

June 2010 Dowling Community Garden Newsletter

Summer is here! With all of the recent rain, weeds as well as vegetables are flourishing. Time to get out and garden regularly!

Path Issues

We are having problems with some gardeners throwing items onto the paths. The most serious problem is with rocks. Rocks threaten our lawn mower, but much more importantly, they threaten the safety of the gardener who is operating it and that of bystanders. **Please** do not throw trash, weeds, and especially rocks into any pathway. If you see rocks anywhere on a path, please remove them. If you have raspberries, rhubarb, or other plants that infringe on a path, please cut them back. If you do not, you may be cited for a rule violation, and/or your infringing plants may be cut off and placed in your garden by a clean-up crew.

Final Planting Deadline

The end of June is the deadline for having your garden fully planted. If it is not fully planted by then, you may be assigned a smaller plot next year according to the rules.

July Clean-Up Day

The next clean-up day will be held on July 10, from 10 a.m. to noon. If you are assigned to clean-up duty, a sign-up sheet will be on the inside of the tool shed door starting on or about June 19. **Only** those gardeners assigned to cleanup should use the sign-up sheet. This clean-up will be limited to 15 gardeners assigned to clean-up, so sign up early.

Facebook Page

Join other Dowling Community Gardeners online on Facebook. Connect with other gardeners to ask questions, share ideas, post photos of your exceptional vegetables, etc.

The group was established as a "closed group" by the Steering Committee this spring and already has a few members. "Closed" means that the group will not be indexed by search engines and will not be viewable by non-members. **To join, search Facebook for "Dowling Community Garden", and then click on "Join this group"** to submit a request to the administrators. Your request will be approved as quickly as possible. Only registered gardeners and co-gardeners will be permitted to join. If you are not a Facebook member and want to join this group, you must first become a Facebook member. Be sure to check and tighten your privacy settings.

The hope is that this group will help gardeners connect more easily outside of the garden. Check out the "Discussions" tab if you want to start a thread on your passion for heirloom garlic, tomatoes, etc. Post a question on the Wall to find answers or connect with gardeners with common interests. Add an event you know of that is gardening related.

Food Donations

As we swing into summer, vegetables and fruits will become more and more abundant. Please place any surplus that you have in one of the donation coolers by the shed. Check the pickup schedule in the kiosk on the shed door and try to get your produce to the coolers just before the pickup, ideally the evening before or very early the morning of the pickup day.

Looking forward to seeing you in the garden!

Eric, Jeffrey, Jerry, Joan, Kirsten, and Steve