events and discounts to all special events that are open to the public! Join the other 50 members of this quickly growing coop and join in these elevated adventures.

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**Chronic Trips Membership - Join today!**



# Co-op Training for Northeast Biodiesel

Tucked away in the Greenfield Industrial Park is the 6,600 sq. ft. Northeast Biodiesel plant that will convert waste vegetable oil into 5,000 gallons of biodiesel per day once it's operating at full capacity. Biodiesel is a renewable fuel for diesel engines and oil heat systems that is biodegradable, nontoxic, and essentially free of sulfur. This project, led by Co-op Power, is many years in the making. The processing plant is all built and Northeast Biodiesel is getting ever closer to launching!

Wellspring is excited to partner with Northeast Biodiesel to move forward to a successful start up. We are facilitating a 10 week Co-op Management Training with eight prospective worker-owners as well as Northeast Biodiesel Board members. Topics include: Intro to co-ops and the cooperative movement, governance and management, building workplace democracy and an ownership culture, and understanding financials.

There are still hurdles to overcome, but there is a great team of people and partner organizations who are working hard to make this project a reality. Imagine having a local source of green, renewable fuel that is community and worker owned!



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Save  
the  
Date



**Sunday Oct. 3rd**

**Come & Learn Lawn Party**

Learn more about **WELLSPRING** and the many benefits of cooperatives in Springfield on the lawn of Wellspring Harvest Greenhouse.

**3:00 to 4:30PM**  
121 Pinevale St.  
Indian Orchard, MA

**RSVP**  
**Today**

# Go Fresh Mobile Market Now Serving 11 Springfield Locations



Wellspring Community Harvest, the nonprofit affiliated with Wellspring Harvest's greenhouse, is operating the Go Fresh Mobile Market this season for the first time. The mobile market travels to low income and senior housing complexes as well as community organizations throughout Springfield to sell local produce in areas some deem as food deserts. The state's Healthy Incentive Program provides extra benefits for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) recipients that can only be used to purchase fresh produce from a farmers market, and Go Fresh is the only market that delivers directly to these community sites!

Presently serving twelve different sites, this mobile pop-up market enables families to shop for the fruits and vegetables they want. Produce is aggregated from local farms, with a priority of

sourcing from farmers of color. While the market generally ends at the end of October, Wellspring will be carrying out a pilot program to expand the market year round. Pictures and quotes from market users are on the [Mass Live](#) and [Channel 22](#) websites from a press conference promoting the mobile market on August 2.

The mobile market was begun 11 years ago by the Public Health Institute of Western Massachusetts through its Live Well Springfield program. Wellspring Community Harvest was selected as the new operator in December 2020 as an extension of the food access work of the greenhouse. Through an Urban Agriculture grant from the Mass Department of Agricultural Resources, Wellspring Harvest was able to upgrade its facilities to support expansion of the mobile market in the years ahead. 

## We Hope...

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**You appreciate the work we're doing.**

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