

Riverbend Community Garden
Newsletter
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Gardening requires lots of water, most of it in the form of perspiration. - Lou Erickson

2023 Pre-Registration Form

It's hard to believe that Spring is only 8 days away especially with current weather reports predicting a northeaster for Tuesday.

As we begin Daylight Savings Time and with Spring in mind, please access and complete the 2023 Pre-Registration form at the following URL:
<https://forms.gle/XyazoD6jpefohArAA>

Please complete the form by March 15, 2023, to retain your membership at Riverbend Community Garden. After this date, we will assume that you are not returning for the 2023 garden season.

Please let me know if you can't access the 2023 Pre-Registration form at:
riverbendcommunitygarden2003@gmail.com

Save The Date

Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting of Riverbend Community Garden at the Charlotte and William Bloomberg Medford Public Library on High Street in Medford on Thursday, April 20th, at 7:00 PM.

We will confirm this date as soon as the library lets us know that the space is available for the meeting.

Thank You!

The Steering Committee thanks Leon Monnin who, in the dead of winter, cut dead perennials and removed 13 wheelbarrows of leaves from the perimeter of the garden.

11 Principles by Ashley Chalmers

According to Ashley Chalmers, there are 11 principles to know when laying out a vegetable garden:

- 1. Have Patience:** A great veggie garden takes time.
- 2. Start Small:** Even if you have a large plot, it's best to keep things manageable.
- 3. Mark Out Your Plot:** Vegetables need sunlight or buy seeds that tolerate some shade.
- 4. Pre-Plan Your Irrigation:** Vegetable plants require water. We are fortunate to have an ample supply of water.
- 5. Clear Your Soil of Stones & Weeds:** Doing this and adding compost will ensure that your soil is of the highest quality possible.
- 6. Start With the Easiest Veggies:** A great start to your garden layout is easy-to-grow plants.
- 7. Plan A Sensible Vegetable Plot:** The mature height and size of a plant is important to avoid overcrowding. When plants compete for soil nutrients, airflow, and sunlight you're welcoming in a variety of pests and diseases.
- 8. Pay Attention to Each Plants Individual Needs:** The best ways to guarantee a garden's success is by treating each plant individually.
- 9. Include Natural Bug-Eaters In Your Layout:** Certain flowers like Cosmos, Chamomile, Marigolds and others are great for controlling pests.
- 10. Maximize Biodiversity:** The right choice of plants can make your garden task easier.
- 11. Embrace the Journey:** It's all about learning and growing together.

Happy Gardening!
