



Dear Friends of Coastside Friendship Organic Gardens

Thanks again for your interest in learning more about c-FOG and how you can get involved!

With the COVID-19 pandemic, we have had to postpone our Earth Day launch, but we are exploring the virtual options available, so feel free to send along your ideas.

We know it has been tough to stay home, but I hope many of you are doing some gardening. Now more than ever, it is important to have local food security and have all our communities start community gardens.

We are happy to share our progress. Here are the highlights:

- 1) We have received a grant for General infrastructure of **\$20,000** from the Office of Sustainability from San Mateo County.
- 2) We have secured liability insurance and are entering a License Agreement with the City of Half Moon Bay to use 1/3 acre of land. In addition, the City of HMB will recommend a **\$20,000** match to help c-FOG build its fence and other infrastructure. We hope to have the City Council approve this at its April 7th meeting.
- 3) We are part of Coastside Gives and hope to raise an additional \$20,000 through this local campaign. See this [link](#) and [donate today](#) !
- 4) We have registered for [Amazon Smile](#) , which means every time you make an Amazon Purchase, you will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Coastside Friendship Organic Gardens. Next time you buy from Amazon, go through Amazon Smile, choose Coastside Friendship Organic Gardens and help us raise funds.
- 5) We have updated our website—see www.c-fog.org
- 6) Help us come up with a name for the first garden, which is located next to the train depot and the Johnston House. It is due this **Friday** . Please send your ideas.
- 7) We plan to officially launch this summer—stay tuned.

In the mean time we can meet virtually and set-up working committees, so please let us know your group participation preference:

- 1) Community Outreach and Volunteers
- 2) Garden planning
- 3) Fundraising
- 4) Marketing

Looking forward to hearing from you!

c-FOG's Board
Eva, Joe, Janice and Liza