

Sisters Community Garden
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February 1, 2024

Hello Gardeners,

February 1st is the start of a new season for the Sisters Community Garden. We hope you will be joining us this year.

For more than ten wonderful years, Sisters Community Garden has been a jewel nestled on the edge of town. It has been a resource, even a respite, for those who love to garden and others who enjoy visiting the garden to see what is *growing*.

In order for this garden to prosper each year, our garden community commits to mutually caring for and maintaining the entire premises. This commitment ensures that the garden will thrive in the years to come. Not only does each gardener harvest their carrots and peas, but they look after the berm, the compost piles and the paths.

Each gardener is expected to participate in two work parties that focus on the communal areas—beds, borders, paths and improvement projects. If one is unable to attend the work parties, it is expected that they contact the Garden Manager to make alternate arrangements to fulfill their quota of community garden hours—a total of 8 hours each year.

Gardeners are expected to maintain their plot with personal supplies and tools. For all gardeners, compost, soil, bark chips and aged manure are available to use at the garden only. Ground cloths, covers, seeds and special amendments are the responsibility of individual gardeners. If plots are neglected, gardeners will be notified.

Members are expected to contact the Garden Manager if they need to alter the existing structure of their plot. In addition, if gardeners need help maintaining their plot due to vacations, illness or other reason, the Garden Manager is the one to call.

Our goal is to have a vibrant growing season each year, one that brings enjoyment to every gardener and a sense of pride in belonging to the Sisters Community Garden. Please respect your garden neighbors, and share your successes, tips and any plans for your plot that may affect your neighbor's plot.

Look to the whole garden each time you visit. Our motto has always been “see a weed, pull a weed”. It still holds true.

Every person who plans to garden in 2024 must send in a new application. **Returning gardeners and new gardeners alike must register by March 1st.**

All gardeners will be able to register between February 1-March 1, 2024. **Returning gardeners** have until March 1 to secure their 2023 plots. After that date, plots available will be reassigned. Returning gardeners who request a new plot will be assigned any plots available after March 1st.

New gardeners can begin registering on February 1st although their plots will not be assigned until after March 1st. New gardener plots will be assigned based on the date their applications are received and availability of plots.

Registrations will be considered “complete” when the signed Liability Release form, completed 2024 Application, and fees have been received. At that point plots will be assigned.

SPRING 2024 CALENDAR

February 1, Thurs.—Registration Materials available on Website. and in the Garden Shed

February 4, Sunday—10 hours of daylight!

Registration open from February 1-March 1.

March 1, Friday—Registration Deadline for Returning Gardeners—

Returning gardeners can request to regain 2023 plot or be reassigned to a different available plot, based on order of applications received.

New Gardeners plot assignment begins. Plots assigned based on order of applications received and availability of open plots.

Plots available for new gardeners will be processed on a first come first served basis beginning Feb 1. Plots will be assigned to them beginning on March 1.

March 9th, Sat.—WORKSHOP AND SEED EXCHANGE - Grow your own transplants and seed starting workshop in the at the Greenhouse. The seed exchange features free seeds and sharing of others.

April 1, Monday—Garden open for 2024 season: Water on to plots and Greenhouse

April 6, Sat.—GARDEN ORIENTATION: including:

- plot irrigation tips,
- rodent protection,
- designing your plot for best productivity,
- when to plant what”—plant overview and frost protection
- stewardship information
- registration sign-up teams for Lunch in the Garden

April 13, Sat. — WORK PARTY: Opening the Garden Celebration

- Cleanup of paths, garden perimeter, berm, and amendment piles.
- Greenhouse plot lottery (19 plots).
GH East Wall lottery (approx. 15 spaces).
- Back 40 Lottery (approx.. 16 spaces).
- Winter GH season ends: Summer GH season begins
- Water to GH plots on
- Greenhouse actuators installed

April 27, Saturday—Annual Meeting & Potluck 11am-1pm + Board election (Location TBD)

Immediately following Annual Meeting there will be a Board Meeting for election of officers.

May 4, Saturday- WORKSHOP: All things tomato

May 18, Saturday- Garden Work Party

Happy Gardening to all, from your Sisters Community Gardening Board of Directors! Directors can be contacted at sisterscommunitygarden@gmail.com.

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