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Hi Everyone-

July 15 CSA and Fruit payments due now. We are on a squeaky tight budget please help by getting your payments in on time thanks. Our crew really likes getting their paychecks on time too.

Reminder: one thing that needs to be explained better is the **after-hours pickup.**

Hours – any time after we are closed until 9PM on Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat. **No pickup on Sunday**

Enter the store through the side door (same door you use to go out into the fields.)

NOT in the covered porch behind the store.

Produce is pre-bagged on the large counter, and if you have a fruit share it is in its usual place.

Also note that here is **no staff in the store on Thursdays** now that the nursery is over. Produce will be displayed as usual from 10 AM to 3 PM and after that it is pre-bagged for after hours pickup.

Not really a lot of news to report. Plus I had computer issues that took up most of the day (still not fixed).

Do we have a good computer tech that does repair and problem solving out there? If so, call me at 425 881 1006 (my email may not be reliable now) If anyone sends me an email and does not receive a reply that same day, call and leave a message to make sure I got it. (right now my out box is not working)

The crops are doing well, should be in full swing with summer squash by next week. They have lots of blossoms on them, and the winter squash and pumpkins will not be far behind. So it's time for my warning: **Absolutely no squash blossom picking allowed!!** Squash is not u-pick for one thing, and picking blossoms means we will not have much squash. This has happened in past years – usually only 1 or 2 people. We lost about 1/3 of our pumpkin crop one year. If you see anyone doing that, please stop them if you feel comfortable doing that, or if you have a cell phone, call the store 425 881 1006 so we can get out there, or report it to the store staff.

Tomatoes have lots of green tomatoes (usually ripen around mid August). Kids had fun with lots in the kids garden now – carrots, beets, radishes.

Our field carrots and beets are ready now so you'll be seeing more of those in your shares. I hope you are enjoying the Tokyo, Wa Wa, and Komatsuna – we've tried to work more of those into the planting schedule.

Ok, have to get off the computer now before I go bonkers, so enjoy your produce this week and take some time to walk around the farm. Oh, and some of you may not know, but you can access the burke-gilman trail from the back of our property. Just go all the way back, and just about in the middle you will see a path leading up to the trail.

More later-

Claire