

Two new gardening opportunities in Shelburne.

New Village Farm is offering two new gardening venues for community members to grow their own vegetables this summer. One is a traditional community garden, much like the one on LaPlatte Circle in Shelburne. The other is a cooperative garden in which costs, work and produce are shared. The latter is a great opportunity for beginner growers to learn organic growing in a group setting. The Farm, located across from The Arbors at the bend on Harbor Road, will continue to sell vegetables and other farm products through the Farmer's Market, farm stand and their modified CSA. Head Farmer Michaela Ryan is excited to expand the Farm's direct connection to community members by creating venues for them to participate directly on site.

Community Garden

Gardeners can choose from two plot sizes:

15' x 20' for \$25, or 30' x 20' for \$45 for the season.

Plots will be deer fenced, plowed and tilled. Compost and amendments are recommended as long as they are in compliance with organic standards.

First work day will be Saturday, May 8, noon – 4.

For more information, contact Susan (802) 985-2017

Cooperative Garden

This year the farm is also introducing a biodynamic cooperative garden. This garden consists of large common beds in which the responsibilities and work is shared between several families. This garden is structured to have a base fee, and an hourly commitment per season, and shared produce through the summer. Fees and hours are as follows: Adult \$150 and 30 hours of work time for the season, family \$340 and 100 hours of shared work time for the season. A garden journal is held in the garden space where daily tasks are outlined, hours are tracked, and recommended harvests are suggested. Farm staff hold Thursday evening work times where those wanting to learn more or be guided in their gardening efforts in a more direct way can participate and track their hours.

For more information, contact Michaela (802) 338-0116