

Maple Community Garden Mail

Organic Urban Gardening

Kudos

To Suzanne as well as Liz and Kate who will be the recipients of Neighbourhood Community Grants in our name.

Suzanne has been awarded funds for the construction of our long awaited tool shed. Liz and Kate's grant will go towards funding the communal events that Kate proposed and spoke to at the Spring AGM.

Well done gardeners - what a wonderful contribution to our community you 're making.

What to plant

Salad greens, like arugula, cress and spinach. Roots, like beets, carrots, kohlrabi and turnips. Scallions, storage onions and leeks for the alliums. Chard, mustard, pac choi, kale and collards for cooking greens.

And did we mention peas? Hmm, fresh peas - get them in the ground as soon as possible (to insure faster germination, it is suggested to soak them in water overnight).

Please make sure that peas - and any other tall plants - are planted on the North side to ensure that they don't shade your neighbours' plots.

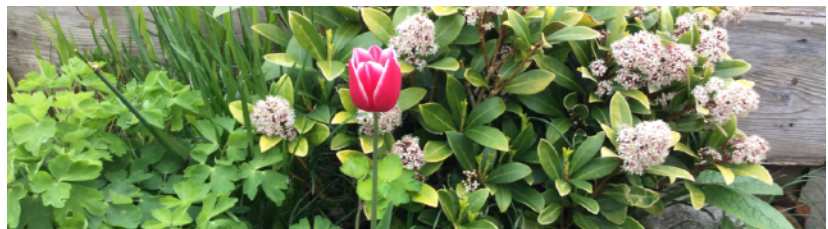


From your Executive

Spring comes and spring goes and spring is still here. Welcome to a real season of change. Like magic, our gardens grow visibly daily, and when the sun shines they seem to grow double time.

The rain held off and the sun even shined for our second work party. While the turnout wasn't huge, there were enough of us to accomplish many tasks and the communal areas looked spectacular afterwards. Simply being outside in the garden together, executing communal tasks, seeing the commitment some members have and catching up on garden news make the work parties such a joy. Our next ones are April 28th and May 18th, both from 10:00 - 12:00. and we hope to see many of you there.

Like our communal toolshed, the Section 6 rebuild has been delayed for far too many seasons. Under the guidance of Emily -



with a bit of a push from your exec - they have formulated a plan and are scheduled to build their new plots on April 27th. The plan will not only give current gardeners larger - and more equal - plots, but will allow us to welcome two new gardeners into the community. If anyone would like to give them a hand, please let us know and we'll put you in touch with them; it would be a lovely way to welcome these new folks.

Speaking of welcoming new folks, your Chair would like to recognize Mothé your Membership Exec for meeting with all new gardeners, giving them a tour, explaining what is expected and overall doing everything possible to help them feel welcome. Joyce too deserves a mention as she has gone out of her way to make seed packs for the new gardeners. The pleasure these two take in their service to us is an inspiration.

Karmina - Section 1 - has noticed that wood chips have been getting caught in the opening of their water box and as a result it has broken edges. These lids are hard plastic, and when installed, the hope was that they would last for years. Please insure that the rim of your water box is clear of debris before closing, and make sure it is closed properly. Also, please make sure that the water is turned off at the source, and not simply with a secondary valve.

Finally, a second reminder about the availability of beautiful composted manure and hay available to us down in the Southlands. Not only is it gorgeous compost, it is all organic, the farm is beautiful, the folks who run it are absolutely lovely and it's free. If you've not already planted and have yet to prepare your soil, it is highly recommended to check them out.

This is the time of year when dreams are planted and new adventures start. We look forward to sharing many moments together over this new season while we garden in peace, share love and kindness and find a friend in each other.

Your Maple Community Garden Exec



The rain too shall pass

The watering schedule for summer volunteers is up on the website. Recall that one week of watering equals one work party (maximum of one per year). For the credit to be awarded, gardeners must note when watering was done as well as any concerns for the next volunteer.



Sharing the love

Hives for Humanity is asking fellow gardeners who may be splitting perennials, propagating plants using cuttings or starting plants from seed to share extras with the community. For information about this and more, go to hivesforhumanity.com

If you're looking for bee friendly seeds yourself, Mothé suggests checking out the Suzuki Foundation seed storefront for pollinator seeds.