

May 2010 Dowling Community Garden Newsletter

After a warm start, the weather lately has been cold and wet, but warmer weather is on the way! Get out and start planting!

Planting Deadline

Gardeners are reminded that the rules require that your garden be at least 50 percent planted by May 30. Failure to do so may result in a rule violation citation. If your garden is not fully planted by late June, you may be assigned a smaller plot next year.

Service Reporting

The rules require that all service be reported within two weeks of the time that it is completed. Gardeners are strongly urged to report their service immediately after performing it. To report service, complete a service form. These forms are kept on a pad on the inside of the tool shed door. Be sure to include your name and the **plot number**. Drop the form in the box provided. You can report any amount of service on a form. We recommend that you report service on the day it is done, even if you plan to do another stint of service in a day or two.

June Clean-up Day

The June Clean-up day will be held on June 5, 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 May 15. **Only** those gardeners assigned to clean-up should use the sign-up sheet. To fulfill your 4 hour service obligation, you will need to attend 2 clean-up days. The number of open slots for each clean-up day will be limited, so **sign up early!** Be sure to complete a service form after you have done your work.

Plant Sale

The Dowling Community Garden plant sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 15 in the area in front of the tool shed. A list of varieties that will be available has been posted on the Garden's web site and in the kiosk on the shed door.

Food Donations

Pickups of food donations have begun. A schedule is posted in the kiosk on the tool shed door. Pickups occur every Monday, Thursday and Saturday. If you have **rhubarb** that you are not using, please harvest it and put it in the contribution coolers. There is a **huge** amount of rhubarb that is **going to waste** around the garden, and food shelves are quite happy to receive it.

Looking forward to seeing you in the garden!

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