

Tim Carroll

From: Jamie O'Gorman [rainbowstarheart2009@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, December 30, 2013 7:26 PM
To: tcarroll@chilmarkma.gov
Subject: fee waiver for Island Grown Gleaning Event

Dear Selectmen,

I am writing to you on behalf of Island Grown Gleaning, a program of the non-profit Island Grown Initiative.

Our mission at Island Grown Gleaning is to harvest produce that island farmers cannot. There are many reasons why delicious and nutritious locally grown food is sometimes left in the fields, but our volunteers rescue that food and donate it to over twenty different organizations. These include the Councils on Aging, the schools, low-income housing, addictions recovery programs, and organizations providing groceries and meals to those in need. This year we harvested and delivered about 23,000 pounds!

Our annual Thank You Dinner is coming up. To show our appreciation, all participating farmers and harvest volunteers are invited for a meal of local food (prepared in Jan Buhrman's kitchen). Being a Chilmark resident, I thought of the Community Center as one of few island venues suitable for our event. I am expecting about 30 guests and we could use the smaller front room (to keep the heating costs down.)

Would you kindly consider waiving the rental fee in support of this important community work? Due to the diligence and commitment of our volunteers (many who come each and every week), we are successfully reducing crop waste and delivering fresh produce to those who need it most.

Sincerely,
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