



Family Garden Information

Welcome to our first issue of the Hobbs Neighborhood Garden newsletter. We will use this to help keep our families informed on information and upcoming events related to the Hobbs Neighborhood Garden.

April and May Activities

Our families had a busy April prepping and starting to plant their gardens. During this month, families learned the square foot gardening method and how to prepare beds for planting. Vegetables planted included: beets, carrots, garlic, leeks, spinach, various peas, lettuces, swiss chard, potatoes, blueberry bushes, beans... and the list goes on! Most exciting are the little sprouts coming up in our gardens!



May has seen the planting of tomatoes and eggplants and our potatoes are peeking through. Even more exciting – radishes and lettuce harvesting has begun! The kids had a blast creating wonderfully colorful signs for the individual family gardens. Please check out their beautiful work!

During the Festival on June 5th, there will be a dedication of our garden, between 11:30-12 – Elizabeth will confirm the time with us.

The Visitors Garden

Within the Hobbs Neighborhood Gardens is The Visitors Garden, where garden volunteers from Kohls have prepared the garden beds and planted blueberry bushes and vegetables. If you stop by The Visitors Garden now you'll see the purple globes of chives and alliums.

Reminders to Gardeners

- Please do not forget to stop by and water until the watering schedule has been established – and please don't forget to help your neighbor if their plants look droopy
- If you stop by during unscheduled hours, don't forget your tools!

June Schedule

Monday

Mornings 8-11

Tuesday

Afternoons 4/6

Wednesday

Mornings 9:30-12:30

Thursday

Afternoons 3-7

Friday

No formally scheduled gardening hours.

Saturday

Schedule to be announced

Sunday

Schedule to be announced

Questions? Contact Elizabeth Takakjian, Neighborhood Gardens Coordinator – 928-7375

Upcoming Events and Announcements

FESTIVAL!

On **June 5th**, from 10-4, the gardens and farm will host a festival! Food and activities will be available. Activities for the kids include face painting, crafts, a bouncer and tractor rides!

September 11th - Canning Class

Hosted by Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at Stony Brook host in conjunction with Hobbs Neighborhood Roots Community Garden. More details to follow.

Thank You!

Special thanks to all our families for a great start to the gardening season!