

# Maple Community Garden Mail

## Organic Urban Gardening

### Kudos

To Krista who stepped up when no one else would to take on the role of Secretary for us. To Karen who helped get us there. To Aaron who offered to continue taking the AGM minutes for us, as well as Joyce who compiled them for us to mail out to you. And to Carol who despite announcing her desire to step down from the secretary position last year, is still hanging with us helping Krista settle in.

Krista also ordered a truck load of soil for many of us. This is a wonderful service and we are thankful for it. Note that all of it has been spoken for, so please only take what you requested.

### What to plant

Nothing says "Spring" more than greens - beautiful greens: Arugula, corn salad, cress, kale, collards, mustard and spinach can all be directly sowed now. Carrots, peas and rutabaga can go in as well.

If you haven't already done so, a few spoonfuls of lime on the soil will help to lower the PH. After applying, give it a good watering and let integrate for a week or so before planting.

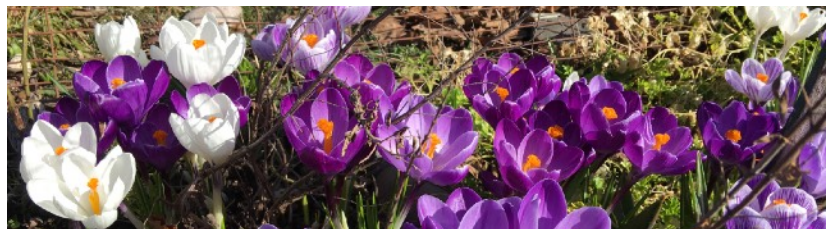


## From your Executive

Happy, happy, happy Spring to one and all - may it be full of healthy new growth, bring many smiles and much warmth.

There's been a lot of activity since our last edition. We had a great turnout for the Spring AGM, where among other things your Exec was elected for another one year term, other volunteer roles were assigned, there was a statement about cannabis cultivation - no, you are not allowed to - as well as a revision of the contract. You all should have received the minutes by now. If you missed the meeting, you are encouraged to look through them to get up to speed.

Our first work party was awesome; beautiful weather, a real good turnout and much accomplished. During his introduction, your Chair reminded everyone that taking care of the land outside our fences is the responsibility of each and every gardener, and we



shouldn't have to dedicate work party time to caring for it. Before the grass grows too long to cut easily, please get in the habit of mowing it. Andrew lovingly sharpened and tuned our lawnmowers last weekend, so please take them out for a test drive.

During the work party, one gardener asked if there might be any photographers in the community. If so, please do think of sending any interesting shots that you might take to us.

The water was turned on for the season. After using, please make sure that it has been turned off at the tap - not just the nozzle - as well as see that the box is free of debris and closed properly.

Kate asked us to thank everyone who helped her fill holes and start to build a berm North of the Greenway, but stressed that the area not be used for general garden detritus. This is for both practical and design reasons. Thank you for your understanding.

Speaking of detritus, please remember that no weeds, food or woody/fibrous items should go into our remaining compost bins. All weeds / invasive or diseased plants must be brought off site and thrown in the city green bins. If you do have appropriate items for composting, please insure that they have been cut down to a small size.

All returning gardeners have now signed their contract and paid their fees (Thank you to the gardeners who donated on top of their regular fees. Your generosity is so very much appreciated). We've also had the pleasure of welcoming our new gardeners and we encourage you to introduce yourselves to them: Larissa in Section 2, Chloe & Jonathon as well as Laura & Regina in Section 4, Sara & Sam along with Chris & Trish in Section 5. Finally, a shout out to Donna who though still on the waitlist, joined us at our first work party.

Our Treasurer asks that all gardeners be reminded that any expenses in our name must be a pre-approved by your exec and receipts must be provided for reimbursement.

Our next work party is Sunday April 7th from 10 - 12:00. Looking forward to seeing you there if not before. In the meantime, may we all garden in peace, share love and kindness and always find a friend in each other, helping where needed and accepting offers of help when appropriate. There is no better way to grow a community than working together on common tasks for the benefit of all.

Your Maple Community Garden Exec



## An Island Vacation?

The Denman Island Home and Garden Tour is taking place on June 15th and 16th. It is an important fundraiser for the Denman Island Conservancy, and has been deemed "one of Canada's top six horticultural events" by The Globe and Mail and is centred around the theme of wetlands this year. More info can be found on [their website](#).

## BC Garden Club AGM



On April 6th, the BC Community Garden Club will host its 75th annual AGM. The BCCGC helps facilitate community gardens in many ways, and is most worthy of our support. More information can be found on [their website](#). Anyone who is interested in representing us is encouraged to get in touch.