

Newark's Harvest

A CITYWIDE GARDEN TOUR

FOOD JUSTICE IS SOCIAL JUSTICE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 7-13, 2025



NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ALLIANCE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

A Place to Land

Harriet's Garden, 55 Blum Street

12 PM - 2 PM

Tour and learn about the history of Harriet's Garden and how educational and community programming has been activated in the space. Build your own terrarium, create herbal tea blends, & smudge sticks; enjoy a farm to table tasting, iced & hot tea station, eco-art activities and much more!

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Herb Garden Tour & Elderberry Syrup Workshop

Rabbit Hole Farm Newark, 36-38 Rose Terr.
2 pm - 4 pm

Join Rabbit Hole Farm and community herbalist Yaquana Williams for an immersive herbalism workshop designed to empower you with the knowledge and tools to strengthen your immune system. This engaging event will kick off with a guided garden tour where you'll explore a diverse range of herbs renowned for their immune-boosting properties. Learn how these powerful plants can become allies towards bringing balance to your body systems. Following the tour, roll up your sleeves for a hands-on session where you'll craft your own elderberry syrup guided by Yaquana Williams. This practical experience will not only teach you the art of making these immune-enhancing elixirs but also equip you with recipes and tips to use at home.

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Yaquana Williams | aquayasabyss@gmail.com

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Houseplant Agronomist "Happening-Propagation & Exchange"

Kinney Community Garden, 279 W Kinney St.

10 AM - 12 PM

Bring your rooted stems, leaves, and special houseplants to share your stories, techniques, upcycling containers, and exchange. We will have varied stations set up for making your own recipe for Organic Soil making; Propagation Methods; Creating magic plant Nutrients, and how you communicate with your plant. We are also sharing free houseplants as long as supplies last.

Contact Info: Barbara Weiland
bweiland74@gmail.com | 862.444.9148

Harness the Power of Natural Oils for Glowing, Healthy Skin

Rabbit Hole Farm Newark, 36-38 Rose Terr.
4 pm - 6 pm

This hands-on workshop will guide participants in making their own customized body butters using natural, luxurious ingredients such as mango butter, shea butter, almond oil, avocado oil and the essential oils of lavender, peppermint, and tea tree.

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Ginger Crystal Garrett
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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 (CONT)

Fun with Flowers: The Beauty of Nature in Every Petal

The Culture Spot, 239 Hawthorne Avenue

6 PM - 8 PM

Unleash your creativity with flowers as we explore artistic ways to celebrate nature's beauty. From crafting vibrant pressed flower art to designing unique botanical keepsakes, discover endless possibilities for turning blooms into breathtaking works of art. Whether you're personalizing gifts, embellishing your space, or diving into hands-on DIY projects, embrace the magic of petals and leaves in ways that inspire your imagination and nurture your connection to the natural world.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

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Outdoor Learning Center

Greater Newark Conservancy

Outdoor Learning Center, 32 Prince St.

10 AM - 12 PM

Join us for a fun opportunity to explore the Outdoor Learning Center's 1.5-acre green space, which features trails located in a series of thematic gardens and a pond. Check out the various elements in our garden including our weather station, demonstration beds, and accessible gardening areas. We will also have a raffle for every community member who visits our site to have a chance to win a free custom-built weather station for your garden!

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 (CONT)

Just in Thyme for Cooking

Giving One Tenth Garden, 715 South 20th St.

2 PM - 4 PM

A vibrant, plant forward culinary demonstration and wellness session centered around the herb thyme grown at Eden's Farm. This immersive experience explores the intersection of food, healing, and community through nutrition education with emphasis on family wellness and hands-on demonstration.

**Facilitator: Jewell Garcia | cell: 973.573.9063
earthjewell@icloud.com**

The Young Flock Experience: Backyard Chickens 101

Plant It Permagarden, 119-121 Columbia Ave.

4 PM - 6 PM

This community education session will provide a practical introduction to backyard chicken keeping, giving participants the chance to engage directly with our newly introduced young flock and learn the essentials of raising chickens in an urban setting.

**Contact info: Melissa Leuthner
347.834.2252 | Plantitnj@gmail.com**

Trellis Build: Green Infrastructure for Growing Vertical in Newark

Eden's Farm, 42 Elizabeth Ave.

4 PM - 6 PM

Design, build, and install a wooden vertical garden trellis with live demonstrations and educational signage to teach sustainable growing techniques and maximize space in urban environments.

**Contact Info: Hashim Bennett
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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Outdoor Freedom School: Special Edition on Environmental Stewardship

A Healing Sanctuary, 179 Broadway

10 AM - 12 PM

Engage students and educators in hands-on environmental education, emphasizing the role of urban agriculture in climate justice and community sustainability.

- Interactive workshops on soil health, composting, and urban ecology
- Guided farm tour with discussions on regenerative farming practices
- Youth-led sustainability projects

Contact Info: Fallon Ayaan | 678.651.9778 |
info@steamurban.org

Know Our Roots: Eco-Art for Plant Identification

18th Ave Haven Garden, 1068 18th Ave.

2 PM - 4 PM

Increase access to plant knowledge and promote deeper community connection to the food and plants we grow by combining plant education with creative expression. Learn to identify commonly grown herbs, fruits, vegetables, and flowers and co-create durable, artistic plant labels using recycled and natural materials.

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Plantitnj@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 (CONT)

Rooted in Thyme: A Plant Medicine Tincture Making Workshop

18th Ave Haven Garden, 1068 18th Ave.

TIME: 4 PM - 6 PM

A hands-on plant medicine workshop exploring how to prepare herbal tinctures using locally grown herbs and roots, with a special focus on the timeless healing herb, thyme.

Facilitator: Jewell Garcia | 973.573.9063 |
earthjewell@icloud.com

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Chat and Chew on Urban Redevelopment & Green Development

Jannah on Grafton, 29 Grafton Ave.

2 PM - 4 PM

This event will highlight the ongoing redevelopment of Al-Munir's Farms into hubs for urban agriculture, workforce development, food equity research, and green mixed-use redevelopment. It includes a moderated discussion featuring Bilal Walker, a farm tour and a farm-to-table meal.

Contact Info: Bilal Walker |
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Gardens, Food, and Community Conversations

The Healing Garden, 49 Bleeker St.

3 PM - 5 PM

Join us at the Healing Garden for a special afternoon of making food with Healing Garden gardener and “Chef Charlene” Messer and thinking about how we can open ourselves into dialog and relations with others with the help of Dumpling Diplomacy's Nancy Loo. We'll be cooking food with ingredients included from the garden as well as talk about issues like Newark gardens, the history of our soil, growing fresh food, food insecurity, and healthy eating.

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messercharlene07@gmail.com | 862.245.1703
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 (CONT)

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Eden's Farm, 42 Elizabeth Ave.

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The Buzz on Bees: A Pollinator Workshop & Hive Demo

Eden's Farm, 42 Elizabeth Ave.

4 PM - 6 PM

In celebration of National Honey Bee Month, this event aims to increase awareness on the vital role of pollinators in our food system through hands-on activities, live hive demonstration, honey tasting, seed giveaway, and so much more.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Know Our Roots: Eco-Art for Plant Identification

Norwood Haven, 69 Norwood St.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Urban Farming 101 Finale & Sponsored Vegan Lunch

A Healing Sanctuary, 179 Broadway

10 AM - 12 PM

Celebrate the culmination of our Urban Farming 101 series with hands-on learning and a shared meal.

- Final workshop on sustainable growing techniques and food sovereignty
- Hands-on harvesting session
- Community Vegan Lunch (sponsored meal featuring locally sourced, plant-based dishes)

Contact Info: Fallon Ayaan | 678.651.9778
info@steamurban.org

Pesto Party & Garden Tour

MLK Community Garden, 514 Central Ave.

10 AM - 2 PM

Join us for a day of making pesto using basil from the garden. Also, learn about gardening in your community and how you can be assigned a garden bed. Lunch will be provided.

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Community Mosaic Mural Installation with GlassRoots

Garden of Hope, 7 Fairmount Ave.

10 AM - 2 PM

Come together with neighbors, artists, and changemakers for a hands-on mosaic-making experience that explores the theme of imagining and building an equitable, diverse and inclusive local food system in Newark. This project will demonstrate the power of public art in raising awareness about food justice, community health, and sustainability. Through artistic expression, community members will explore critical questions such as:

- What does a healthy, thriving community look like?
- How does food justice impact social equity?
- What role does urban gardening play in community well-being?

No experience necessary – all ages welcome!

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Special thanks to all of our community partners
who participated in this year's garden tour

