

# MAPLE COMMUNITY NEWS

## Organic Urban Gardening

### Kudos

To Dawn who took an extra week of communal watering.

To Rosemary for pruning the fig tree so beautifully.

To Kate for cleaning up the detritus of Khatsalano Day revellers and generally keeping the garden looking so good.

To Janet for her multiple compost mini-workshops.

### What to plant

Time is still right for Carrots and becoming ideal for Mescluns, Mustards, Pac Choi, Spinach and Cilantro.

(The Chair’s kitchen tells us using whole fresh cilantro seeds - coriander - in cooking is remarkable.)

### Watering Tip

Deep watering every two or three days is better than a short one daily. Deirdre suggests trying [this](#), which can free up hands to deadhead, weed, etc.



### From your Executive

Happy Summer Dear Community Gardeners, and welcome to your July newsletter.

Many thanks to all that voted on the two questions in the last newsletter. While both polls were unanimously approved, it must be noted that only 15 votes were cast. Thank you to all who did so - your input is invaluable to us.

Karmina voiced a desire for the new fencing to be less generic than the North side. Thoughts/design proposals are encouraged. July saw the successful placement of new gate posts for Section 3; thank you team especially Andrew with his demanding standards.





## The Bees are Back!

Eddie and Malachi overwintered a queen they raised last year and have raised new queens from her. On July 5th our daughter was installed on the North side of the greenway where with Liz they first started seven years ago.

For information on Bee positive planting see the [beekeeping page](#) on our website.



## Disease Alert

Rosemary and Janet found Clubroot around some Kale in Section 3 - photo above - and more in section 4. Clubroot infects all Brassicas which must then be removed and disposed of properly (not in the compost bins), No Brassicas can be replanted for seven years. Click [here](#) for more information.

Our Vice-Chair Deirdre is negotiating with the stock footage company who now wants to shoot in September.

A sincere thanks to those that have answered the call to serve on committees: Karen Coulter on the Tool Committee. Sylvan and Andrew on the Construction Committee. Joyce with design help from Deirdre on the Web Committee. Stephen and Eddie are Staying on the Water Committee. Janet, Emily and Nathalie on the Work Party.

While a good start, we do need more people on every one of these so that no one is overburdened. (The needs of the garden don't take vacation.) Each committee requires various skills, so there is a way for everyone to contribute. Know that a motion has been drafted for the Fall AGM proposing that active committee members receive a work party credit.

The communal gardens are still in need of folks to commit to a week of watering. As of this publishing, we still need people for much of August and September. Communal A and B are both on the West side and not to be confused with the communal "Jeans Garden" to the East. Communal A is everything West of the water spigot to the sidewalk, and Communal B everything East of the spigot to Section One. A deep watering will take about two hours per section, allowing time to really enjoy the garden and all that goes on there. I urge everyone to look at their schedules to see if they could take a week or (two).

We know that we are asking a lot, but with our rebuilt - larger plots - we are fewer overall which means everyone needs to contribute a bit more. Speaking from personal experience over the years including this one as Chair, the more I give to this endeavour the more I get out of it. From amazing home grown food, to helping the environment, beautifying our city, and community engagement, it really is an honour to be part of the Maple Community Garden community.

Wishing you all happy and peaceful gardening.

## A Friendly Reminder

The area surrounding a plot are the responsibility of each plots gardener. This includes the South both inside and outside of the fence and the outside of the North fence. The area around the compost bins are the responsibility of everyone in the section.

## Web Posting

We encourage all gardeners to submit pictures of the garden, musings on what you have learned as well as kudos to those who have gone above and beyond to our website.