

# Arvada Gardeners

## Annual Garden Plot Newsletter June 2016

### Hi Gardeners,

Welcome to the 2016 season of gardening with the Arvada Gardeners. This is our 49th year of community gardening. Look for our friendly faces . . . wearing a green club shirt or the familiar Arvada Gardeners' hat. We hope you enjoy this summer with us.

### GARDEN ITEMS 2016

- Greenhouse is available for anyone to use.
- Storage for renters and members is available in fenced storage in the northwest corner. Label your items with name and plot number.
- Garden is open every day: SS 7:30am to noon, MTWThF 5pm to 7pm.
- Monitor the garden ditch water and temperatures at [www.imonnit.com](http://www.imonnit.com) website login *garden*, password *garden15*
- A community agriculture ordinance was adopted by the city council in 213 which affects the operation of our garden. Make sure to read the guidelines and comply. [http://static.arvada.org/docs/Community\\_Agriculture\\_Guide\\_2013-1-201307161519.pdf](http://static.arvada.org/docs/Community_Agriculture_Guide_2013-1-201307161519.pdf)
- Compost pile has been moved to the northwest corner. Please follow the posted instructions.

### GARDEN ETIQUETTE

- Keep weeds out of pathways.
- One hose per person, per garden.
- Keep plants 12" inside the corner stakes.
- Don't borrow items from other plots without asking permission.
- Use the Put-N-Take table.
- Return tools to the storage rack.
- Carry trash to dumpster.

### GARDEN NEIGHBORS

On a sheet in the blue shed is a list of all the garden plots and to whom they are registered. Please make it a point to wander around the garden and visit with your neighbors. After all, they could be watering / weeding your garden when you go on vacation, and vice versa. You could meet new people, make new friends and have a wholly enjoyable gardening experience.

### DONATIONS

Like any non-profit organization we are always open for donations. Next time you have a garage sale or are cleaning out your basement keep us in mind for garden tools, hoses, tomato stakes and cages, string, spreaders, weed-eaters, gas cans, hand tools, wheelbarrows, sprinklers, mowers, fencing, seeds, fertilizers, tillers.

### GARDEN GRANTS

This year we will receive a grant to buy tools, and a bike rack, improve composting area, build vegetable washing station, do a demo garden, fence beautification, and bank improvements.

### GARDEN CALENDAR

All garden activities appear on Google.. <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?rc=cd4g4ka7upbqb6n12men9d2qq8%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/Denver>

### GARDEN CLASSES

Sally Berriman has scheduled classes on the second Thursday of the month at the garden.  
June 9 – pest identification and prevention  
July 14 – nutrition  
August 11- harvesting & saving seeds.  
September 8 - Put Your Garden To Bed

### ARVADA FOOD BANK

We have partnered again this year with the Arvada Food Bank. Last year we donated almost a ton of vegetables. You can place your produce in the refrigerator in the gazebo & they will pick up the items at posted times.

### SUSTAIN ARVADA FESTIVAL

The second Sustain Arvada Festival will be held June 4th at Ralston Central Park, across Ralston Road from the garden. The Club has a booth where we showcase the garden with seasonal photos and information, and hand out tomato and marigold seedlings.

### 4th OF JULY FIREWORKS

We found out that the community garden is one of the best places in Arvada to watch the annual fireworks display at Lutz-Stenger. From the north end gardens and dikes it is a clear shot to the sky over Lutz Field. There is free parking, no traffic, a porta-potty and plenty of room. Club will supply snacks. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, a flashlight and enjoy the show. Gate will open about 8:00 pm, fireworks usually start around 9:25 pm.

### OPEN HOUSE

Chair Person Janice is busy getting ready for the 20th Annual Open House. It will be held on Saturday August 13th from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at "the garden." There will be garden tours, garden plot judging, gate prizes, put & take table, refreshments and displays. The club will provide the drinks but the committee is asking each of the gardeners to bring an item to share with the other gardeners and the community. Suggestions might include any traditional or ethnic dish, baked goods, vegetable and fruit dishes, desserts, etc. Please plan on attending this event which showcases our garden to the community.

### HARVEST FESTIVAL FOOD FAIR

Those gardeners that use their crops for canning, preserving, cooking and baking may be interested in the Harvest Festival Food Fair. To be held on Saturday September 10th at St. Anne's cafeteria. Categories will be announced later in the year. Dig out your favorite recipe and make plans to enter this fun event. [arvadaharvestfestivalparade.com](http://arvadaharvestfestivalparade.com)

### AHF GARDEN HARVEST CONTEST

The contest will be held Saturday, September 10th in St Anne's Cafeteria. Gardeners are invited to enter their vegetables from home or the community garden. The categories will be announced later in the year. The festival theme is Super Heroes. [arvadaharvestfestivalparade.com](http://arvadaharvestfestivalparade.com)

### FARMERS MARKET

Every Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Olde Town Square beginning June 5th through October 2nd. Lots of bargains on local produce and food products. The place to be in Arvada on Sunday mornings!

### SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Sally Berimann and the social committee are busy planning activities for this year. Look for the square dance bbq, fireworks viewing, holiday party and more.

### FALL SALES

To offset the plot rental and club dues we conduct a fall sales event. Pumpkins, Indian Corn, corn stalks and a variety of gourds will be available for a donation beginning in late September.

### FESTIVAL OF SCARECROWS

We have been participating in this event the last few years. We set up at a big booth to sell gourds, corn stalks, Indian corn and small pumpkins. We also have a booth to give small gifts to the kids when they "spin the cultivator." And best of all we judge the **Giant Pumpkin Contest**. Arvada record is over 600 lbs. Come and enjoy this free event on October 8th.

### FALL CLOSING

The fall closing will be mid October, weather dependent. The ditch is shutoff in October and the growing season ends. Per the city ordinance guidelines, you are expected to have all the vegetable matter, cages, stakes, string, buckets, etc out of your plot. A dumpster will be available. Items may be stored in the new northwest fenced storage area. Label your items with name and plot number. Any items left at the garden will be removed.

### HARVEST FESTIVAL PARADE

The Harvest Festival Parade is one of the biggest around, this year they are expecting 10 marching bands, over 3000 participants with more than 30,000 watching. Enjoy this Arvada event by either walking in the parade with us or finding a great place along the parade route to watch it. September 10th. [arvadaharvestfestivalparade.com](http://arvadaharvestfestivalparade.com)

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The club meets the second Monday of each month at the APEX Community Center, 6842 Wadsworth Blvd at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. The meetings begin with a gardening presentation and social time followed by a business session.

### Want added to the email list?

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