July at Haley House

Busy Hands and New Plans in the Soup Kitchen
The Live-In Community and guests have been beating the heat with popsicles and iced coffee in the soup kitchen! It has been wonderful to see so many volunteers packing meals in the soup kitchen, getting their hands dirty in the garden, and helping at events at Haley House Bakery Cafe.

Helpful Resources

Haley House Bakery Café Hours
Thursday - Saturday, 11am - 4pm
STARTING JULY 15: Thursday - Friday, 8am - 4pm, Saturday, 11am - 4pm
Some exciting plans for the Dartmouth Green are underway, and we've been brainstorming with neighbors, guests, landscape designers, and the Trustees of Reservations about how to make the space beautiful and enjoyable for all!

**Fresh Greens and Expanded Hours at Haley House Bakery Café**

Summer at Haley House Bakery Café means the team is busy incorporating as much farm produce as possible into the menu. One current highlight is our light, summery chicken soup, with fresh spinach, collard greens, and herbs straight from the Thornton Street Farm.

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**Soup Kitchen Hours**

- Coffee + Breakfast: Sun.-Fri. 6:15-9:30am
- Lunch: Sun. & Fri. 11am-12:30pm
- Food Pantry: Thurs. 10-11am
- Clothing Room: Tues. 9:30-11am

*All are welcome*

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**Community Calendar**

- **7/6:** More Than Words bookstore reopening ([info](#))
- **7/6-7/16:** Roxbury Center for Financial Empowerment Interview Skills Workshop ([info and registration](#))
- **7/8:** Jazz in Jamaica Plain ([info](#))
- **7/9-7/30:** (Fridays in July): BAMS Fest Amplify the Soul Series ([info](#))
- **7/10:** ArtBeat 2021 ([info](#))
- **7/13 (Tuesdays in July):** Online ESL Conversation Group ([info and registration](#))
We are also expanding our hours starting July 15th, and will be open on Thursday and Friday starting at 8:00am with an abbreviated breakfast menu from 8:00 - 11:00am! The full menu will be available at all other hours, and our Saturday hours will remain 11am - 4:00pm.

A Farm in Full Swing
Summer is here and we can feel it at the farm! Plants seem to be growing inches in front of our eyes: tomatoes ripening, greens overflowing, and flowers opening overnight. We are so excited to have completed our first week of summer programming for the season. Four Highland Park teens were re-oriented to the farm and got straight to work preparing, harvesting, washing, and packing produce for our senior produce drop off (in 95 degree heat!), as well as hosting our first Saturday community event series painting signs (in 55 degree rain!).

News and Resources

A reflection on Frederick Douglass' timeless address 'What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?'

Learn more about Plastic Free July and the global movement to reduce plastic pollution

Check out to the full series teaser of 'Black Women Shine,' a new podcast highlighting the achievements of Black women in Boston

Donations
We are updating our In-Kind Giving program! Visit our website for a list of useful donations and to explore our new ordering system!

PRIORITY (COVID-related and other):
YouthBuild Boston is currently putting the final touches on our brand new wash and pack station. The staff and students have worked tirelessly to get every corner and detail right so that we have the most efficient, effective and beautiful work area. Please come to the farm this season to check out their awesome work, and email farm@haleyhouse.org with any feedback or suggestions!

From Planting, to Harvest, to Mealtime
A lot can happen on one block! In May, this Swiss chard was planted in the McKinley School Garden as a lesson for students to learn about growing greens, and just last week, it was harvested and enjoyed as part of a nutrient-dense meal in our soup kitchen.

Community Job Board

Member Engagement Coordinator // WGBH

Trust Office Coordinator // City of Boston

Line Cook // Haley House Bakery Cafe

Catering Sales Manager // Haley House Bakery Cafe

Digital Communications Manager // Rosie's Place

Beekeeper // Best Bees

Multiple Positions // Daily Table

Multiple Positions // 826 Boston

Multiple Positions // Community Servings

Multiple Positions // Pine Street Inn

Multiple Positions // Lovin’ Spoonfuls

Multiple Positions // Newmarket Business Association
Same Jay, New Role

Many of you have had the joy of getting to know Jay Vilar this spring and summer at the McKinley Garden. We are pleased to announce that this month, Jay will be taking on new responsibilities as Haley House's full-time Program Director.

Jay brings with him over 20 years of experience in community leadership, organic farming, nutrition education, and program development. Jay will continue to oversee the programming at the McKinley School Garden and will be working to relaunch the Take Back The Kitchen Program (TBK) and the Transitional Employment Program (TEP). We are excited to have Jay in this new role!

Postcard Corner

Last December, we included postcards with our print newsletter and asked you to personalize them and send them back our way. We are excited to continue sharing these postcards in upcoming newsletters and hope you enjoy seeing them as much as we have.
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