



Gardening for Community

The October 2018 Newsletter of the UFM Manhattan Community Gardens

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Do you owe the gardens a 2018 workday?

Every community gardener agreed at registration to donate labor for the common good. The following are the remaining opportunities for you to complete this obligation. If you missed your selected workday(s), just show up at one of the events below and sign in there. Gardeners who do not complete the obligation are not eligible to renew their plots for 2019.

Sat, October 6, 9:00 – 11:00am Workday and Social

Sunday, October 7, 1:30 – 3:30pm Extra Workday. The Garden Board is organizing a workday to maintain the UFM grounds at 1221 Thurston Street as a service to our

parent organization. If you would like to complete your volunteer obligation with this project, or if you simply would like to help, please respond to Kim Smith at kimberly.smith@cox.net.

Sunday, October 14, 9:00 – 11:00am Workday

Saturday, November 3, 9:00 – 11:00am Workday, 11:00am – 1:00pm annual meeting, plot sign-up (10:00 – 11:30am)

Annual Meeting November 3

The annual Community Gardens meeting and plot renewal will be held at the Collins Lane garden Saturday, November 3. Workdays are planned at both gardens from 9:00am to 11:00am. At Collins Lane, 2019 plot renewal sign-up begins at 10:00am and continues until the social begins at 11:30am. The annual general meeting will begin after the meal. Smoked pork will be provided along with a meatless alternative. Eating utensils also are provided. Gardeners are encouraged to provide a home-cooked side dish to share,

but if you don't have one, come anyway. There is always plenty to eat. Board President David Claus puts it this way.

"Our 2018 Annual Meeting is upon us **SATURDAY NOVEMBER 3rd**. If you are **renewing your garden plot at our Annual Meeting please bring your checkbook or cash and print all information on your plot application clearly.**

Also, if you are coming for the Social and want to bring lawn chairs, please do. Gardeners will be bringing a variety of side dishes. If you want something other than water to drink bring your own (non-alcoholic) drinks.

- Renewal Signup: 10:00 to 11:30
- Social and Meeting: 11:30 to 1:00

We will have a short meeting to introduce new MCG Board candidates. Community Gardens need volunteers because gardens don't run themselves. They require a fair amount of work. Any gardener interested in serving a term on the MCG Board please let me know. Best way I know of meeting some really nice people while helping your fellow gardeners. **If you have decided not to renew your plot or you need to return a plot you adopted, please let us know.**
David Claus, dclaus171@gmail.com

Plot Signup for 2019

Returning Gardeners: People who rented a plot for the 2018 season have priority for the 2019 season and may register any time by visiting UFM, 1221 Thurston St. during regular business hours (8-5 M-F). Returning gardeners have priority until February 1, 2019. After that date, returning gardeners may still register for their 2018 plots if same

have not been claimed. Or they may choose different plots. The board provides three sign-up opportunities outside of regular business hours to help returning gardeners keep their plots.

- Saturday, Nov 3 before the annual meeting and social 10:00am – 11:30am at Collins Lane
- Wednesday, Dec 5 after the board meeting 6:30pm – 7:30pm at UFM
- Monday, Jan 14 5:30pm – 6:30pm at UFM

New Gardeners: Tell all your friends! New gardeners are welcome to rent un-claimed plots after February 1. Unlike returning gardeners, new gardeners require orientation, so encourage them to sign up during one of the following "orientation and sign-up" events.

- Saturday, Feb 2 9:30am – 10:30am
- Tuesday, Feb 26 5:30pm – 6:30pm
- Monday, Mar 18 5:30pm – 6:30pm
- Saturday, April 13 9:30am – 10:30am

Consider teaching a UFM Gardening Class

At UFM, our central theme is "everyone can teach and everyone can learn". We are always looking for new class ideas and new instructors. If you would like to share a skill, have some fun, and meet new people, UFM is the place for you!

We are currently seeking instructors for gardening classes for the Spring 2019 catalog. The deadline for spring classes is early October. Contact UFM Education Coordinator Kayla Savage at

kayla@tryufm.org. She will assist you with the process.

THE MCG BOARD MEMBER

The Manhattan Community Garden (MCG) was established in 1974. Many individuals were important in setting the “groundwork” for the MCG during the past 44 years. The organization would not have been successful or persisted this long without quality leadership and volunteers who believed in the importance of the MCG and its benefit to the community.

The MCG continues today through the leadership of the MCG Board. It is important to understand that the functions of the MCG do not “just happen.” It is only through the actions of the volunteers of the MCG Board and their varied talents that the organization remains viable.

Major responsibilities of the Board include:

- Administration – planning, finances and oversight, rules, and records
- Activities - signups, training, gardener work responsibilities
- Communication – newsletters, e-mails, publications, verbal messages
- Equipment and Facility Maintenance

Each MCG board member provides leadership to one of committees established to accomplish a necessary function. The committees include:

- Equipment
- Compost and Hay
- Mowing

- Garden Site (Collins/Riley) Coordinators
- Tilling
- Communications/Records
- Nominations

With nearly 200 gardeners, the MCG is fortunate to have access to a good number of individuals with various skills who may be willing to serve on the Board. Are you one of these? If so, please contact any current board member for further information.

John Piskac, piskac@att.net

2018 MCG Board

Dave Claus	President
Linda Teener	Treasurer
Cheryl Arthur	Secretary
Deane Lehmann	Collins Lane site
Derek Frasier	Riley Lane site
Aran Ryan	Equipment
John Piskac	Nominations
Gary Schwandt	Compost
Fred Peterson	Mowing (Collins)
Pat Duggan	Mowing (Riley)
Kim Smith	Records
Carl Reed	Newsletter
Melanie Derby	Socials

Gardening is not outcome-oriented. A successful harvest is not the end of a gardener's existence, but only a phase of it. As any gardener knows, the vitality of a garden does not end with a harvest. It simply takes another form. Gardens do not 'die' in the winter but quietly prepare for another season."

— James P. Carse, *Finite and Infinite Games*
Submitted by Kim Smith



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