



Prospect Park Community Gardens Fall 2012 Meeting

HOST

PPCG Coordinators

WHEN

Thursday, October 4 from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

WHERE

Prospect Park United Methodist Church 22 Malcolm Avenue S.E. Minneapolis, MN 55414

Agenda

6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Potluck Introductions Discovery for Mix & Match worksheet	
7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Summary of 2012 Accomplishments CACA grant Only 1 plot remaining! (Yale and Arthur plot maps) Water connections Compost bins Compost delivery Community oven Review of finances	Del Del Sam Sam Sam Del Del
7:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Designing Our Community Gardening Revisit the Vision and Mission Statements Determine what we want in a Community Garden Develop action items and deliverables What will your plot look like?	Sam
8:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Off-Season Projects and Goals for 2013 Off-season: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nonprofit status / organizing documents • Fundraising • Composting Developing goals for 2013	Del
8:30 p.m. – 8:50 p.m.	Preparation for 2013 Gardening Season How much time to devote Seed and seedlings Review of gardener's agreement timetable Review list of spring tasks	Del
8:50 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Wrap-Up and Next Steps Date for Spring 2013 meeting Roles and organizational structure Inventory of Assets (skills, resources, availability, access)	Sam & Del

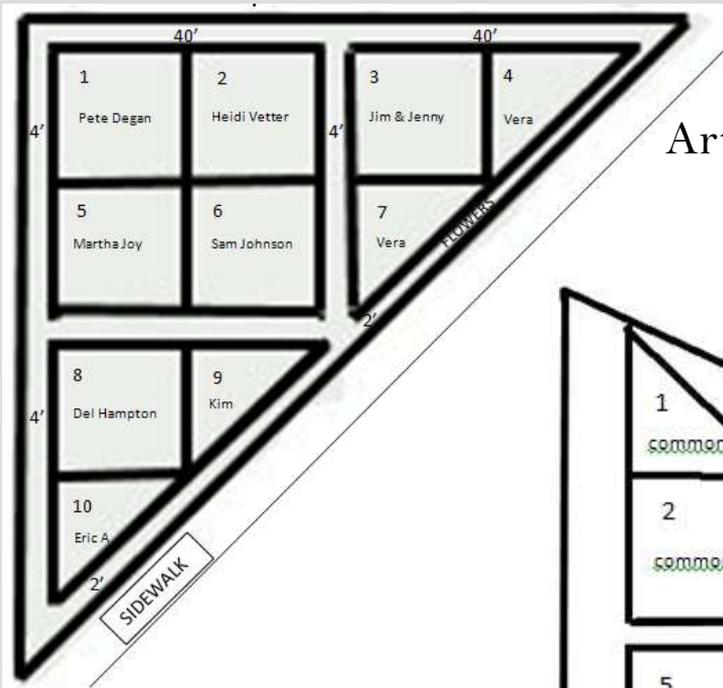
Summary of 2012 Accomplishments

- MnDOT Use permit
- Permission from City of Minneapolis
- PPCGs Name registered
- CACA grant received
- Affinity Plus accounts
- Kick-Off Meeting
- Vision/Mission
- Gardener's Agreement
- Web site built
- Arranged insurance
- Plots assigned
- Gardens planted
- Newsletters delivered
- Compost bins installed
- Water connected
- Compost delivered
- Article in Gardening Matters newsletter
- Fall meeting

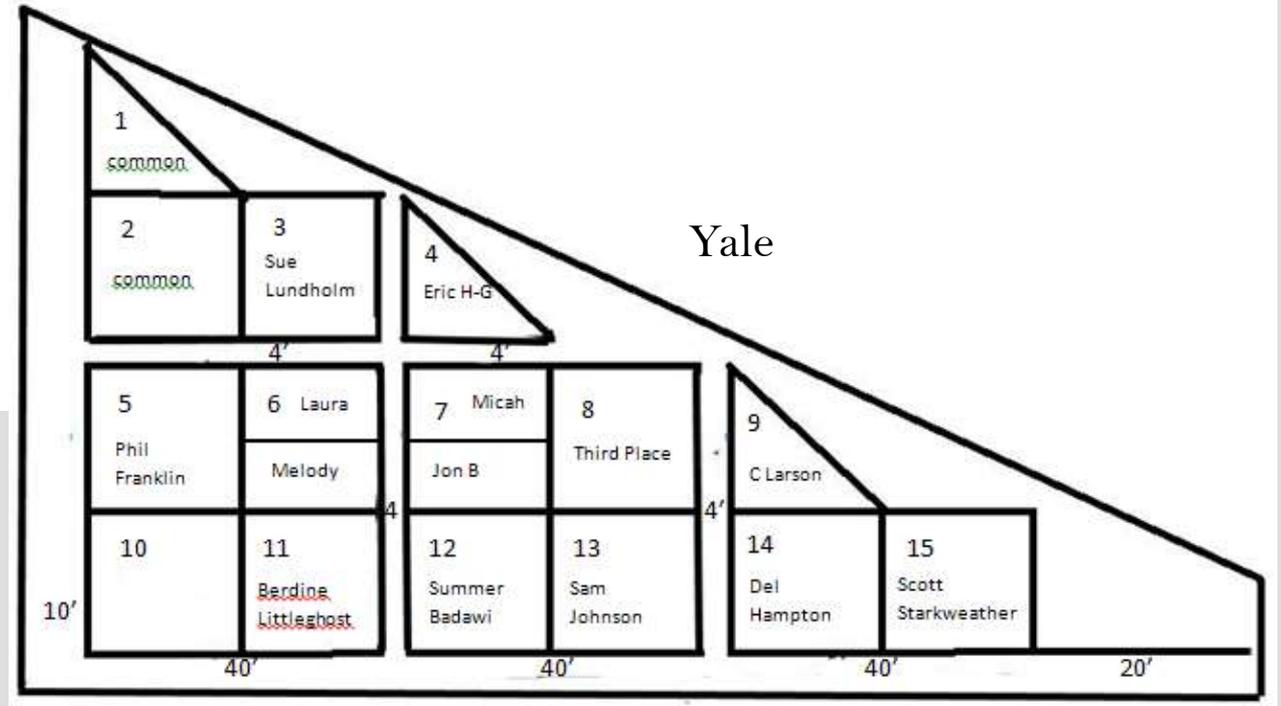


Only 1 plot left!

We'll be looking at the Shriner's location next



Arthur



Yale

Water access

- Hooked up at both Arthur and Yale
- Meters installed
- Connections need to be sealed
- Faucet needs replacing at Yale before we can leave it on
- Build more permanent system next spring on a work day



Compost bins

- Click on the images to the upper right for info on composting
- Add scraps from home
- Only fill 1st bin at Arthur. Crew will rotate from there as it decomposes
- Composting classes will be held during the off-season

Backyard Composting

Deborah L. Brown and Carl J. Rosen



Using the Free Compost

- Will leave some heavy duty wheel barrows on site until Sunday, Oct 21st
- Let's start with 6 wheel barrows per full plot (3 per half) and see what's left
- Yale gardeners – use compost on the street first
- Some from Yale will be used at Arthur due to the uneven drop



Review of Finances



Prospect Park Community Garden Budget						
June 17, 2012						
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	TOTAL
Income						
Annual Fees (\$30 per plot)	80	645	645	645	645	2,660
CACA Grant	1,000					1,000
Other fundraising TBD	1,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,000	8,000
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Total Income	\$2,080	\$2,645	\$2,645	\$2,645	\$1,645	\$11,660
Expenses						
Infrastrcture						
Water hook-up for Arthur	800				200	1000
Fencing materials	200	300		200		700
Signage	100	100		200		400
Water collection for Yale		700		200	300	1200
Water collection for Arthur			500			500
Community oven	500		300			800
Raised beds		500	500			
Gates			500			500
Tool sheds				700		
Bulletin boards				300		
Operations						
Soil test	35		35		35	105
Water expense for Arthur	200	400	300	200	200	1300
Insurance	200	325	325	350	375	1575
Compost		200		200		400
Misc R & M		100	150	250	500	1000
Total Expenses	\$2,035	\$2,625	\$2,610	\$2,600	\$1,610	\$11,480
Difference	45	20	35	45	35	180

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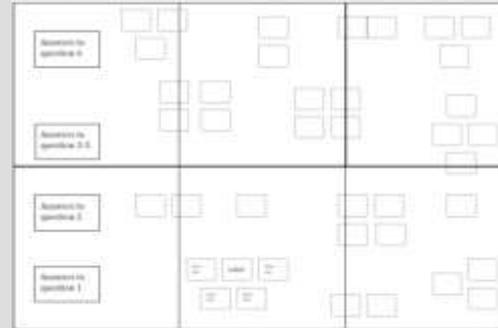
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Annual Fees (\$30 per plot)	80
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Total Income	\$2,080
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Signage	100
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Date	Acc...	Amount
INCOME		1,260.09
Income		1,260.09
Charitable Donation		100.00
Dividend		0.09
Grant		1,000.00
Plot Fees		160.00
EXPENSES		-625.87
Equipment		-625.87
Compost bin - Arthur		-207.66
Compost Bins - Yale		-15.00
Flatware		-10.86
Water Hoses		-150.63
Water Meters		-241.72
TRANSFERS		0.00
OVERALL T...		634.22

Designing our Community Garden

- Revisit the Vision and Mission statements
- Share what you have in mind for your plots
- Determine what we want in a community garden

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.



- Develop a list of action items and deliverables (we will prioritize later)



*Prospect Park
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Teaching & Empowering

Vision

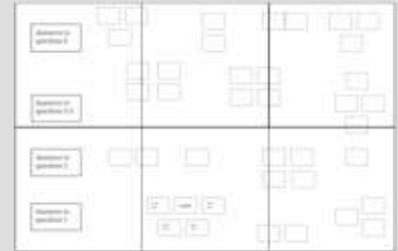
We provide a **safe and peaceful environment** where home owners and renters can **apply their gardening skills** and take pride in **growing their own food and flowers**. While doing so we will be enhancing the neighborhood visually and environmentally by **developing underutilized land into green space**.

Mission

The mission of the Prospect Park Community Gardens is to **teach residents how to grow their own food**. We will create opportunities to **involve neighborhood youth** and teach them about how food goes from seed to table. The collection of flower and vegetable gardens will be a **destination for people of diverse economic, cultural, and educational backgrounds**. We will **present educational events** (venues) that will enable participants to share knowledge and enjoy the rich community of gardeners and garden appreciators in Prospect Park and surrounding areas.

Designing our Community Garden

- Revisit the Vision and Mission statements
- Share what you have in mind for your plots
- Determine what we want in a community garden
 1. Youth experience (classes in sustainable food, involving children and grand children)
 2. Building community
 3. Growing our own food
 - Organic is healthier because of less pesticides
 - It is less expensive to feed ourselves and our families if we garden wisely
 4. Growing heirloom produce – saves diversity of plants, tastes better!
- Develop a list of action items and deliverables - we will prioritize later (items included in 2013 goals on next page)



Goals for off-season and 2013

1. Infrastructure development (water, fencing, picnic area, tool shed, tools to use)
2. Annual schedule
3. Nonprofit status (start with pros and cons analysis)
4. Shriner's site
5. Fundraising (through Seward, other activities)
6. "Seed Savers" workshop
7. Raspberry & Fall Harvest Festivals
8. Youth Outreach (to Pratt, Frasier, Glendale)

Parking lot:

- Water infrastructure
- Tools and tool shed
- Fencing
- Picnic areas
- Nonprofit status
- Fundraising activities

Many people fail, not for lack of ability or brains or even courage but simply because they have never organized their energies around a goal.

American philanthropist Elbert Hubbard

Prepare for a Spring Garden

1. Start with a budget
2. Create a garden plan on paper
3. Use your own seed
4. Keep an eye on garden sales in catalogs
5. Strike cuttings
6. Wait until frost season has cleared
7. Buy plants that have been reduced due to lack of adequate attention or overstocking.
8. Make your own garden decorations.
9. Keep it simple.

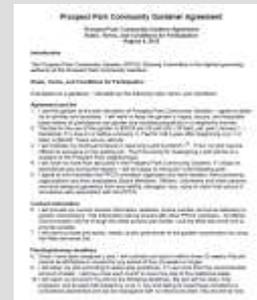


[How to Prepare a Spring Garden on a Budget](#)

Gardener's Agreement Milestones

- **March 1st** - Indicate your continued interest by “reserving” your plot by.
- **March 1st** - The \$30 fee for the full year. No refunds.
- Cultivate the plot within three (3) weeks once assigned
- Plot cannot be left fallow or unused for any period of four (4) weeks or longer
- **June 3rd** - Plot will be clean, fully prepared, and at least half planted.
- **July 1st** - Plot will be fully planted by.
- **October 31st** - Remove dead plants by this fall cleanup deadline

Additional details can be found in the [Agreement](#).



Next Steps

- Work day for compost? --> no. Gardeners have two weeks to get it moved to their plots or their portion will be repurposed
- Meetings quarterly or semi-annually? --> a schedule will be developed
- Date for 2013 Spring Meeting? --> TBD, see next point
- Classes during the off-season? --> Sam & Del will develop an “annual schedule” and send it out for comment
- Roles and organizational structure --> Spring meeting discussion item
- Inventory of Assets (skills, tools, resources, availability, etc.) -
-> Spring meeting agenda item



JOIN US IN THE GARDEN!



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