

Community Garden

57th and Garrison
Public Hours
S & S 8:00am to Noon
M & W 5:00pm to 7:00pm



Monthly Meetings

2nd Monday, 6:30pm
APEX Community Recreation
Center
6842 Wadsworth Blvd

Arvada Gardeners minutes July 12, 2021

Call to order. Said the pledge at the garden at 7:03pm

GIC sign-up list in Un-blue. Only need to initial beside your name.

Heather 139 gave an update on the Affordable Housing north of the garden.

Betsy 109 contacted Maureen at Urban Renewal to make sure ACG is included in Paseo design.

Alex 42 said almost all projects on the Work Day (6/19) list were done. Work continued to complete the retaining wall, along the south & east side of the garden. Thanks to Tom T 72, Dan 22/23 & Logan Hearn (Treva's 79 grandson) for completing the wall this past Sunday, 7/11/2021. Took a lot of hard work & sweat! And an appreciative thanks to Mike Eddins (next door neighbor) for the use of his water & electricity to run the brick cutter. Next workday, 7/17, will include weeding & mowing the corral, weeding the paths, routing the boards in the compost bins - making them easier to use. DON'T forget, you are responsible for making sure the path around you plot is weed free. Note, Aug work day will be a week earlier, Aug 7, so that the garden will look beautiful for the Open House! Beautify your plot!

John R 56 said we had \$5311 at the beginning of the month and presently have \$3346. Plot rental income is over. Expenses included liability insurance, 4 new wheel borrows that were purchased from ACE Hardware (Dan was able to get a good deal from ACE), and the increased Xcel bill.

Minutes from last month were accepted.

Leslie A 60/2 is working hard on the projects earmarked for the \$3000 city grant money.

Dawn S 78 has posted tracking hours through Sat. July 10. Said the July 4th event was a lot of fun, with 110 attendees & 13 groups doing the scavenger hunt, many prizes awarded. Thanks Anne 88 for all that you did to make it happen & all those who brought edibles, to share. The outing to the Rockies game is this coming Sat 7/17/2021. Shelley Cook/Veggie Van/RTD donated 6 RTD passes that were raffled off for those going to the game.

Dawn S 78 is having a 'kick off' meeting Thursday July 15 @ 7pm, at north gazebo, to discuss plans for the Annual Open House (Aug 14th 11am-2pm). Any garden members interested in helping with the Open House are invited/encouraged to attend. There will a table with herbs in 2" pots, along with seed packets, to be given away at the Open House.

Heather 139 said last class was 'Garden Myths'. Good class with informative hand out. Next class is July 21, 'Growing and Uses of Herbs', which will meet in the herb garden. Be sure to attend.

Frank Y 48 reported we now have 407+ pounds of plastic. Looks like a new bench is in our sights. Keep saving.

Heather said shirts and hats still available. The ladies small shirts may fit some children.

Madeline H 62 is working on the Colorado Garden Foundation Grant. If you have ideas, email Bill O with your suggestions and an estimated cost. All suggestions will be ranked at the meeting in August. A lot of what the garden has, has been acquired through this Grant.

The compost 'collection' pile is now along the north fence east of the bins. Note this is where ALL weeds, grass, etc is to go. The 1st big pile, the 'Starting Pile' (ie: starting to cook) is across from the bins and is where you can put food scraps, coffee grounds, etc. NO weeds. Rick 75 suggests you make a hole in this pile, place your food scraps, then cover the scraps. Anyone that can help Rick with the composting and moving the 2nd large pile to the Finished pile/area, would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Rick.

Thanks to Ann 72, Robin 81, Kelli 13 and Lacey 93 for doing some garden tours.

Recycling of recyclable items (independent of bags) is handled by Annie 88 and Marilyn 30. Thanks!

Scott S 78 said the Harvest Festival Parade will be Sat. Sept 11, 2021 from 9am-noon. The theme is Dancing In The Streets. Send your ideas to Bill 51 and at the meeting on August 9th we will vote on the float idea to select. Please join, all are welcome. The parade route will be shorter & the Festival will be held in Wolff Park.

Shelley Cook/Veggie Van will pick up vegetables, at the garden, Wed, Fri, & Sunday at 4pm. Please put veggies, for the Veggie Van, in the basket on the bottom shelf, prior to 4pm. Vegetables for the Community Table (Food Bank) are to be put on the 2 middle shelves. Sally B 47 will pick these up (date/time to be determined) and take them to the Comm. Table.

HATS OFF to Arvada Community Gardens! Bill 51 said the ACG is the ONLY garden in the USA that is certified bike friendly. There will be a Bike Ride August 7th starting from the garden at 9am and visiting other community gardens in Arvada. For more information go to

<https://www.meetup.com/BikeFriendlyArvada-Community-Bike-Rides/>

PLEASE keep the gate locked, except when there is a GIC on duty or there are quite a few members in the garden. If you are the last to leave the garden, please make sure the pump is off & locked.

Meeting Adjourned.

Meeting Attendees: Ron J36, Bill O 51, John R 56, Heather F 139, Alex B 42, Lyn M 117, Michael M 41, Dan A 22/23, Karen B 46, Derek M 39, Bob G 110, Treva H 79, Janice M 52/53, Milynda & Fred P 92, Scott & Dawn S 78, Debbie H 206, Judi S 87, Mike F 25, Pua W 89, Annie R 88.

Lyn Miller 117