

Sheboygan Avenue Community Garden Newsletter - May 2019



Hello, Gardeners:

We are having 2 workdays in the month of May. Lots of work still needs to be done to prepare the garden for this season. The work days in May are Saturday, May 4, 2019, and May 18, 2019. Hours are from 9:00am to 12:00am. Rain dates are the following Saturdays.

The water in the garden will be turned on by the Parks Department when they have determined that there is no further danger of frost.

The annual **Troy Farm Plant Sale** is Saturday, May 11th from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. You can get all the organic vegetable and herb plants you need to fill your garden this year. Troy Gardens is at 502 Troy Drive (in parking lot at intersection of Troy Dr. and Lerdahl Rd)

About the Plants

- Vegetables & Herbs
- Over 20 types and 75 varieties
- Certified Organic
- Grown in Troy Farm greenhouse
- Hardened off and ready to plant

Pricing:

- 4 Packs (Large Cells)
\$2.50 per plant and \$8.00 per pack
- 6 Packs (Small Cells)
\$1.50 per Plant and \$8.00 per pack

The Sheboygan Avenue Community Garden needs the following volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Jim Baumann (see contact info below)

- Garden Social Events Coordinator
- Garden Newsletter Editor

Some new gardeners have asked about getting started. Our garden library located in the shed has a number of good books that can help. Here are three:

- Square Foot Gardening -- Good information on what to grow and how much space is needed with the objective of growing more in less space.
- Wisconsin Garden Guide -- Chapter 4 Growing Vegetables has a wealth of information.
- Rodale's Vegetables -- Chapter 5 has information on how to grow 20 favorite vegetables.

Garden Tips from Coordinator Jim Baumann:

- There is a soil sifter in the garden shed. Place it over a wheelbarrow and dump in weeds and soil. Soil falls through and weeds/grass stay in the container to be thrown or composted. Please try to keep as much soil in the garden as possible.
- When laying out a garden on sloped areas, make the ridges/furrows go perpendicular to the slope so that the soil will not erode.

Garden Tip from Master Gardener Pat Soderholm:

- "Garden Talk" is a very informative call-in radio show on WHA 970 AM. with Larry Meillor, Fridays 11:00 - 12:30; repeats Saturday at 6 A.M, or can be listened to on personal computer any time.

Recipe of the Month: Rhubarb Compote

Wash stalks. Trim ends of rhubarb stalks and cut into 1/2" slices.

Add 1/4 cup sugar per cup of rhubarb, and a pinch of salt.

In a large microwave-safe bowl microwave until fruit begins to break down, about 2 minutes.

Cool and serve as is, or over ice cream or yogurt, for a delicious dessert.

Optional additions include orange zest, corn starch, cinnamon, or grated ginger, as desired.

(Note: Never eat the leaves; they are toxic, containing oxalic acid)

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