

Sheboygan Avenue Community Garden October 2021 Newsletter



End of Season Message from Jim Baumann, Coordinator

I hope everyone had an enjoyable and productive gardening season!

As the garden coordinator I most enjoyed seeing gardeners again bringing their family and friends to the garden; something I saw very little of last year with COVID restrictions. I like again hearing people laugh and talk about what they grew. Last year many gardeners came by themselves, said little and left quickly. Hopefully, we are getting back to normal.

As gardeners, Melissa and I had a very good year. I finally was able to grow bok choy successfully, but still have much work to do to figure out cucumbers.

Last week while at a business meeting, I talked to two long-time Rennebohm Park users. They are very pleased to have the garden in the park and especially enjoy seeing the flowers along the east fence. I very much want to hear favorable comments like these every year and try to keep the garden relatively tidy to earn such compliments. They wondered about the crutches along the fence. I did to!

I hope to see you at one of our two remaining workdays. If not, have a good rest of fall and winter and hope to see you in the spring.

Looking to Next Year

Garden registration forms will be emailed in early March and will be due near the end of March.

For 2021, our returning gardener registration went relatively well with more than 2/3rds of the gardeners returning the registration forms and fees by the due date. However, we had a dozen or so gardeners who sent in their registration forms as much as six weeks late.

Our garden plots are in high demand. This year we had an 85% return rate, and currently we have a relatively long wait list. If you procrastinate and not send your forms in on time, you probably will not get a plot in 2022.

Also, if you are one of the 17 gardeners who have not put in any work hours, please do not expect to receive a 2022 registration form.

Board Elections

Our garden by-laws require elections of board members every year. Although we skipped last year, I don't want to skip elections this year. My current thought is to conduct board elections in the next four to six weeks through some electronic method, such as Survey Monkey. Right now it appears there will be at least one vacant slot on the board that I'll try to fill in the spring.

Garden Clean-up

You need to do your end of season cleanup this month. If you are not returning next year please leave with a clean plot and not leave it for our workday crews. I'll be sending out an email with more information in about a week.



Board Member Contact Info:

If you would like to contact a board member by email, click on the name below:

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