

**Sheboygan Avenue Community Garden  
Newsletter - April 2019**



Hello, Gardeners:

We are having 2 workdays in the month of April. Lots of work needed to prepare the garden for the season. The work days in April are Saturday, April 6 and April 20. Hours are from 9:00am to 12:00am. Rain dates are the following Saturdays.

**Save the date! GARDEN POTLUCK AND SPRING MEETING** Thursday, April 11th  
Community Room of the new Midtown Police Station, 4020 Mineral Point Road  
Potluck dinner begins at 6:00 pm, (please bring your own table service)  
Meeting begins at 6:45 pm. Parking is behind the building.

Plot boundaries are being redrawn. **DO NOT** start any gardening until all plots have been mapped and assigned to their specific gardeners. You might not have the same plot as last year. Also, water lines still need to be laid in the garden. If you do visit the garden, please remember to close the gate behind you.

*Tips from Garden Coordinator Jim Baumann:*

Spring planting - think soils temperatures!

For many years gardeners have planted by the calendar with lettuce and radishes being planted very soon. Last year planting by the calendar surely did not work, particularly with the snow in April. We'll see how this Spring works out, but right now the soils are very wet and cold.

A better way is to plant by soil temperature. Leeks, onions and lettuce could be planted as the frost leaves the ground but waiting until the soil is 40 degrees may be a better plan. Cauliflower, broccoli and cabbage may be planted when soils are 40 degrees, but will likely do better if you wait until the soils reach 45 to 50 degrees. Tomatoes at 55 to 60 degrees and peppers at 60 to 65 degrees is a good guide.

A good way to get soil temperature information is from the corn growers' site, [wicorn.ncgapremium.com](http://wicorn.ncgapremium.com). This morning, the Madison area soil temperature at a depth of four inches, was 32 degrees.

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