

Maple Community Garden Mail

Organic Urban Gardening

Subjects of Study

Apparently we are fascinating; there is yet another scholarly study being performed that we have been asked to participate in.

The University of Guelph School of Environmental Design and Rural Development “would like to invite the Maple Community Garden to participate in our research on Urban Agriculture.”

By [clicking here](#) you can find additional information and take the survey. It takes about 15 minutes, is anonymous and if you so choose, they will send you the results.

Our City, Our Effort

Janet has kindly renewed our agreement with the Vancouver Neighbourhood Clean Up Coordinator that MCG will continue with garbage pick up at our 12 work parties. She will let them know how much time we spend doing so for their statistics. While cleaning up is something that we would most likely do anyway, this effort helps our garden stand out in the eyes of city hall. Thanks J.



From your Executive

Greetings Dear Gardeners and welcome to the first newsletter of 2021. January is a lean time of year for local food - even at the farmers market there is no kale! - and we are thankful for all greens left in the plot.

Your Exec held its pre-AGM over Zoom and came to the consensus that ideally we will be able to meet in person (at least a good amount of us that is). The Spring AGM is slated to be held on Sunday Feb. 21. Feb. 06 is the date for our next health restrictions update. Meanwhile, we are searching for a covered space that could accommodate us on the 21st. Barring that, we will take a chance on the Kitsilano Showboat again. The rain date would be the following Sunday 02/28. If still thwarted, we will move to Zoom on 03/07 (which of course will be sunny). Regardless, keep Feb. 21st open on your calendars.



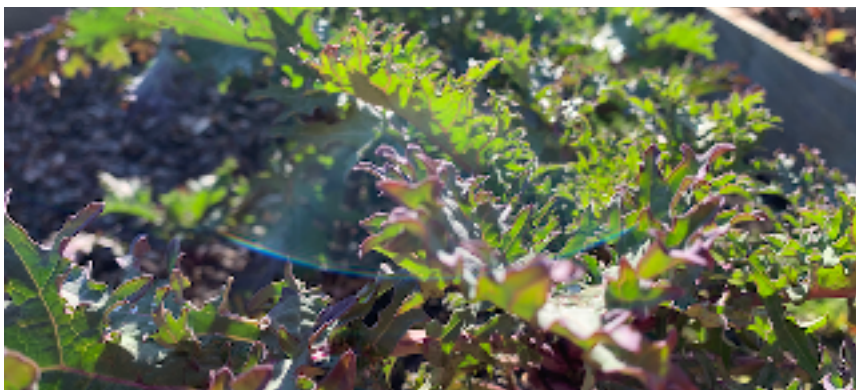
Thank you to Laura in section 4 who was the only one to answer our call for ideas about how to go about this AGM. Laura, your input helped our discussion significantly and we appreciate your thoughts and effort on our collective behalf. Engagement by others not on the Exec is always welcome and indeed encouraged.

Recall at the Fall AGM a motion was approved whereby all gardeners are obliged to “take on an MCG support role at least once every 3 years to serve either as a member of the Executive, Section Lead, Work Party Lead, Special Project Lead, Committee member, Event Coordinator, or other support role as needed.” Website Coordinator and I.T. person would be wonderful, ditto a tool maintenance person. Please give some thought ahead of time to which roles you might be willing to take on so that the AGM can proceed smoothly. (Mothé has already volunteered for the Compost Coordinator role).

While all Exec positions are open for reelection, and everyone is encouraged to present themselves or nominate someone else, please remember that Mothé is stepping down and therefore the Membership role will need to be filled. If someone is interested in alternate position, most likely the current exec in that position would be willing to change for Membership.

We will be in touch early February with final details as well as the AGM package with the agenda and financial statement. In the meantime, no matter how troubled these times may be, we wish each and every one of you good health, much happiness and deep peace. Hope to see you in the garden soon,

Your Maple Community Garden Exec



Shape Your City

In a seemingly endless offer of surveys, the “Shape Your City” survey seems worthy of your attention dear gardeners. Our city is looking for input around food security and Vancouver Park Board facilities - including community gardens like ours. To take it, please go to [Shape Your City Survey](#). They say it will take about 5 minutes, but that’s a little tight. If interested, don’t wait as the survey closes on Jan. 28th @11:59 P.M.



Seeds, seeds, seeds

Traditionally, the Spring AGM is the day of our gardens seed swap. If any of you saved seeds from your favourite plants from last year and care to share around, please pre-package them (with a label!) as a gift to others. If you happen to have lots of quality commercial seeds, feel free to offer them up as well.