

## The Rose Garden Gets an Update!

The board would like to acknowledge the tremendous rebuild of the Rose Garden fence!

The Rose Garden is one of two parcels tended to by volunteers at our garden, along with the Pollinator Garden. It was long in need of having the surround rebuilt. Over the past few years members have been nurtured the roses, added an arbor and improved the drip irrigation as their community service. This spring, the color and beauty of the garden has been exceptional and now the fence and new sign have made it a showstopper. Make sure to find time to stop and smell the roses this week (and check out the new fence and sign!)

Friendly reminder that roses in the Rose Garden are not to be picked, they are for all members to enjoy at the garden!



Please extend a warm welcome to our five new members when you see them at the garden!

Angela at J1, Morgan at F7, Tracey at C3, Alexandra at A7, and Andrew at B5.

#### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Celebration! Big win for our garden community!

In May, the garden received the very exciting news that due to the work of our treasurer, Alison Batten, we have secured a significant charitable donation. The Schmidt Foundation has generously made a onetime donation of \$10,000! This will cover the purchase and installation of two long overdue 10x12 shade structures. As more details of the plans develop, they will be presented at our general meetings for member comment. If you are interested in helping us plan the garden's "shady" future, join us for our general meetings on the  $3^{\rm rd}$  Thursday of the month, at 7pm at Mae Boyer Park:)

### Garden manager Bob's tomato tip for June:

Switch from high nitrogen fertilizer to high potassium fertilizer for flower production. More flowers = more tomatoes!



# How does our garden work?



Theme: Water Conservation

### Be Part of the Solution!

Water bills in summer are one of our major costs. Here's some helpful reminders:

- · Please don't overwater, be water wise.
- · Water in the morning if you can.
- Better to water deeply and less frequently than watering a little bit every single day.
- Check your irrigation systems regularly for leaks or issues.
- · Use mulch to help reduce evaporation.

### Important dates

- July 17, 7:00pm at Mae Boyer Park: General Meeting
- \*Note: No General Meeting for August!
- Community workdays may be held (weather permitting.) Garden Manager Bob to advise.