

Paul and Ruth Lemp Memorial Community Garden

Gardener's News

June 11, 2023



The Deed is done, now for the fun



The Bed Assembly Gang

May 28, a day that will live on in the hearts of the Paul and Ruth Lemp Memorial Community Garden Gardeners! At approximately 4:00 pm, Phase 2 of our Garden was completed! We are now 50 beds strong! Thanks to the “Army” of volunteers that have faithfully responded over the past three weeks, 10 more short and 10 more tall beds have been assembled, placed, and filed with Garden Blend Soil provided by American Landscaping. Special Thanks to Grant Stockly who provided

the tractor and time to not only dump the soil, but graded the yard to smooth out all the bumps and ditches.



First the Weed Blocker Cloth, then the cardboard, then the leaves and sticks





And finally, the Garden Blend Soil, thanks to Grant and American Landscaping

COOL, CLEAR WATER

On June 1, thanks to Gary, Brian, John and Steve, a second tank platform was constructed and the new Tank was installed and filled. Now we have a capacity of 900 Gallons, when both are filled. **We need help keeping the tanks full.** More watering cans (6), and another wagon to haul them, were added to the Tool Supply Area, which is now located between the two tanks. Please remember to share the tools, clean them off and return them to the tool area when you are done using them. The tools were donated by individual gardeners and the church.



Brian, John, Gary and Steve



Holden, the Waterman

EXTRA PLANTS?

Aw shucks You bought, or grew, more starters than you have space for! If you have leftovers, and there's other folks workin when you discover the problem, offer them to the others! If nobody wants them right then, put them on the tables out of reach of the wild "waskely wabbits". Some of our gardeners are new to gardening, so it would help if your "give-aways" are labeled! Somebody will use them.



VEGGIE WEIGH-IN

Paperwork ... a necessary evil. And we dislike it as much as you do. But, in order to keep getting the grants that make it possible to enlarge and improve the garden, we have to provide evidence that the Garden is actually producing food. Last year we did a lot of guessing on the quantity that was produced. This year, we'd like to have a wee bit more accuracy! We have purchased a Digital Scale with a hanging web basket, for you to weigh your "stuff"! It's hanging between the water tanks! Please keep a record of your produce and weight (example: 20 lbs carrots) and at the end of the harvest we'll send you a form to complete with your info.



First weigh-in; 1.4 lbs radishes

And to make it a little fun, we're going to have a contest to see who grows the largest quantity (in Lbs) and who grows the biggest single Zucchini, Carrot, Parsnip, Broccoli head, Cauliflower Head, Corn Cob, or whatever you grow that can be measured by weight. Take a photo of it and send it to us as an email attachment. The picture should include the scale, showing the weight, and the vegetable. You can enter more than once but only the biggest one will be counted. **THERE WILL BE PRIZES!** We-uns will have ourselves a Lemp Garden Fair!

Community
GARDEN PARTY

All are invited and welcome
Bring a lawn chair!



Food- Games - Door Prizes- Fun
hosted by Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Wednesday June 14

5:30pm

Paul and Ruth Lemp
Memorial Community
Garden

This is a potluck event with the Church providing burgers and Hot dogs. Surprise us with your side dishes supremo!

Taking Care of your Garden

A gentle reminder

Garden Maintenance can become a problem if you do not water and weed, and control insect infestations, such as Aphids (we sent you a recipe in the May Newsletter). We will contact you if we see a problem. That is why your application form has the name and contact info for someone to call if we cannot reach you. The following rules are from the Gardeners Welcome Packet, Gardener Guidelines.

6. Gardeners should have their beds fully planted by the third week of June and remove all vegetation and debris by September 30th.

Today, June 6, we performed a “walk-through” of the garden. As of this afternoon there appear to be 8 beds that have not been planted. June 15 is coming fast and we will be contacting the gardeners to find out what their plans are. We have a waiting list so if you have changed your mind about planting, please contact us and save us the time of contacting you.

10. Please keep the garden area free of litter and weeds. Place all trash in the provided trash container that is near the water tanks and place plant debris in the provided composting area outside the fence. Gardeners must maintain their beds, keeping them weed-free and cared for. **If a bed appears abandoned, it may be reassigned to someone else.**

At this time we are still working on the trash and plant debris problem. Please place all of it in the Garbage Bin that is located by the water tanks.

Recipes?

Maybe next month?

We did not receive any recipes so there are none to print. Come on folks ... we suspect that there are fantastic victuals out there just waiting to be shown-off. Maybe they will show up at the Garden Party this coming Wednesday, June 14, at 5:30 pm. If the weather forecast is yucky we will move inside the church to the fellowship hall.