



*New Leaf Foods, Inc. supports the health and well-being of the people of Greater Green Bay by promoting healthy food access and education and by cooperating throughout Northeast Wisconsin to build a thriving local food system in a clean environment.*



## Center for Veterans Issues Mini Garden Blitz

On Monday May 1, 2023 from 10 am - 4 pm we will be installing 5 wheelchair accessible gardens for our Veterans in a special Mini Blitz, in honor of those who have sacrificed as much as many of us could ever ask of anyone, our Veterans.

This is a joint project with St. Mary's of Angels Catholic Church, 650 S Irwin Ave, Green Bay, The Center for Veterans Issues (CVI), and our amazing long time volunteer Jim O'Rourke.

These gardens are being supplied for free to our heroes and we would love a helping hand to move the soil. Or purchase a garden bed of your own. Your \$199 garden bed subsidizes the free beds we provide our veterans, schools, and families in need.

As the son of a disabled veteran myself, I can't think of a better project to give back to for the freedoms my family and I have been allowed to enjoy by the work of these heroic men and women. I hope to see you on site as we give back as best we can.

You can purchase a Garden bed to support our Veterans here:  
Purchase A Garden Box ([newleaffoods.org](http://newleaffoods.org))

You can sign up to volunteer here:  
Volunteer ([newleaffoods.org](http://newleaffoods.org)).

Andy DiMezza, Garden Blitz Coordinator

# Urban Food Forest Class: Planning, Planting and Maintaining Your Perennial Food Plants



You may have ordered perennial plants through New Leaf Foods as part of the New Leaf Food Forest project or are planning to plant perennials this year and are wondering, what now?

Join us for a virtual mini class– A Food Forest Guide: Planning, Planting and Maintaining Your Perennial Food Plants. Monday April 24, 2023: 6 pm to 7:30 pm and Monday May 15: 6 pm to 7:30 pm via Zoom.

Your teacher will be Dillon Weist, Bounty Garden Manager and Lab Assistant for the Sustainable Agriculture program at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College.

Food forests are plantings of edible landscape plants like Nanking Cherries, American Hazelnuts, American Plums, Elderberries, Juneberries, Raspberries, Blackberries, and Currants that not only enhance the beauty of any yard, but they also provide growers with yummy, healthy options that grow year after year.

Some questions you may have about the best ways to plan, plant and take care of these special food producers. You have to plan for small plants now, that will grow large over the years.

- Which plants should I select?
- What kind of habitat do they prefer?
- How wide apart should I space the plants?
- How big will they grow?
- What kind of soil fertilizer might I need?
- How deep do I plant?
- How do I maintain and prune the plants?
- What are the best options for weed control?
- How long will they last?
- When can I expect my first harvest?
- How can I preserve the harvest?
- What mistakes should I avoid?

Pre-register [here](#).

<https://forms.gle/kQeuLw26RMCasovM7>

Once registered, you will be emailed a Zoom link to join the meeting.

New Leaf Foods, Inc. has launched a New Leaf Food Forest project as part of our annual New Leaf Garden Blitz event and May 5-7, 2023.

We are offering perennial fruit, nut, and berry shrubs and trees for sale at a very low cost.

Order your fruit or nut trees and bushes Here!

<https://newleaffoods.org/new-leaf-food-forest>

Supplies are limited. The plants are bare root and cost \$15.00 a set. Raspberries and blackberries come in sets of 3. All other plants are in sets of 2.

Payment is at time of pick up.

Pick up your orders during the New Leaf Garden Blitz event May 5-7, 2023 at our new location

McDonald Companies 940 Prairie Ave, Green Bay, WI.

Thank you for being a part of the sustainable urban agriculture movement!



## New Leaf Urban Food Forest: Chappell Elementary– Orchard Project

We are excited to announce a new Orchard Project at Chappell Elementary School in Green Bay as part of our New Leaf Urban Food Forest Initiative.

The approximate 80 ft. x 100 ft. (8,000 sq. ft.) orchard will offer a low-income, diverse population of students at Chappell Elementary, healthy foods while learning how to be more self-sustainable. The school is already composting and has garden boxes that will continue to be used to teach sustainable agriculture.

Funding and hands on help is coming from Leadership Green Bay Cohort Team 5 to improve the quality of life in our community and meet the needs of New Leaf Foods as a nonprofit. Thank you to: Kristen Vincent (City of DePere), Emily Mommaerts (Martin Systems), Renee Main (Green Bay Botanical Gardens), John Jackson (Humana), Tom Murphy (Associated Bank), Jordan Ogren (O'Connor Connective), Amanda Desmond (Prevea), Shane Anderson (Law Firm of Conway, Olejniczak & Jerry, S.C.), Colleen Matthews (WPS) and mentor Shannon Geurts (Cellcom).

The orchard will include 6 trees (2 apple, 2 pear, and 2 cherry), mulch for the trees, garden supplies, additional perennial flowers to promote pollinators and a commemorative plaque. If funding allows, a bench for observation will also be included.

The trees have been ordered!!! Our goal is to have the orchard planted by early summer, so look for a progress report in our May newsletter. Thank you to Leadership Green Bay and Cohort Team 5 for empowering Green Bay residents and children to grow food and contribute to a sustainable urban agricultural system.

Chappell Elementary School

<https://chappell.gbaps.org/>

Leadership Green Bay

<https://www.greatergbc.org/talent-education/leadership-green-bay>

New Leaf Foods

<https://newleaffoods.org/>



## WPS Volunteer Awards

Made possible by event sponsor WPS, along with the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation and our generous award sponsors, Capital Credit Union, Constellation, Festival Foods, The George Kress Foundation, Georgia-Pacific, Green Bay Packers Give Back, Nicolet National Bank, Schreiber, and United Healthcare.

The award amounts (for all but the Nonprofit Impact category) are \$1,000 for recipients and \$500 for the runners-up, which will be gifted to the nonprofit of their choosing. Youth receive these amounts as scholarships. In the Nonprofit Impact category, three organizations will be awarded \$1,000 each, sorted by level of annual operating budget (up to \$299,999; \$300,00-\$999,999; over \$1 million).

Selena Darrow, Communications Team Lead

Full Article [HERE](#)

## Blitz Volunteer Spotlight: The Borghi Family

Elena, Guido, Matilde, and Giorgio - are inspiring, warm-hearted volunteers who were a huge help with New Leaf Garden Blitz. From Milan, Italy, they have always felt drawn to nature and gardening and had a terrace full of plants and flowers back in Milan, where Giorgio attended an outdoor junior kindergarten on a farm.



Full Article [HERE](#)

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## Upcoming Events

April 29th from 9am to 1pm

Food forest classes- April 24th and May 15th from 6pm to 7:30 pm

Box building and plant pick up- April 29th from 8am to 5pm

Box installation and plant pick up- May 5th- 7th from 8:30am to 4pm

Planning and Planting for Seed Saving- May 16th 6:30pm

Chef's table at the market- April 29th from 9am- 1pm

**If you are looking for more events click [HERE](#)**

**Do you have a story to share about Local, Healthy Food?**

Keep an eye out for upcoming features on our blog! If you have a story to share, please reach out to us at [info@newleaffoods.org](mailto:info@newleaffoods.org). We would love to hear more about your experience and share with them community. We're seeking stories from local chefs, gardeners, farmers, market managers and anyone whose interests and work impact our local foods value chain.

View our blog at <https://newleaffoods.org/new-leaf-news>.

Subscribe to our newsletter at <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/6YrwtxO/Signupforemails>

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