

# BFCG July Newsletter



Hard to believe it is July already. We hope that you were able to get your garden completely planted and are enjoying the fruits of your labor. This months newsletter includes volunteer opportunities, reminders, bug control, and OSUE events.

**PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO GATHERING RESTRICTIONS. THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL IS CANCELLED.**

Got great photos from your garden. Tag #bfcgarden on your social media posts. We just may re-post them to ours. Want to follow along. Links can be found at the bottom of the newsletter or our [website](#).

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## REMINDERS



### **Tool Use**

Remember to wash dirt from tools before placing them back in the shed. Please use the water spigots to wash tools.



### **Main Pathways**

It is your responsibility to keep main pathways clear of weeds. Either by weeding or by wood chips. Hoses must not be in the central area but on the edge and not in grass areas.

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## **Volunteer Opportunity**



### **Perennial Gardens & Grounds**

Looking for volunteers to clean-up the pollinator garden and sitting area. If interested please [email\\_communications@benfranklincommunitygarden.org](mailto:email_communications@benfranklincommunitygarden.org).

If you checked interest in Grounds Crew. Keep a look-out for a call/email from a committee member.



### **Adapt-A-Box**

Looking for volunteers to tend to the boxes in the south section of the garden. This would include weeding and planting flowers. If interested please contact Mike Rompola or [email\\_communications@benfranklincommunitygarden.org](mailto:email_communications@benfranklincommunitygarden.org).

## Bug Management

Wondering how to naturally control pests in your garden.

[Neem Oil](#) is a naturally occurring pesticide found in seeds from the neem tree. It does need to be reapplied after each watering or rainfall to be effective.



[Diatomaceous earth](#) is another natural product. It is made from the fossilized remains of tiny, aquatic organisms called diatoms. Word of caution as once your plants start to develop flowers it is not advisable to put on plants as it may harm pollinators.

Have you noticed the yellow cups with black speckles in Kim Johnson's garden? If not walk by and take a look. Each speckle is a bug. The cups have a sticky substance on them that makes it difficult for bugs to leave once land on the cups. Wondering how to make your own check out this video [Beetle Trap](#).

Wondering what bugs to expect. Check out this [Growing Degree Days](#) site. Based off the number of days above a certain temperature this will show what bugs to expect.



## OSUE Statewide Events

### Dandelion Detectives - activity for children, grades 3-7!

The Dandelion Detectives project can be completed in one day of your choice (June-August) and involves youth acting as student scientist using a tool

kit provided by OSU. More information and to sign up [here](#).

## Food Preservation Office Hours

**July 14, 4-5pm Marking Pickles**

**July 28, 4-5pm Making Salsa**

Classes are free. [Register here](#).

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