
MAPLE COMMUNITY NEWS

Organic Urban Gardening

Kudos

To Carol's brother Mark who is not even a member of the garden but who has taken it upon himself to pick up our slack and keep the website going. It is thanks to his effort that any and all updates have been made this season. We are all in debt to these dedicated siblings.

What to plant

Amaranth, soy, bush and pole beans, beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, celery, corn, cucumbers, endive, fennel, kale, collard greens, lettuce, melons, squash, chard, tomatoes and more.

Thus is a season of hope and dreams if ever there was one.

Please remember that gardens are required to be planted by May, 25th.

In the spirit of education and community, your exec encourages everyone to engage other gardeners to see what works and doesn't work for them.



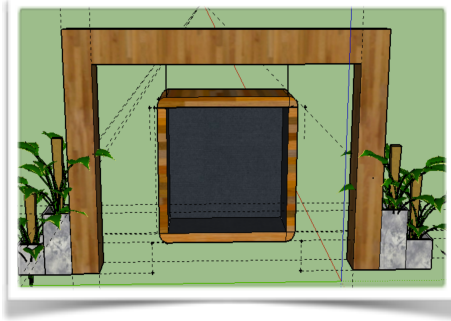
From your Executive

Greetings to all in this merry - and busy - month of May.

Your Treasurer is happy to report that our application for a grant of \$1,000 to go towards the fence and tool shed rebuilds was accepted. Krista also applied for and received a grant to fund activities in the Children's Garden. We are truly fortunate that our city is so supportive of our community.

As of this writing, the fence project is still continuing. A number of us worked a full day on Saturday the 19th. All post holes have been dug, the detritus of the old fence recycled or disposed of





Buddy Bench?

The Head of Design at St. John's School contacted us hoping to build a NSG funded "Buddy Bench" in the communal garden (design above).

We encourage you to walk the communal area and contemplate the idea. Please vote "yes" or "no" by email within the week.



Kits Bees

While Kate provided logistical support, Malachi and Eddie surfed the blackberry bushes - in shorts and T-shirts - to capture a swarm that was hanging from an apple tree. Many thanks to the folks at City Farmer who called Kate to let us know about it. They're a lovely addition to the family!

and gravel for packing around the posts has now been delivered. Any and all are encouraged to contact us if you can give an evening - or more - to help complete this project. Sincere apologies to those who have been inconvenienced by this work and a huge thank you to those who assisted. Andrew, who is running the show, gets a special shout out. The others who dedicated their Saturday, who fed those who gave their Saturday (as well as those who made it a point to thank them) deserve our thanks too. This is a big project and we are all looking forward to its completion.

There was a request to kindly remind gardeners to be careful to not run the hose through other plots while watering, and once finished, make sure that the water is off and the box closed properly. Thank you.

Speaking of water, as last year we had problems assuring the watering of Communal A & B, we are trying a new system for signing up AND reporting what was done. Mark made this Doodle for us, which your Exec - and Karen C. who is overseeing the schedule - hope will facilitate the process. Please keep it handy.

A Pot Luck lunch is planned for Saturday, June 9th after the work party. This is our first year trying such an event, thinking it just might be nice to share our bounty together. Carol has offered tables from her place, breads and some beverages will be provided. A prize will go to the dish voted "most interesting use of garden harvest." If anyone cares to be lead for this event, please let us know.

Until then, we wish you many happy and peaceful moments in our little slice of paradise,

Your Maple Community Garden Exec

Community Contract

It is the responsibility of each gardener to take care of the common area outside of their plot on both South and North sides. Please help us maintain the common areas. Weed, water where needed, plant (no infrastructure though) and mow the grass. Mowing the grass includes all the way to the Greenway, and it needs to be done regularly in these seasons of growth, otherwise, it gets too long for our push mowers.