



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.

A background image showing a variety of fresh produce, including oranges, tomatoes, and leafy greens, arranged in a basket or on a table.

NEW Food Forum just released its Regional Food Action Plan. Healthy food system champions like YOU can put it into action!

Here are some ways you can get involved:

- Plan and plant a food forest with **New Leaf Urban Food Forest**. [Click Here.](#)
- Help figure out **New Modes of Healthy Food Access**—Are you a traveling produce stand or a CSA support project good fits for our community!? [Click Here.](#)
- Help us build a **Local Food Communication Hub**. We envision a calendar of events, a forum, a space for connecting over what's happening locally in all things healthy food. We need your talents and input to make it great! [Click Here.](#)
- **Create content.** We want to share your stories, articles, photos, videos, and recipes! Don't underestimate your ability to showcase the local food movement with your own voice. Create something. We'll make sure people see it. [Click Here.](#)
- **Read more** about New Leaf Food's role in implementing the Action Plan on our blog [Click Here.](#)

To read the full Regional Food Action Plan, [Click Here.](#)

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Here's the list of our amazing donors:

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Thank you to all those who helped out at this year's exciting seed-sorting event too! We can't wait for next year!



Become a Garden Mentor!

Are you an experienced gardener, ready to help a new gardener grow? Become a garden mentor for the New Leaf Garden Blitz! Volunteers are needed to provide community members with the skills and support they need to grow their own food. Those interested can sign up for an April orientation session below.

[April Mentorship Orientation SIGN UP](#)

Mentors are assigned a new gardener who has received a New Leaf Garden Blitz garden box or rented a plot through the Brown County Community Gardens Program. Pairs meet five times

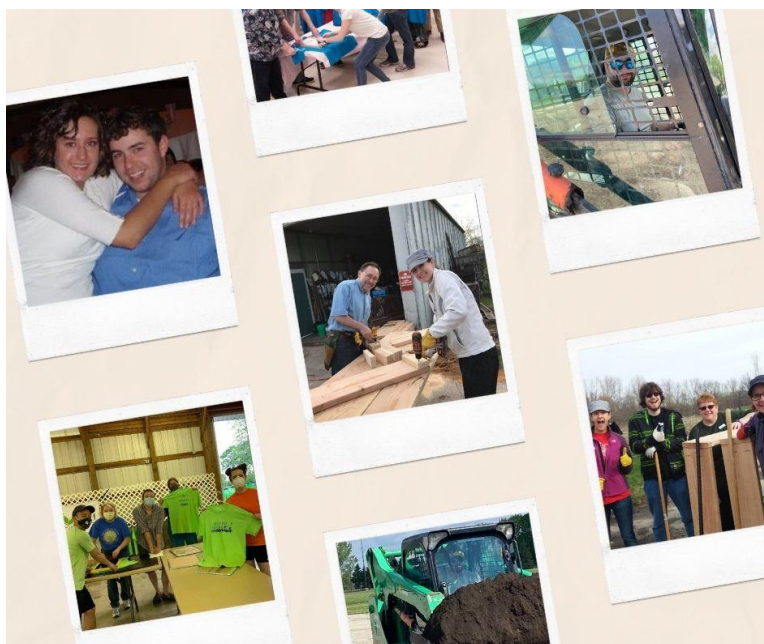
(virtually or in person, typically at the mentee's home or community garden, to be decided by each pair) over the course of the season in order to provide guidance and build gardening confidence. Mentors receive a mentoring guide filled with helpful handouts, tips, and a schedule of topics to cover. Flexibility and creativity are encouraged! All mentors are required to complete an orientation and a background check to become an official volunteer of Brown County.

The Garden Mentorship Evening Training dates and times are April 20th from 6-7 PM, and April 21st from 9-10 AM. Those Facebook events can be found [here](#) and [here](#). The deadline to apply to receive a mentor is April 15th if you have purchased a garden box in 2022.

The mentorship program is a partnership of Brown County Community Gardens and New Leaf Foods' Garden Blitz. The New Leaf Garden Blitz plans to build and install 75 raised bed gardens throughout the community in 2022, specifically focusing on installing gardens with immigrant families, Howe and Nicolet school families, and veterans. Those who receive these boxes, as well as new gardeners who rent a community garden plot through the Brown County Community Gardens Program, will be eligible to apply for a mentor.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: Sara & Josh Georgel and Kevin Greatens



The Blitz is a family affair!

We are shining the spotlight on our long time volunteers who are at the foundation of the garden Blitz. Sara and Josh Georgel and her father, Kevin Greatens, have been loyal volunteers since the beginning of the Blitz. They have gone above and beyond the call of duty every year and we could not do this project without our loyal and experienced volunteers.

Sara has given her time and talent every year to organizing our t-shirt screen printing process which produces the colorful teams that show up in everyone's yards each year.

Josh is our devoted skid steer driver. His watchful eye to details and super diligence to safety is so appreciated.

Sara's father designed and built our jigs for building boxes and he has been our box builder, lumber manager for many years. These three have been an integral part of the Blitz family and we love them!

Welcome to our NEW Steering Team Members:

Harrison Kispert is from Green Bay, WI, and a recent graduate from UWGB. His degree is in Philosophy and Professional Ethics, and has also extensively studied history and literature. Anything to do with gardening or food/plant systems inspires passion within him. He has been gardening for around 6 years, mostly for personal consumption, but he also delivers goods to anyone who is interested. Harrison regularly operates four gardens in Brown County and two in Door County, with one being a major market garden. Harrison is most interested in growing hot peppers. He makes flakes, sauces, rubs, and just about anything from hot peppers. When nice weather comes around, there are really only two places you can find him - the garden, and the basketball court. He is excited about the coming growing season, and even more so about being involved with the Garden Blitz!! Welcome Harrison!



Dillon Weist, our Urban Food Forest Coordinator, was born and raised in Green Bay, and graduated from NWTC with a degree in Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems, as well as being a Certified Permaculture Designer. He has worked on organic farms all across Northeast Wisconsin since graduating. Dillon is a big fan of trying new kinds of food, especially fruit, and makes board games in his spare time.

Dillon is remarkably excited to be involved with the Urban Food Forest project and is glad that the people of Green Bay are interested in it too. It's his goal to radically change the way we grow food, and to be better to our home and all the people who live here. Welcome Dillon!

New Leaf Foods Offers a Food Forest Guide Class

Green Bay, Wis. (January 27, 2022)
New Leaf Foods, Inc offers a Food Forest Guide: A mini-class for planning, planting and maintaining your perennial food plants. Food forests are plantings of edible landscape plants like raspberries, blackberries, elderberries, apple trees, hazelnuts and currants that not only enhance the beauty of any yard, but they also provide growers



Typical questions include:
Which plants should I select?

with yummy, healthy options that grow year after year. You have to plan for small plants now, that will grow large over the years.

Join Valerie Dantoin, the lead instructor for the Organic Food Systems Program at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College as she guides you through the answers to these questions and more. The class will meet via WebX (like a zoom call) on Tuesday April 5th at 7:00 PM. It will be repeated on Thursday April 28th at 6:00 pm.

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 are mistakes I should avoid?

Register for the class [on our website](#). Once you register for the class, you will be sent a link that allows you to join.

[Register Here](#)

Food and Yard Waste Composters AVAILABLE



The composter features a locking lid, two doors for removing compost, and comes in two sections plus the lid for easy transport, set up, and take down. It can easily be moved to a new garden location. Made from a sturdy sun absorbing plastic, they have been in operation in North-East Wisconsin for over a decade.

A limited number of composters will be available from Clean Water Action Council of Northeast Wisconsin this spring. Help the environment and produce your own soil amendment by composting your food and yard waste.

Order now to reserve your composter and pick it up at New Leaf's Garden Blitz on Saturday, May 14th (Time TBD).

The units are \$60 and can be purchased with a credit card at: [Donate \(paypal.com\)](#). You receive a receipt and confirmation by email.

Any composter questions? Email contact@cleanwateractioncouncil.org
Or call 920-421-8885.

Calendar of Events:

- Ongoing - May 15th - Urban Food Forest - [View Here!](#)
 - [Volunteer!](#)
- April 5th and 28th - Food Forest Guide Classes - [Sign Up!](#)
- April 7th and 8th - Garden Mentor Sessions - [Sign Up!](#)
- May 12th - 15th - Garden Blitz - [View Here!](#)
 - [Volunteer!](#)

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 newleaffoodsgreenbay@gmail.com. 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 work impacts our local foods value chain.

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

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