

Welcome to Sisters Community Garden at CORE

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Hello Gardeners,

February first marks the start of a new chapter for the Sisters Community Garden. We are thrilled to continue gardening together and look forward to growing our community connections through our relationship with CORE.

At the new site we have 22 raised beds, access to water and a locked shed that houses our supplies and drinking water. We have gardening neighbors this year and look forward to getting to know them. Our fenced garden area is adjacent to the CORE clients' garden enclosure. The 2026 Sisters Community Garden at CORE has 22 available garden plots for 22 individual gardeners. Our agreement with CORE permits only 22 individuals to access the garden. Consequently, if you apply for a garden plot, you will not be permitted to share your plot with another person, as was previously done at the airport location.

We are hoping to have a garden meet-up with CORE gardeners and their garden manager early this spring.

This year we have committed to develop our space and to help CORE landscape our shared border. We will be busy! To develop the garden space as well as tend our crops, all of us are needed to pitch in as volunteers, steward our communal plants while welcoming SCG and CORE gardeners. We know we have the energy, patience and good will to complete these tasks together.

Please be sure to read the 2026 SCG Guidelines and Rules, and email sisterscommunitygarden@gmail.com with any questions. If you need help maintaining your plot due to vacations, illness, or other reasons, the Garden Manager is available to assist.

Your application will be considered "complete" when the following items have been received:

- A signed 2026 Application Form
- Membership Fees

Applications will be sent via email to 2025 returning gardeners on February 1st. Plot assignments for the 2026 season will be finalized by March 15th. The Membership Coordinator will contact you to let you know your assigned plot or your position on the waiting list.

If cost is a barrier to your participation at SCG, please contact us at sisterscommunitygarden@gmail.com to discuss available options for financial assistance. We encourage you to reach out so that we can work together to make participation possible.

Looking forward to seeing you in the Garden!
Mimi Schaefer, SCG President

SPRING 2026 CALENDAR (Meeting and workshop dates subject to change.)

February 1, Sunday—Returning Gardeners: Application Materials will be sent via email.

February 4—10 hours of daylight!

February 26—Volunteers needed to staff the SCG activities at the Elementary School's STEM night. Contact Janie Boyle to help out.

Feb. 28, Saturday—Application Deadline for Returning Gardeners.

March 15—Membership Coordinator notifies gardeners of plot assignments for 2026. If space is available we will advertise in the NUGGET.

April 1—Garden open for 2026 season.

April 11, Saturday, 11 am - 12:30 pm—**ALL GARDENERS 2026 ORIENTATION**. There will be a variety of light lunch, snacks, beverages and a raffle for garden supplies! This is a time to gather together, get acquainted, review coming 2026 events, exchange ideas and answer questions.

April 23, Thursday—Annual Meeting & Potluck 5-7 pm at PMV Clubhouse (596 W. Jefferson Ave.) The evening event begins with a short business meeting that summarizes 2025 activities as well as the election of new board members. After that we share a potluck dinner— Gardeners with last names beginning with A-M bring a main dish, M-S bring salad, and T-Z deserts. Beverages will be provided.

Directors can be contacted with any questions or concerns at sisterscommunitygarden@gmail.com, or by calling/texting phone numbers listed below.

Mimi Schaefer- President- 541 760-2084

Janie Boyl- Vice President/Garden Manager- 503 320-4810

Holly Lange- Membership Coordinator- 408 796-8084

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