

MAPLE COMMUNITY NEWS

Organic Urban Gardening

Kudos

To Andrew and Kate who are moving Margs memorial forward.

To Krista and Joyce for their dedication regarding the proposed pesticide spraying. Your action on our behalf is sincerely appreciated.

What to plant

If there was no rust in your section, October is the time to plant Garlic. Also, if covered, Chicory and Radishes can be planted for harvest in early Spring.

Tool Shed Construction

Natalie and Mothé met with Eddie and discussed options for the new tool shed. Measurements were taken, Natalie drew an initial design, and Malachi is modifying for more efficient construction.

As time is tight for this season, all are encouraged to let us know if they can lend a hand in getting it built.

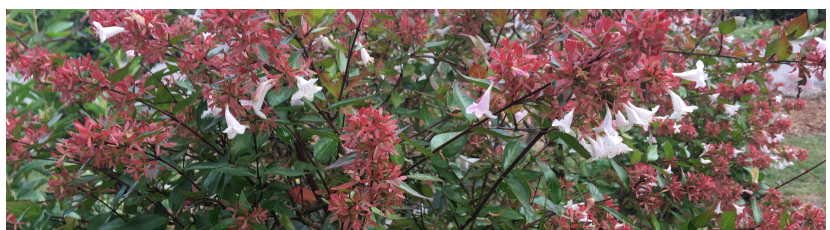


From your Executive

As Autumn approaches, the days are shorter, the rain has come and the temperature has dropped. This is the time to wrap up the 2017 gardening season signalled by our upcoming AGM this Sunday, September 24th at 10:00 AM. As usual, we will be meeting at Carols; 2229 Maple St.

We have two motions to propose on the agenda, both crafted with the intention of making our community garden more sustainable and better cared for.

The first was alluded to in the July newsletter regarding committee participation. As far too few people find themselves burdened with taking care of too many items, your exec is anxious to have fully functioning committees





The rescued "chimney hive" that was thought lost is not. A very small but laying queen was found and the hive was established. Malachi and Eddie have been trying to build it up with frames of brood from their other hives. Fingers crossed that she will be strong enough to make it through the coming Winter.



Weeds, weeds, weeds

As the season changes, many of the wild flowers have matured and are ready to cast their seed. Inevitably, these find their way into our plots. PLEASE remember that it is everyone's responsibility to maintain outside of their plot, which in this case means cutting the plants down.

Things like Tansy - pictured above - need to be cut to the ground and disposed of off site.

dedicated to specific tasks. As a way of encouraging this a motion is being proposed that each active member of a committee will receive one work party credit as recognition of services rendered to the community at large.

The second motion is in response to gardeners who because of serious personal issues, find themselves unable to care for their plot, surrounding area as well as fulfill their communal duties. It proposes a provision to reallocate their plot - and therefore the responsibilities that go with it - for one season without penalty.

Every member is highly encouraged to participate in the discussion and vote on these motions, get updates on various goings on in the garden and as a special treat enjoy some fresh honey from one of our hives on fresh baked goods to be provided by Terra Breads. All are encouraged to bring a warm beverage to enjoy, but out of respect for the environment and a quest for sustainability please do not bring single use cups or lids. As the meeting will start at 10:00 AM sharp, please arrive early to enjoy the goodies, say hello and find a seat.

In order to avoid paper waste we will not be printing the agenda. Please read it - attached - before arriving, and/or bring your phone or tablet on Sunday.

Looking forward to seeing all of you, hearing your thoughts and enjoying our time together as a community.

Much peace to all.

Photo shoot update

Recall that after a communal vote to move forward, our Vice-Chair Deirdre was in negotiations with a stock footage company from Calgary about shooting in the garden. After much back and forth and what looked like a go, they have now decided not to shoot this year. Perhaps the opportunity will be there next year.

As always, we will keep you posted. In the meantime, many thanks to Deirdre for the time she dedicated to this on our behalf.

A Friendly Reminder

Our last work party of the year is scheduled for Sunday October 15th @ 10:00 AM. The final work party of the year is always a busy one with many jobs to take care of. Even if you have come to the required number of work parties this year, you are encouraged to come to help out and enjoy this last opportunity of 2017 to work with the community as a whole.