



LACHAT TOWN FARM

HOW DOES LACHAT TOWN FARM REFRESH YOUR SPIRIT?

As part of the agreement that dairy farmer Leon Lachat entered into with the Town of Weston and the Nature Conservancy when he offered his farm, he included “spiritual refreshment” as a stipulated purpose for the farm.

These days our spirits are in need of refreshment. What refreshes you? A walk through the beautiful Lachat meadows? Kicking up your heels at our annual Hoedown? Seeing the gleeful faces of our tiny sprouts as they dig in our gardens? Joining others to harvest our Giving Garden crops to donate to social services? Meeting a new neighbor at a cooking class in the beautiful new Offutt Education Center teaching kitchen? Watching a happy group of 4-year-olds dancing joyously at one our Music in the Meadow concerts? Screaming in delighted fear at our Haunted Farm event? Visiting with our playful goats and adorable bunnies?

ALL WONDERFUL, HEARTWARMING, “REFRESHING” EXPERIENCES!

At this time of year, as we give thanks for all Lachat offers, we reach out to you to ask for your support of the farm so we can continue to refresh the spirits of our community, old and young, newcomer or long-time resident.

Even though we are named, Lachat TOWN Farm, we are not part of Weston’s town budget, so we rely heavily on your generous donations- both of your time as volunteers and with your financial contributions.

PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A VOLUNTEER:

*volunteer@lachattownfarm.org
and/or consider offering a tax-deductible gift.*

COME REFRESH YOUR SPIRIT AT LACHAT TOWN FARM!



Here is what Friends of Lachat and the Town-appointed Lachat Town Farm Commission accomplished this year:

DIVERSE ACTIVITIES FOR VARIED INTERESTS & AGES:

- Adopt-a-Honey Bee Hive
- Adventures in Oz – Immersive Theatrical Experience
- Afterschool Programming for Elementary, Intermediate and Middle School Children
- Autumn Harvest Lunch
- Cooking Classes
- Herb Luncheon
- Early Dismissal Crafting, Cooking, Theater & Wilderness Programs
- Earth Day Festival
- Fall Cookie Decorating
- Farmers Market Series
- 5 Part Gardening Series funded by Weston Education Foundation
- Flashlight Candy Cane Hunt
- Hoedown Barn Dance & Barbecue Fundraiser
- Harvest Soups Class
- Haunted Halloween Theatrical Experience
- Hot Cocoa Sledding Bar
- International Market
- International Women's Day Tea Party
- Intro to Backyard Chickens Class
- Iphone Photography Workshop and Farm Photo Safari
- Lachat Knitting Circle
- 9 Weeks of Little Farmhands Summer Program
- MLK Day of Service
- Music in the Meadow Concert Series
- Nutrition Series with Yale New Haven Hospital
- Opening Weekend Pancake Breakfast and Family Fun Day
- Old MacDonald Puppet Show and Ice Cream Social
- Phish Fest for Kids with the Maritime Aquarium
- Recycling Presentation with Sustainable Weston
- Solar Presentation with Sustainable Weston
- Spring Egg Hunt
- Spring Tea at the Farm with the Weston Senior Activities Center
- Solstice Events
- Tai Chi
- Thanksgiving Bakesale Fundraiser
- Thanksgiving Meal for Community Members
- Vacation Nature Programming
- Vintage Valentine Workshop
- Yoga and Meditation

2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Completed construction of Offutt Education Center
- Grew and donated over 3,500 pounds of fresh grown produce & eggs to social services/Person to Person
- Hosted a Thanksgiving dinner for those alone in our community
- Purchased hayride wagon
- Constructed composting area
- Created new programming for Offutt Center including gardening, cooking & art classes
- Built new bunny habitat
- High School Intern Program
- Animal Apprenticeships
- Toy Drive for Domestic Violence Crisis Center
- Clothing Drive for Open Doors
- Food Drive for Person to Person
- Worked to remove invasive vegetation from property

THE FARM'S OPERATING COSTS:

- Programming costs for instructors and supplies
- Musicians' fees & audio engineering
- Insurance costs
- Free and affordable programs
- Feed and supplies for our goats and bunnies
- Full-time Executive Director

HELP US FUND SOME NEW INITIATIVES:

- Solar panels for Offutt Center
- Endow scholarships for our programs
- Raise funds to offer free tickets to those in need
- Landscape design for hillside behind the Offutt Center - linking upper and lower fields

MAKE A DONATION ONLINE AT WWW.LACHATTOWNFARM.ORG OR USE THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE

Friends of Lachat is a 501(c)(3) organization as determined by the IRS (EIN #80-0768651). Please consider Lachat Town Farm in your estate planning; what a legacy for generations of Westonites to enjoy!

Warm wishes,
Carol Baldwin
President, Friends of Lachat

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EDUCATION CENTER
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JULIANA LACHAT PRESERVE