



August - September 2025 Newsletter

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Save the date!
Harvest Picnic
Sunday, Sept. 14th

Ben Franklin Community Garden

Potluck-bring a side dish to share!

Brats, hot dogs, burgers, & drinks provided

50/50 Raffle - garden swag - honey - cookbooks for sale

Annual meeting and committee member election will take place after the picnic

New day and time this year:

Sunday, Sept. 14, Noon–3 p.m.
Hope to see you there!

Garden Operating Committee openings

At the Harvest Picnic we will have a brief business meeting to adopt a minor revision to our [By-Laws](#) (see revision posted at the garden). We will also elect Garden Committee members for the next season. Several spots on the Committee open this fall—and **we'd love to see some new faces step forward.**

You don't need special experience, just a willingness to pitch in, collaborate, and care about the Garden's future. If you've got ideas, energy, or even just curiosity, consider running. It's a great way to pay forward, learn more, and help keep our garden community strong. Let a Committee member know you're interested.



Do-on-your-own volunteer tasks

Task suggestions are on the shed door by the logbook—just look for the checklist!

Group work days

Join us for the last **monthly garden upkeep meet-up**—no advance sign-up required. Come for whatever time you can spare: **Saturday, September 20** · 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Additional opportunities

Watch for additional postings on GroupMe and our website under [Volunteer Opps](#)

Please remember to log all volunteer hours in the book at the shed, under the main gardener's name. Every hour helps us track and celebrate your contribution!

In the know!

GroupMe garden alerts

Still dodging GroupMe?

Don't worry—no in-app purchases, no pop quizzes, just Garden updates. It's free, it's easy, and your garden friends are already there. Don't be the last to know!

[Sign-up info here.](#)

If you have a question or want help signing on, just reach out to a committee member or email us at grow@benfranklincommunitygarden.org.

Thanks for staying connected to keep the garden running smoothly!



September lineup

September 6th: Sunflurry

Baroque rock at its most intimate and expansive. Cello, sultry vocals, guitar, and foot drums create a lush, genre-

defying blend of original music and imaginative covers.

September 20th: Village Bicycle

Psych-pop with mathy melodies, shoegaze textures, and vintage synths. Vocal harmonies from delicate to brazen in this witty, unpredictable, and sonically rich ride.



First and Third SATURDAYS • 6 p.m.

JUNE | **JULY** | **AUG.** | **SEPT.**
7 & 21 | **5 & 19** | **2 & 16** | **6 & 20**



Tuesday, September 9, 2025, 7-8:00 p.m.

Fall Blooming Plants & What to Leave in Your Garden

Join Master Gardener Volunteers for **Tuesday Talks at Ben Franklin**. Program is free but space is limited so registration is required. Email

sign-up at: Sue@giffordl.onmicrosoft.com

Don't miss this final presentation for 2025!

More Master Gardener programs of interest:

Brooklyn Library - Friends of the Brooklyn Library & Laurel Garden Club Fall Gardening Series:

Thurs., Sept. 11, 7 p.m.

Pest Control Without Chemicals

Wed., Oct. 8, 7 p.m.

Going Underground with Bulbs, Rhizomes, Corms and Tubers

Old Brooklyn Nite • September 13

Old Brooklyn CDC's annual Old Brooklyn Nite celebrates 50 years of community, connection, and impact – this year transforming our Ben Franklin Community Garden into a glowing wonderland for a magical night under the stars.

For details and ticket information:

<https://www.oldbrooklyn.com/ob...>

For information on volunteering at the event

(admission included): <https://dash.pointapp.org/even...>



Become a Member of Old Brooklyn CDC

Membership is free – please consider joining. A gardener's membership does not bring any obligation but it does add to the Garden's voice within our parent organization. <https://www.oldbrooklyn.com/me...>



BFCG Blue Ribbon Fair Entry

Our garden exhibit won a **blue ribbon** at the Cuyahoga County Fair!
Kudos to our design team and contributing gardeners! Well done! ☑

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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