

**Sheboygan Avenue Community Garden
in Rennebohm Park
115 North Eau Claire Avenue
Madison, Wisconsin**

**Handbook 2016
Celebrating our 36th Year!**



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Welcome to Sheboygan Avenue Community Garden

We encourage you to visit the garden often. You will be surprised how many things ripen almost overnight, or how many weeds have set seed since your last visit.

Our social events offer a chance to get acquainted with neighbors from around the world. Did you know that more than a dozen languages are spoken here? Or that our age range is almost a century? But we all speak 'gardening'.

Our commonality is a love of gardening. Each of us follows our own practices for growing vegetables and flowers and we learn from each other about new plants. The mixture makes for our famous diverse potluck dinners. Be sure to join us.

If you have any questions, would like to be more involved, or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us. This is a community of gardeners!

Sincerely,

The Garden Steering Committee

Sheboygan Avenue Community Garden in Rennebohm Park
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Please visit our website: www.sheboygancommunitygarden.org

Like us on facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Sheboygan-Community-Garden-Madison/124490820902516>

Sheboygan Avenue Community Garden Calendar 2016

- April 19**
(Tuesday) Spring Potluck & Meeting, 6pm-8pm
- May 7-8**
(Saturday-Sunday) Garden Construction Workdays, 9am-3pm
- May 14-15**
(Saturday-Sunday) Garden Construction Workdays, 9am-2pm, 10am-2pm
- May 21**
(Saturday) Garden Workday, 9am-noon
- May 28**
(Saturday) **RHUBARB FEST - 11AM**
- May 29**
(Sunday) Garden plot must be clean and ready to plant or plot will be reassigned
- June 12**
(Sunday) Garden plot must be planted or plot will be reassigned
- May-September**
(Saturdays) Workdays, 3rd Saturdays of the month, 9am-noon
(rain date is one week later)
- June 18**
(Saturday) **Garden Potluck Brunch & Open House, 11am**
Celebrate summer solstice
- June 21**
(Tuesday) **Make Music Madison in Rennebohm Park**
Summer Solstice
- August 20**
(Saturday) **"Anything but Zucchini" Brunch, noon-1pm**
- October 6**
(Thursday) Autumn Potluck & Annual meeting, 6pm-8pm
- October 15**
(Saturday) Garden Clean-up Workday, 9am-noon
- October 17** Garden plots must be cleared

Good Neighbor Rules We Agree To Follow

- 1. We are an organic garden.** Synthetic pesticides, insecticides, herbicides and fungicides are NOT allowed. Only Garden Network or UW Extension approved products may be used, such as NEEM or Safer's Insecticidal Soap. For more information on botanicals, microbials, and inorganic pesticides visit wimastergardener.org/?q=OrganicPesticides. There are also many structural approaches - companion planting, target crops, traps, etc....please contact a garden board member for additional information.
- 2. Garden plot boundaries** are indicated by perimeter fence, corner stakes, and string. Please do not move corner stakes or string between adjacent plots. Do not attach garden structures to garden perimeter fence. Individual perimeter plot fences are not allowed at this time. Low border markers of wood and other garden edging materials are allowed. Fencing around plants within your garden plot is allowed. Please contact the Garden Coordinator or Plot Monitor with any questions.
- 3. Garden structures within garden plots** are limited to items normally found in garden supply stores. Found and repurposed items are allowed if all non-garden attachments are removed. Please seek prior approval from Garden Coordinator or Plot Monitor for repurposed materials.
- 4. Garden plots must be reasonably utilized** for growing food or flowers for members' use only; bylaws do not allow food to be sold.
- 5. Gardeners are responsible for clearing weeds** in their garden including the garden fence lines bordering their garden and clean up at end of the year. Keeping the perimeter fence free from weeds is very important. The garden must maintain a neat and tidy appearance at all times.
- 6. Gardeners are responsible for harvesting produce** in a timely manner.
- 7. Gardeners must maintain low borders** in order not to block sunlight from your neighbor's plot. In general, plants on a border should be less than 2 feet tall.
- 8. Gardeners are responsible for keeping plants** and equipment within their plot. Please keep in mind the size of your plants when mature. Allow enough room away from plot lines so that plants are set where they will not spill over into other plots or paths. Your plants must stay within the boundary of your plot.

9. **Gardeners may not grow invasive plants**, such as mint, horseradish and raspberries unless physically contained; seek Plot Monitor approval of the containment method prior to planting.
10. **Gardeners are responsible for the care of their plot.** Notify coordinator if you will be away for an extended period of time.
11. **Gardeners do not enter or take anything** from someone's plot without permission.
12. **Gardeners take trash**, unused garden equipment, plastic gloves, and diseased garden material home. Pick up trash, as you see it.
13. **Don't toss vegetation, trash, stones, wood, tools** or metal bars on the park grass area. It is unsightly and dangerous for mowers.
14. **Required Work Hours:** Gardeners are required to contribute a minimum of 4 work hours per plot, per year, caring for the common areas. This year, an additional 2 work hours per plot are required for construction of the garden. Volunteers are needed to care for the PAR (Plant a Row) plot. Contributing more hours is encouraged. Gardeners are responsible for reporting their work hours to the timekeeper. Failure to complete and report required work hours is cause for penalty.

Physically challenged gardeners may be exempt from work hours. There are many ways to contribute. Contact the Garden Coordinator to discuss options or possible exemption.

Work days are scheduled monthly (see calendar). Independent work hours are available. Please contact the Garden Coordinator for tasks.

Activities that are not considered reportable work-hours include -

- ❖ Working in personal plots and personal plot lines
- ❖ Working in someone else's garden, unless pre- approved by committee

Work Sign-in Sheet: Planned work days will have a sign in sheet available to report date, completed time, plot and name. Independent hours may be reported via email to timekeeper or on the sign-in sheet in the garden shed.

15. **Water Usage: to be announced**

16. Tools: The garden owns tools, carts, wheelbarrows, and buckets for all to use. When you finish using tools, clean them and store neatly by the shed. Always close and latch the shed door.

17. Pets are not allowed in the garden.

18. Penalties (to be decided by Garden committee) for not following Good Neighbor rules:

No guarantee to have the same plot the next year

Reduction in plot size for the next year

Name moved to the bottom of plot waiting list

No plot assignment for the next year

Garden Perks

Compost and wood chips ~ are provided from time to time and are kept in piles near the north entrance. Please take only as much as you need so the supply is shared with all.

Garden Compost ~ Compost is decomposed organic matter. It can include weeds, dried grass cuttings, chopped leaves, and leafy kitchen scraps. It is used to enrich soil and can be added every time soil is turned. Compost does not include animal products (except egg shells) or pet waste. Weed seeds, sticks, stones, plastic and other inorganic waste should be excluded. Please take home any diseased plants or plant material. Please compost within your garden.

Straw ~ a single, bulk straw purchase will take place in early May. Limit one bale per plot. Please take only what you need.

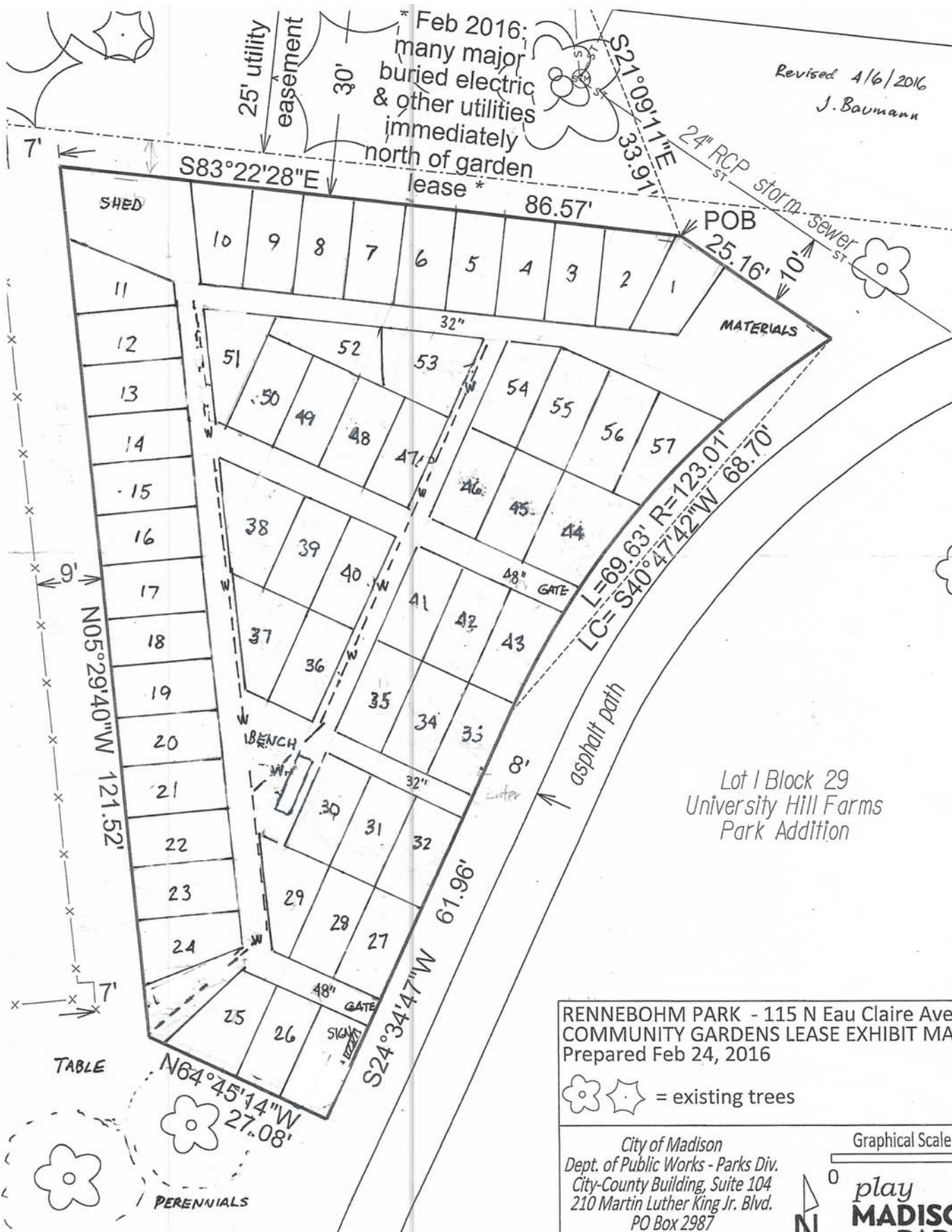
Perennial Gardens ~ communal flower beds were donated to beautify our gardens. If you would like to help with maintenance and earn work hours, contact Michael Peterson, Ruth Cadoret, or Pat Soderholm.

Plant-A-Row ~ Gardeners are encouraged to donate surplus produce to local food pantries. Any plots abandoned after June 12 may be set aside for this purpose.

Fall Clean-up ~ All gardens must be cleared of dead plant material, weeds and plant supports by the second week in October. Gardening of fall crops may continue as long as weather permits.

See you in the garden!

Revised 4/6/2016
J. Baumann



Lot 1 Block 29
University Hill Farms
Park Addition

RENNEBOHM PARK - 115 N Eau Claire Ave
COMMUNITY GARDENS LEASE EXHIBIT MA
Prepared Feb 24, 2016

= existing trees

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Dept. of Public Works - Parks Div.
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