# CSA Member NEWSLETTER



## Thanks for a GREAT Season!

Thank you for taking part in our 2017 CSA. We hope it's been a year where you improved your nutrition and maybe even tried a few new vegetables! Thank you to our AMAZING workers who helped to bring you the fresh veggies! They've worked hard and gained some valuable employment skills! KEEP IN TOUCH...choule@accesscounty.ca



## **RECIPE OF THE WEEK** Acorn Squash, Beet & Sweet Potato Chili



OPTIONAL—3/4 pound ground beef (browned and drained) 1 cup red onion, chopped 1/2 cup carrot/celery/parsley, finely

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- 1 large clove roasted garlic, smushed 2 teaspoons salt
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1 cup shredded beets
- 1 cup roasted acorn squash
- 1/2 cup roasted sweet potato
- 1 bay leaf

3 cups (24 oz, 720 ml) slow-roasted tomatoes (or crushed canned tomatoes ) 1 cup chicken or vegetable stock

#### PREPARATION

Preheat a large saucepan over medium heat (add oil if you have not browned meat in the pan first). Sauté the onion, carrot, celery and parsley until softened--about 5 minutes. Add the garlic and spices, stir to combine, and sauté until the spices become fragrant (another 3 minutes). Add in



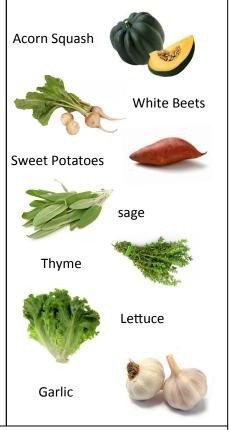
the rest of the vegetables, bay leaf, tomatoes and stock. Reduce heat to mediumlow and simmer for one hour. At this point, if you want a smooth chili, carefully blend with an immersion blender. The vegan chili is done, though you can simmer longer on low, or transfer to a slow cooker on low, until you're ready to serve. If you're also serving carnivores, add in the cooked ground beef and simmer until heated through.

#### **ROASTING ACORN SQUASH**

1 acorn squash - halved lengthwise, seeded, and cut into 3/4-inch slices 8 sprigs fresh thyme 2 tablespoons olive oil Salt & pepper to taste. Preheat oven to 400 degrees Toss squash slices, thyme, olive oil, salt, and pepper together in a bowl until the squash is evenly coated; spread into a jelly roll pan. Roast in preheated oven until golden brown

and tender, 25 to 30 minutes. Skin will peel off cooked squash easily.

### Identifying What's in Your Bag?



More information about the vegetables and herbs included in your bag, our team, the farms and ACCESS can be found on our website <u>http://accessgarden.jimdo.com/</u>, Facebook page <u>https://www.facebook.com/AccessGarden</u> and

Instagram Account <u>@Accessgarden</u>.



