

Summer 2021 Greetings Friends of Lansing Urban Agriculture

Greetings Everyone,

We are entering a season of abundance – abundant rain, abundant mosquitoes, and abundant locally grown produce. We are fortunate here in the Lansing area to have so many excellent small farmers and urban farmers. You can check them out on Facebook at Lansing Grown as well as at your weekly farmers market.

BUT you can also check them out at locally owned and operated food establishments. By doing so, you not only support local farmers but also local businesses. This is a perfect way to strengthen the local economy and the local food system, one delicious mouthful at a time.

For this reason, LUFPA has launched an “Eat a Lansing Grown dish” project. Each month, for the next several months, we will be facilitating a collaboration between Lansing Grown farmers and a local eatery. The first such collaboration starts today (7-14-21) at **Sleepwalker Spirits and Ale at 1011 S Washington**. As the attached poster explains, Sleepwalker will be offering salad, pizza and brew made from ingredients sourced from several of Lansing’s urban farms. The enthusiasm of everyone involved has been infectious. Farmers are getting to know more about the needs of small food entrepreneurs and small business owners are learning more about what it takes to raise good food.

So please make it a point to stop by Sleepwalker between July 14th and July 25th - try a farmer’s pizza, a summer salad, and/or a raspberry witbier. Bring a friend, or two, or six.

And while you are marking your calendar, don’t forget to note that LUFPA will be holding a simplified **Harvest Gala fundraiser on September 11, 2021**. It will be a time to celebrate all the many urban food and farming players – individuals, organizations, businesses, and programs – that have kept the Lansing food system alive and well, especially through the last year and a half. We can only be strong and well-fed together.

More information will follow on next month’s Lansing Grown dish and the Harvest Gala, stay tuned.

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