

March - April 2024

Quote for this Newsletter

"I envision a day when every city and town has front and back yards, community gardens and growing spaces, nurtured into life by neighbors who are no longer strangers, but friends who delight in the edible rewards offered from a garden they discovered together." – Greg Peterson

Good News - Save The Date!

The Steering Committee is pleased to announce that we will be returning to the McGlynn School for Riverbend Community Garden's Annual Meeting.

Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting at McGlynn School on Tuesday evening, April 16th starting at 6:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the school's Café which is located on the ground floor to the left of the main entrance. There is ample parking in front of the school.

This date and location are better than the only date that we could secure at the Charlotte and William Bloomberg Medford Public Library on High Street, Saturday, April 20th, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM. The library has limited parking and there may be limited street parking due to St. Joseph Church parishioners who attend Saturday Mass.

We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting.

2024 Pre-Registration Form

The 2024 Pre-Registration is complete and may be accessed at the following URL:
<https://forms.gle/xveJQLxe7wpUUdLc7>

Copy the URL and paste it into your browser if you cannot access the form by clicking on the URL link.

Please complete your pre-registration by April 15th to retain your membership.

As a Reminder

The Medford Garden Commission and Riverbend Community Garden (RCG) limit Medford residents to one garden plot citywide. RCG vets new member applicants with the Medford Garden Commission, and we share our yearly roster with them, to ensure that there are no duplicate memberships. RCG members who maintain more than one community plot citywide shall forfeit their garden fee and membership.

What's New for 2024

Workdays:

As previously mentioned, rainy weekends during the 2023 garden season are the main reason why 33 percent of garden members did not honor their commitment to workdays. This year, to reduce this percentage, we will:

- only cancel or reschedule workdays if thunderstorms are forecasted.
 - If thunderstorms are only scheduled for Saturday, the workday will be held on Sunday Morning from 7/8 – 10/11AM.
 - If thunderstorms are scheduled for Monday, the workday will be held on Wednesday.
 - Garden members and their spouse or partner will be able to work on the same workday but are limited to 1.5 hours per person per workday.
 - No one will receive workday credit for work performed outside of scheduled workdays, unless specifically authorized by the Steering Committee.
 - No one will receive workday credit for lending a hand to gardeners who need assistance with their plots, outside of scheduled workdays.
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