

# October 2010 Dowling Community Garden Newsletter

We are all cleaning up our plots now, in preparation for winter. Repeating last month's message, if you take material to the school compost area, ***please put it as far to the back as possible!***

## Keep in Touch

Gardeners are reminded that you must keep the Garden informed of any changes in your contact information. If your e-mail or telephone number changes and you do not inform us, you may not receive important notifications. If you move and do not inform us, you may not receive your renewal notice. So keep us up to date!

## Last Clean Up Day is October 30

Turnout at the October 2 clean up event was again great! Service slips continue to roll in. There is only one more clean up day, October 30. This day is open to all gardeners without sign up. Please bring gloves and dress for serious work. As always, be sure to turn in your service slip after you have performed any service.

## Reporting Service Hours

Check to be sure we have correct service information by reviewing the service slip worksheet at <http://www.dowlingcommunitygarden.org/pdf/DCG%20Service%20Hours%202010.pdf> . Data from your service slips should appear online within a week or two after you submit a slip. Check the slip pickup date at the top of the worksheet. The worksheet has one line for each slip submitted, so you have to add them up to be sure that you have enough hours. ***All gardeners are advised to check the worksheet to be sure that your service hours have been recorded correctly.***

## Service and Reporting Deadlines

The deadline for performing service is November 7. The deadline for reporting service time is November 21. If, for any hardship reason, you may be unable to complete your required service hours, please contact us now, rather than waiting until after you have received a service time rule violation notice. After the service reporting deadline, ***unreported service time will not be counted, and service rule violations will be based on unreported service time only.***

**Food Donation**

Donations of all veggies are welcome. Fall crops such as squash and pumpkins are especially appreciated. Check the pick up schedule in the shed kiosk and place your surplus in the coolers or buckets as near to pick up as possible. Pickups for food shelf donations are scheduled until the end of October.

**Green Tomato Festival and Cook-Off October 21**

This favorite annual event in the Phillips neighborhood will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 2742 15th Ave. South, from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday the 21st. Contest food entries must be received by 6:15 p.m.