

## Welcome to the 2013 Garden

By Laurie Jarmer

It feels like spring outside -- it's time to garden. Some of you have been gardening with us since our beginning 4 years ago. We have many new gardeners this year too. I want to remind all of you about some of our garden rules.

- Everyone will receive a garden map and roster listing all the gardeners names, phone numbers and emails. This information is for renters use only and emails should only be used for things related to the community garden.
- There is a cubicle for each gardener in the shed with the number corresponding to their plot. This is for storing your personal stuff. Everything else in the shed is open for anyone to use unless labeled otherwise.
- There will be a Y-connector on each faucet in the garden so that there can be 2 hoses at each faucet and a watering wand at the end of each hose. Please be careful not to pull the hose across someone else's bed and coil the hose up when finished, turn the water off and release the pressure in the hose.
- Be sure to keep what's growing in your raised bed inside your bed. Don't let plants or weeds fall over into the walkway.
- In the spring when you first start your seeds or put transplants in your raised bed, either cover your bed with some kind of row cover or use a small fence around the perimeter of

your bed. This will help keep pets and disc golfers from damaging your seedlings.

If you have any questions or problems, please contact me by email:

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### Dates to Remember

*Garden Workday  
Saturday, April 6,  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm*

*Gardening 101 Class  
Wednesday, April 10  
6:30 - 9:00 pm*

## Garden Workday

**Saturday, April 6 - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

*Part of being a member of the community garden, means participation in our garden workdays. Every spring there is need for clean up around the garden. We will clean the shed, pull weeds, clean out the compost area and do other things to spruce up our garden so we are ready for the 2013 gardening season. Hog fuel will be delivered and spread between the raised beds. A load of soil will also be delivered and those who come to the work day will have first chance at adding to their raised beds some of the new soil. Plan on being there. Wear your work clothes and bring some gloves. If you have a wheelbarrow, bring it (extra ones are always needed). We will supply water and some snacks. It will be a great time to work together and meet your 'new neighbors'.*

## Gardening 101 Class

**Wednesday, April 10**

**6:30 - 9:00 pm**

Our annual free gardening class will be happening again this year on Wednesday evening, April 10. We will start out in the garden at 6:30 (weather permitting) and our master gardener and teacher Tim Lanfri, will talk to us about gardening in our raised beds. At about 7:15 we will head indoors for the rest of the class. Some of the topics to be covered will include:

- plant starts vs. seeds (which kind is best for which plant)
- fertilizing
- amending your soil
- resources for gardening
- pests
- when to plan what
- most common mistakes gardeners make

You will go away with handouts and lots of great information to get your garden off to a great start. This class is open to anyone in the community. You do not have to have a plot at the community garden to attend.

### Memorial Rose Garden

Part of the community garden includes a memorial rose garden. Roses may be purchased in honor of the memory of a loved one for \$100.00. This cost includes the rose and a granite stone plaque with the name of the rose and the person who is being remembered. This is still room left in the front rose garden for a few more rose bushes. If you are interested, or know of someone who would be, please send Laurie Jarmer an email and it will get passed on to the person in charge of the rose garden.

### What to Plant Now

Peas and potatoes are both easy to plant and two of the first crops to plant directly into the soil. It's also onion planting time. You might want to consider leaving room to plant broccoli, brussels sprouts, kale, cabbage, and collards in amongst the onion crop for best flavor. Another spring garden plant you might want to try is kohlrabi. Try planting it with herb neighbors such as oregano, sage, chives and thyme. Put cauliflower in amongst your peas and lettuce. Remember when planning your raised beds that some crops just take up too much room for a raised bed. Pumpkin and corn and some other vine plants can take over a whole bed. So only if it's something you really want in your plot, should you consider it.

Many of the warm weather vegies, ie: tomatoes, beans, squash, eggplant, peppers have to wait until the weather warms up. Normally I don't start these until around Mother's Day and then they get protected by being covered with row covers or using the wall of water around each plant.