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"When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect." Aldo Leopold

Was It You?

Cameron Frecker bought and installed a ZJRLY Ultrasonic Animal Repeller, a safe and humane device to keep unwanted pests away from his plot. Cameron provided the following link if anyone is interested in purchasing this device from Amazon or needs further information:

[Ultrasonic Animal Repeller Outdoor](#)

Unfortunately, someone who may have been curious and does not have permission to access anything in Cameron's plot, shut off Cameron's device. **Was it you?**

As a reminder, we are all **adults** who enjoy playing in the dirt. Garden members should attend to their own plot and refrain from snooping around the garden and/or harvesting other garden member's crops. You should also refrain from "borrowing" or handling other garden member's personal items unless you have explicit permission to do so. In other words, please refrain from **childish** behavior.

The Return of The Stink Bug/Beetle



If your cucumber, rhubarb, summer squash and zucchini plants are no longer producing produce and are wilting, they may have been infested by the stink bug/beetle. Please Google stink bug or beetle to find home remedies or organic insecticides to protect your plants. You may find more information in our older Newsletters that are posted on our weebly site; see URL above.

More Rain Forecasted

This year, more than previous years, weather forecasts have made it difficult to stick to scheduled workdays or plan garden events. For example, I hoped to plan a pizza party for this weekend, but the forecast for most of this week called for rain Thursday night, Friday and Saturday. Even when the forecast changes, anything less than 7 days is not enough time to plan and schedule any event for 38+ garden members and their guests. Some of us have tried to gather at the last minute on a Saturday or Sunday only to be canceled by rain. We will continue to look at our options for a pizza party and the barbecue.

The rain has also hindered our ability to order playground chips and/or stone dust this year. Again, blame it on the rain. In previous years, we had these items delivered on a Saturday in Spring, sometimes in conjunction with a workday. Other times a vast majority of garden members would volunteer to spread these items throughout the garden. They were offloaded onto a tarp on the lawn behind the garden. Many times, the large and small trucks got stuck in mud on the lawn. This year, we considered offloading the trucks onto a tarp on the street in front of the garden, after school was dismissed for Summer. However, we had rain for nine out of 14 weekend days since June 1st and, since Covid, many providers no longer deliver on the weekends.

Save The Date

One of the last works days is scheduled for Saturday, September 16, 2023.
