



September 2024 Newsletter

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Harvest Picnic & Annual Meeting

Join us September 14th, 2024 11am-2pm.

Note: veggie burgers and vegan hot dogs will be available.

BFCG Operating Committee Openings

Interested in being on the BFCG Operating Committee. We have seats open and will be electing new members at the Harvest Picnic.

Send a email to elections@benfranklincommunitygarden.org for more information.

**You do not need to be present at the Picnic in order to be elected.*



Volunteer Opportunities

Reminder that all gardeners must have **FIVE** volunteer hours PER plot completed by October 12th.

Raised bed gardeners must have at least a minimum of FIVE hours or monetary completed by September 15th to be given a raised bed renewal application.



Current opportunities:

ONGOING- Lawn Mowing & Weed Whacking: <https://signup.com/go/nCdUBoq>

9/15-Compost Area Clean-Up: <https://signup.com/go/kmnjpeP>

9/15- General Clean-

Up: <https://signup.com/go/gstDjYp>

9/15- Fence

Reinforcing- <https://signup.com/go/cAjLjmu>

9/29- Hunger Plot

Breakdown- <https://signup.com/go/yiNySSb>

ONE DAY- Forest Clean-

Up- <https://signup.com/go/sJufPAR>

ONGOING - Abandoned Plot

Cleanout- <https://signup.com/go/yYwLMEx>

A monetary donation may be made in lieu of hours at \$25 per hour. Payment may be mailed to OBCDC- 4274 Pearl Rd memo: "garden fund" or via online [HERE](#)



Garden Closing Check-out Procedure

In order to be in good standing for the 2025 season, you must check out of the garden with Greg, the Garden Coordinator, or with a Committee Member. Garden check-out will take place the first two weeks of October. Schedule will be available on the bulletin board, the white board, and via Remind message. During this time, a check-out sheet must be signed by both you and the Garden Coordinator or a Committee Member,

confirming the plot can be successfully plowed.

ALL volunteers hours or monetary donation MUST be completed by October 12th 4pm.

Plot Preparation for Check-out and Volunteer Hours

- Ground must be level. Rake smooth all mounds and fill in all holes.
- All manmade materials, including weed-blocking material and staples/pins, must be removed. Gardeners must haul away their own trash: broken hoses, tomato cages, stakes or unwanted weed blocker materials.
- Any straw in bales must be spread evenly across the plot. Carboard may stay in garden BUT tape and staples MUST be removed.
- Remaining vegetation (including vines and plant stalks) must be cut to

lengths/heights of 2 feet or less, and distributed evenly across the plot. It is not necessary and not recommended that vegetation/organic material be removed. **Vegetation MAY NOT be placed in compost bins**

- Gardeners are encouraged to leave flowers in place to provide for our pollinators.
- Please leave your name board and brown plot stakes in place.
- Volunteer hours are due at the end of the season- 10/12 4pm- and will be documented during check-out.

Gardeners who fail to complete the checkout process by the end of the final day may be denied gardening privileges in future seasons.

Garden Operating Committee Monthly Meetings

Your Garden Operating Committee meets year round! Unless otherwise indicated, committee meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at

Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation
4274 Pearl Road, rear entrance.

All gardeners and members of the public are welcome to attend!



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