

Ruff'ton Roots Community Garden Meeting

Rutherfordton Clubhouse, NC
Tuesday, January 9th - 5:30 pm

A. Welcoming/Community Agreements

Community Agreements

- Assume Good Intentions
- Be Kind
- Honor Time with Intentional Focus
- Any Contribution is Valuable
- We are all Learning and we all have Unique Strengths
- Any Question is a Good Question
- This is a Safe to Fail Environment
- Push your Edge - discomfort can lead to growth!
- Both/And Mindset, over Either/Or

B. January Schedule

Saturday, January 13th - 10 am - Noon, Garden Work Gathering at Hospital Drive

- Moving Elderberries, Planting Strawberries, Moving Silage Tarps
- Bed Clean up in and reshaping in Plot 1
 - Bring a hoe or shovel, if you have one

Saturday, January 27th - 10 am - Noon, Garden Work Gathering at Hospital Drive

- Round About Clean Up, reshaping beds, covering targeted weed areas with plastic
- Moving Blueberries
- Planting replacement Figs, Wineberries and Black Raspberries

Arts & Crafts Committee will meet at 5 pm prior to February Monthly Meeting, has been added to Point Events

Empty Bowls Meetings will commence at 5 pm prior to May Monthly Meeting

All events through March are up on PointApp

C. Upcoming Garden Goals

- Blessing Box - Being Repaired by Jeff Bowman
- Project Safeway
 - StoryBoard Signs have arrived.
 - Approval of Drafts, text and design were presented
 - Assembly, placement and installation on February 10th
 - Look at possibility of second concrete walkway with remaining budget, and handrail options for long walk, will know after printing costs
 - Seal Concrete
 - Amend Vego planters and begin planting
 - Irrigation system arrived, installation
- Norris Park

- Remove plastic and build beds for potatoes, amend and plant in March
 - Potatoes have been ordered
- Hospital Drive
 - Gardens cleared, smothered, last cover crops are down
- 2024 Crops
 - Seeds have arrived and been sorted
 - Amendments have been calculated and ordered
 - Sow Schedule has been created

D. Upcoming Fundraising Plans

Plant Sale Committee

- Updates - seedlings, plastics and tags have been ordered
- Need for scheduling sessions to plan/sow/pot up - will be late March work night
- Purchasing needs - potting soil
- Volunteer Sign Up sheet presented for volunteer growers, help with promotions, etc.

Empty Bowls Committee

- Lindy will be meeting with VAC and Clay Trail this month
 - Feedback welcome in preparation for these meetings
 - Plan to ask for 2 sessions at each place, with RR budget split to covering fees for all contributing attendees
- Clubhouse secured for November 9th, 2024
- Jeff Hodge offered/asked to play guitar
- Jamie Gray offered to oversee decor and table settings
- Committee meetings beginning after plant sale, 30 minutes prior to May Meeting

Merchandise Updates

- Doug Barrick submitted new hat design quote request
- Emily Golding has reworked about half of the tie-dye shirts
- Merch needed for April 5th FA&B and plant sale

E. Organization Discussions

- YouthWorks - approved for 2024 partnership
 - Have reached out to offer service on Tuesdays 9 am - Noon
 - Harvest, Sunflower planting, potato management and digging
 - Ongoing Summer weeding
- BARN - 2024 partnership
 - Proposed to forward this program towards the Master Gardeners Donation Station efforts

F. Adjourn