

**Riverbend Community Garden**  
**Newsletter**  
<https://riverbendcommunitygarden.weebly.com/>  
**April 2021**

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**Snow provokes responses that reach right back to childhood.** Andy Goldsworthy  
**Enough with the snow already!** Bob Veneziano

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**2021 Covid-19 Guidelines**

For everyone's safety and until further notice, Riverbend Community Garden (RCG) will observe the following 2021 Covid Guidelines regardless of your vaccination status:

1. Please stay home if you are sick, especially if you are sick with Covid.
2. Masks must be worn in the garden if another gardener is present.
3. Maintain 6 feet of separation from other gardeners.
4. Only one person at a time is allowed in the shed.
5. Gloves are not required for manipulating the locks or using hoses and garden tools. Please wear gloves or wipe down locks, hoses and garden tools with sanitizing wipes before touching them, if you are concerned for your own personal safety.
6. There are no limits as to the number of gardeners in the garden at any one time. However, if you enter the garden and there are 10 or more gardeners present, please be courteous and ask them if they are comfortable with additional gardeners entering the garden.

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**Available Plots for Reassignment**

To date, there are two full plots and one half plot available for reassignment. As a rule, vacant plots are first offered for reassignment to garden members in good standing based on seniority. **You cannot maintain two plots at RCG.** Please let me know if you are interested in moving to one of these plots no later than Friday, April 30, 2021, or they will be offered to potential new gardeners on the wait list.  
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**Update on Raised Bed Replacements**

The vocational teachers at Somerville High School are still interested in having their carpentry students replace garden beds at RCG. However, the junior students aren't returning to school until May. It's even possible that they will postpone their interest until the Fall when the students return to a full school year and Covid is under control.

**Thank You**

I'd like to thank everyone who has cleaned their plot in advance of the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. As a reminder, your garden membership may be terminated for failure to abide by the rules and regulations governing your membership.

**Special Thanks**

Special thanks to Daria Medwid, Linda Arini, Mary Santoro and Jim McNabb for helping me with work day activities in advance of the 2021 garden season. Daria (and a volunteer) cleaned out the flower beds. Linda, Mary and Jim cleaned up piles of brush, leaves petrified stems, etc. Jim has already weeded three of the four flower beds under the pergola, leveled the bricks in the same area, replaced a water line to one of the taps and is helping to replace the soaker hoses at the front of the garden.

**The Steering Committee**

We need two garden members to serve on RCG's Steering Committee. We normally maintain five Steering Committee members. We currently have three members. Please let me know if you'd like to serve on the Steering Committee: [vee-man@comcast.net](mailto:vee-man@comcast.net)

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