

**Riverbend Community Garden**  
**Newsletter**  
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**September 2022**

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**"Autumn carries more gold in its pocket than all the other seasons." — Jim Bishop**

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**High Winds Expected on Sunday**

This Sunday, the remnants of Hurricane Ian may bring scattered showers and high winds in the 35 to 40 mph range to our area. Garden members are encouraged to check your plot to make sure that everything is secure and not liable to cause damage anywhere in the garden.

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**Rock Garden Maze**



Have you seen the new rock garden maze? The City remediated the contaminated soil behind the townhomes on Ship Avenue, poured concrete slabs over the remediated area and made a permanent maze that citizens and children use to add extra steps to their walks.

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**PLANTING GARLIC**

Are you thinking about planting garlic this year?

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**Planting Garlic Continued**



You usually plant garlic during the second to last week of October and harvest the following July here are three varieties; hard neck, soft neck and elephant garlic. In our garden, hard neck garlic seems to grow best. You normally plant garlic in our area around October 15<sup>th</sup> and harvest it around July 15<sup>th</sup>. A recent article recommends planting your garlic cloves 3-6 weeks before the ground freezes or becomes unworkable.

There is some controversy about covering your garlic with hay versus salt marsh hay. We've always been told that hay contains hayseed which will sprout in your garden in the spring. Salt marsh supposedly does not contain hayseed. However, there is a slight possibility that salt march hay may also produce hay.

It's also recommended that you thoroughly wet whatever you use for groundcover over your garlic to keep out mice and voles that typically look for a warm snug place to burrow in.

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**Remaining 2022 Work Days**

The last scheduled work day for the 2022 Garden Season is: **Saturday OCT 22**. More days may be added if necessary.

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