Best of the Bay CSA with Love and Honey!

We are excited to announce Urban Tilth Farm to Table CSA has been awarded the Best (CSA) of the East Bay by Readers of the East Bay Express!

This exciting news has shed light on the hard work and dedication of the Urban Tilth crew. We want to thank our CSA members our partner farms, our supporters, our staff East Bay Express, and County Supervisor John Gioia you all made this possible.

Click here to visit the East Bay Express Awards page.
JOIN US FOR A SEASON OF SERVICE AT THE NORTH RICHMOND FARM

This is a perfect time for your organization or group to help build The North Richmond Farm! Over the next 6 months we will be moving forward on the build out of the permanent crop rows that will help us grow more veggies for our community. With your help, we can build 20 new, 50 ft long - 4 ft wide growing beds that will produce at least 2,500 lbs of produce each year. Learn how we layer nutrients and materials to grow the healthy spil we will need to accomplish this goal and have fun with your friends, family and co-workers as you do it. You don’t want to miss a day at the farm with your friends and family, music, healthy snacks, and working to benefit our community. Join us for this Season of Service! Help Grow a healthy, just and delicious food system in Richmond.

Please contact Princess Robinson at princess@urbantilth.org to sign up your group up today!
Farm construction Update

During 2018, The North Richmond Farm has accomplished many of our construction goals. We have installed irrigation drip lines in the orchard, 64 fruit trees, interim garden (grows 80-lbs of fresh vegetables weekly), a walk in cooler, municipal water and electrical service, temporary office, tool shed, wash and pack area, and pollinator garden beds.

2 years ago 340+ people gathered at the North Richmond Farm to celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King by helping to plant our orchard. We expected to begin harvesting these trees in 4 years, but to our surprise they were ready to share their bounty in 2! This August, we harvested the 1st 177-lbs of delicious Hood, Monterey and Kiefer pears! We are looking forward to more harvests of plums, apricots, asian pears, persimmons and apples. Stay tuned!

We are currently working on replacing our main gate to make accessing the farm easier and installing outside lights to improve site security before winter.

We also hope to expand the growing area with your help, creating 10-20 new 50ft long x 4ft wide crop rows, so we can increase the amount of produce we grow and also designate some new rows for our new GRIP SOUP KITCHEN fresh and healthy produce project, where we will be growing fresh vegetables so our houseless residents can also nurture their bodies while they try to get back on their feet. We can only do this with your help! Sign up your community service group for a Farm Service Day during our 2018 Season of Service today.

Clif Bar Volunteers Planting Squash

Farm hosts Visitors from around the nation

The North Richmond Farm has visitors from all over the world setting foot on this
land. This August, we are very thankful to the Clif Bar Ambassadors from all over the United States who came to work on the farm. On this day, we turned garden beds, planted a new season of crops and new flowers for the farm entrance. With your help, we can change lives!

2019 Summer Graduates from North Richmond Farm

**2018 Summer Apprentice Program Graduates!**

On July 2nd, The North Richmond Farm hired 8 youth as apprentices to maintain the daily activities and engage in educational topics including urban agriculture, watershed stewardship, social justice, climate change, ecology and more. It’s always an exciting experience as we build relationships with our young people, educate them on issues and solutions to organizing and revitalizing community. At the end of a 6 week program, our apprentices take a 4 day/3 night camping trip engaging in workshops to shape their skills and showcase their learnings. On August 11th, our Summer Apprentices Program (SAP) graduation ceremony was held at the local Greenway Gardens in Richmond CA. We are very thankful for The California Endowment, San Francisco Foundation, and Chorus Foundation for funding this program so Urban Tilth can continue to plant seeds of knowledge in our younger generation to create leaders in urban agriculture in Richmond, CA. To apply for next year’s 2019 Summer Apprentice Program contact: sap@urbantilth.org

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**News from the farm to table CSA**

The Farm to Table CSA now accepts EBT! Starting in September 2018, you can now use your CalFresh Benefits to access a healthy box of fresh, locally grown produce. [Sign up today!](#)
We are very excited about providing healthy produce to all families of every income level. With your support, we can create pathways for everyone to have access to locally grown veggies & fruits.

Urban Tilth partners with local Contra Costa County farms to add produce to our CSA boxes that we do not grow at our Richmond Farms. This summer, our staff took a tour at Frog Hollow Farm in Brentwood, CA where their organic orchards grow delicious fruit. After an inspiring visit we began partnering with Frog Hollow Farm to add their delicious peaches, nectarines, plums, pluots and pears to our boxes. We are very excited to support local farms and local farmers especially when it means getting more fresh, delicious, organic and affordable produce to our community.

Employ local residents by signing up to receive a 10-lb+ box of delicious and nutritious, locally grown seasonal fruits and vegetables every week.

To become a member visit our website: https://www.urbantilth.org/csa/ or click here to Sign up today!

There are also opportunities to sponsor a low income family.

Free North Richmond Farm Stand!

Join us every Tuesday, for our FREE produce giveaway in North Richmond. Come to the corner of Fred Jackson Way & Chesley Ave from 1pm until the veggies are gone. Come early and be the first to get farm fresh, delicious, free veggies!

Volunteer at the farm

Upcoming 4th Saturday Community Build Volunteer Days:

- September 22nd, 2018, 10am-1pm
- October 27th, 2018, 10am-1pm (Halloween Theme)
- November 24th, 2018, 10am-1pm (Post Thanksgiving Day of Service)

Don’t miss out on our 4th Saturday Community Build Volunteer Days! Every month, on the 4th Saturday, help grow food for our community by you can helping to build out new areas of the farm.

Support the North Richmond Farm

Help grow the future we need to THRIVE. Consider making a 100% tax deductible donation to support the North Richmond Farm by visiting our North Richmond Farm donation page or by sending a check to:

Urban Tilth
323 Brookside Drive
Richmond, CA 94801
Join Urban Tilth at COASTAL CLEAN-UP DAY 2018!

Participate in an international effort to clean our creeks, bays and oceans!

Saturday, September 15th
9:00 AM -12:00 PM
North Richmond Farm
323 Brookside Drive Richmond, CA

We will be removing trash from drainage swales along Fred Jackson Way in an effort to support Wildcat and San Pablo Creek ecosystems, which receive water from these swales.

Let’s help green and clean North Richmond together!

Please dress in layers, wear long pants; closed-toed shoes, bring a water bottle if you have one, snacks, gloves and tools will be provided.

For more information or to sign up a volunteer group please contact: Princess princess@urbantilth.org or Nathan@urbantilth.org 415-939-4739