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Luscher Farm Celebrates 20 Years of Community-Supported Agriculture as Laura Masterson of 47th Avenue Passes the Reins

After two decades of successful partnership with the City of Lake Oswego Parks & Recreation, 47th Avenue Farm's Laura Masterson will pass the beloved Luscher Farm Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) reins to new hands at the end of April 2025.

Laura, one of the Portland Metro Area's pioneering urban farmers, helped launch the CSA program in 2004 at historic Luscher Farm. Under Laura's leadership, the CSA program has flourished, providing fresh produce to community members grown in their locale. Laura's enthusiasm, expertise, and dedication to a thriving Luscher Farm program will be missed. Still, the City of Lake Oswego Parks & Recreation team is grateful to continue the partnership through the 20th Anniversary growing season.

Community members are invited to join the celebration by becoming CSA members! By signing up for the Summer CSA, which starts on May 16th, you'll not only be supporting local, sustainable farming but also enjoy a regular supply of fresh seasonal produce. Visit the Lake Oswego Parks & Recreation website (loparks.org, search keyword Summer CSA), or call the Front Desk at 503-675-2459 to register. People can join the CSA program anytime, with the option of pro-rated registration.

CSA programs are typically partnerships between consumers and farmers, where the consumer purchases a share of the farmer's harvest in advance of the season. The Luscher CSA was particularly innovative because it offers a partnership between the City's Parks & Recreation Department and 47th Avenue Farms, giving community members greater access to fresh local produce.



The Luscher Farm CSA manages the farm fields sustainably using cover crops between vegetable rotations, beneficial insects, drip irrigation, and conservation tillage techniques. This holistic farming system improves the tilth and fertility of the farmland and protects the woods, wetlands, and communities that surround the farm.

The City is unwavering in its commitment to the beloved CSA program at Luscher Farm and is actively exploring additional ways to partner with new farmers to ensure the thriving of agriculture for future generations. Your input will be invaluable in shaping these decisions. Stay tuned as we announce opportunities for input, and join us for the 20th Anniversary by enrolling in the CSA program today!

The mission of the City of Lake Oswego Parks & Recreation is to provide excellence in building community, enriching lives, and caring for the urban and natural environment.

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