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A life is like a garden. Perfect moments can be had, but not preserved, except in memory. — *Leonard Nimoy*

Compost Bins

The compost bins with composted soil have been weeded.

The first compost bin is still "cooking" and should only be used to top off dead plants that are placed into the compost bins.

The second compost bin is almost empty and should only be used to dispose of garden plants.

DO NOT PUT WEEDS OR DISEASED PLANTS INTO ANY OF THE COMPOST BINS.

The third compost bin is full and has been topped off to start the "cooking" process.

DO NOT PUT ANYTHING INTO THE THIRD COMPOST BIN.

From The Medford Garden Commission

Have you heard about the City's new composting partnership with Garbage to Garden?

Interested residents can now request curbside compost pickup at a lower negotiated monthly rate for Medford households. Residents who subscribe to the service will also make a one-time purchase of a 12-gallon locking, rolling bin to hold food scraps and other compostable material and receive a complimentary bag of finished compost. Additional finished compost is also available for weekly delivery at \$3. per bag. To learn more and sign up check out Garbage to Garden's website:

https://garbagetogarden.org/curbside-compostmedford-massachusetts.php

Thank You

Thank you to the 9 garden members who showed their community spirit by joining me at last Monday's work day: Tony & Janet Marino, Joan Kurker, Emmet Sweeney, Cheryl Leone, Igor Dobromyslina, Zia, Bonnie Campbell and Raisa for Ekaterina Novikova.

And thank you to Anne Traer who was present at the last work day but forgot to sign in.

I also owe a thank you to Jim McNabb who continues to maintain the common areas of the garden whenever he's not taking care of his own garden plot.

Saturday, October 16th is the next work day. Time is running out to complete your work days.

Dead Wood

Earlier this summer, Bruce Tsiknas cut all of the dead wood behind the shed into more manageable pieces. A few weeks ago, Linda Arini tied up a few bundles and took them home to put out on yard waste day. This past Monday, Janet and Joni tied up more bundles and yesterday, Linda and Jim McNabb took home more bundles to get rid of them. There are more bundles for disposal if anyone would like to help us clean up the area behind the shed.

DO NOT PLACE ANYMORE DEAD WOOD BEHIND THE SHED OR YOUR MEMBERSHIP WILL BE TERMINATED.

Garlic

It's almost time to plant garlic. Attached is a copy of a document entitled How To Grow Garlic.