

# Paul and Ruth Lemp Memorial Community Garden Gardener's News Bulletin May 12, 2024



THIS IS A QUICK BULLETIN  
with no frills or fotografas because it's all important stuff that folks  
have been asking about. Disregard at your own peril!

2024 GARDEN OPENING DATE  
and  
REGISTRATION \$\$\$\$\$  
SATURDAY, MAY 18, 9:00 am  
\*Snow, Rain, or Shine\*

Registration and fees payment 9:00 am to 4:00 pm **in the Church Narthex**. The Annual Fee is still \$15 per bed. This helps pay for the charges for the RENT-A-CAN. Please pay via Check or Cash. A **Check is preferred**, made out to **COSLC Garden Fund**. You will be given the new gate combination and gift certificate to Forget-Me-Not Nursery when you pay your fees! You also will be given, at the garden site, your new package of Organic Fertilizer!

## PADLOCK QUIRKS

Opening: set the combination on the center line. Push the lock up, then pull it down, it should unlock. **To re-lock, first, change all of the numbers**, then push the lock together. It should relock. If it doesn't work, call one of the numbers listed on the sign attached to the gate, for help. We cannot leave the garden unlocked.

# IS THE GARDEN READY?

**THE QUICK ANSWER IS MAYBE!** On Friday, May 10, the soil temp was 38 degrees at 3" deep. **TODAY IT WAS 48.** You could plant seeds for root vegetables, such as Radish, Carrot, Parsnip, etc., but they would not grow as quickly as they will if you wait until the soil warms a little more!

**BUT,**

You can clean up your Vego-bed, removing any weeds that are starting to pop out, and loosening the soil, removing rocks, etc. **A request from the grounds crew: Please do not throw the rocks into the walkways.** The lawnmower could hit them and send them flying, maybe into you or another gardener, besides damaging the mower blades. Pile the rocks, BIG and small, on top of your bed at the either end. We can use the "biggs" for landscaping and the "smalls" can be dumped back in the woods. Other rubbish should be placed in the Green Recycle bin.

## NEW BEDS, MOVE BEDS, RENUMBER BEDS,

And

## SWITCH BEDS

As noted in the March Newsletter, we have 5 more beds that are a little taller than our short beds, narrower, and longer, specifically for those of you\* who wish to grow tall plants, such as Pole Beans, Pole Peas, Sunflowers, etc. This gives us a total of 55 beds. The new ones will be placed next to the WEST FENCE, between the gate and the corner. Before we assemble them and put them in place, we want to move beds 39, 45, and 46, to a location that will give them a little more direct light. The beds will have to be totally emptied before we can move and refill them. Lots of hand labor, **DOUBLE UGH.** The **MOVED BEDS** and the **NEW BEDS will not be available for planting until after they have been moved/built.** Like everything else with our garden, the work party dates are weather dependent, but you can expect a howl for help in May or early June! Some beds will be renumbered to accommodate the move but, if you requested it, you will still get the same bed you had before! If you would like to join the Construction crew, please contact Dan @ 907-865-3275. We will forward your contact info to the crew boss! The faster we can get the old beds moved and new ones built, the faster they can be planted!

\*As noted earlier, the new beds are for those of you who wish to grow tall plants. That means you will have to switch from the bed you have to one of the new ones. The date to do that will be this coming Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, when you register/re-register!

## MEMORIAL REST AREA "POCKET PARK"

Plans are progressing and the local Community Council has given us their stamp of approval! The dead leaves/twigs' that are in our "Forest Border" need to be raked out for use as fill in our moved/new beds. Then we will begin to thin, trim and top the trees. We are exploring the possibility of hiring a Professional Landscaping Company for the thin/trim/top , which we'd like to accomplish this summer.