Dear [Name],

Happy Spring - We hope you enjoy the April eNewsletter from Community GroundWorks!

Distinguished Service Award

Community GroundWorks was recently recognized by the Public Health Department of Madison and Dane County - on April 11, 2011 the Distinguished Service Award was presented to Staff and Board Members at the 2011 Public Health Awards Ceremony at the Warner Park Community Recreation Center. Public Health Awards recognize those who have made significant contributions and demonstrated exceptional commitment to improving public health. Nominations for the Public Health Awards were submitted by a variety of people and organizations in the community, and by Public Health staff. The awards were presented by Madison Mayor Dave Cieslewicz, Dane County Board Vice-Chair John Hendrick, and Public Health staff.

Help Us Plant the Capitol Vegetable Garden
Help us introduce tens of thousands of people to beauty and bounty of vegetable gardens by sponsoring a plant in the Wisconsin State Capitol Vegetable Garden this year! Community GroundWorks’ vegetable garden was an exciting addition to the State Capitol landscape last year. Thousands of visitors walked past each week, stopping to enjoy the changes throughout the season. Young children from area pre-schools learned about the cycle of food production as they played on the Capitol lawn. Food grown at the garden was shared with the Goodman Food Pantry, providing much-needed fresh produce to its customers. Please help us make the 2011 garden possible by honoring a parent for Mother’s or Father’s Day, recognizing a birthday or even honoring yourself and your love of gardening. More information can be found here.

Community GroundWorks is Hiring!

We have an opening for a part-time Urban Natural Areas Coordinator to provide public education, volunteer coordination and land management at our urban forest and restored prairie. Our program emphasizes engagement of a wide diversity of volunteers, including children, youth and adults from a variety of backgrounds. Successful candidates will have experience in volunteer coordination and land stewardship. Please visit our website for a complete position description.

Interested in a CSA Share?

The 2011 CSA brochures and worker share application are now available online! Join our CSA and get a weekly share of vegetables grown right in the City of Madison. All our shares come with free access to weekly u-pick flowers and fresh herbs in our CSA garden AND our farmers attend every pickup to answer your questions and help you pack your share from our farm-stand-style delivery. See photos of all our CSA shares from the last six years, look through our weekly newsletters, and download a sign up form from the CSA pages of our website.

Unveiling of the New

Natural Area Management Plan

Saturday, April 23, 2011 • 9:00-11:00am

Join Steve Ziegler of ZDA to learn about our new Troy Gardens Natural Areas Management Plan! We’re thrilled to share this new document and hike around the land to point out specific points of the plan, which will guide our efforts for the next several years. This will be a great workshop for new and veteran stewards. Please RSVP to Christie at christie@troygardens.org or (608) 240-0409 if you plan to attend. We’ll meet at the yellow shed on the front of the Troy Gardens property.

Garlic Mustard Pull

Saturday, April 30, 2011 • 9:00am-12:00pm

Come to Troy Gardens for another steward workshop—we’ll learn about invasive species management from longtime steward Steve Lendved and we’ll pull Garlic Mustard from our woods. We’ll also look for beautiful spring ephemerals such as Trillium, Jack-in-the-Pulpit, and Solomon’s Seal. Meet at the yellow shed on the front of the Troy Gardens property; RSVP to Christie at christie@troygardens.org or (608) 240-0409 if you plan to attend. All are welcome!

Madison FarmWorks Urban Gardener Training

FarmWorks staff is now available for group classes in the garden of your choice. Instead of trying to learn about gardening by reading a book or surfing the web, consider hosting a class in your garden and inviting friends, family
and coworkers for experiential learning outside in the garden. We teach a one-time workshops or a series of classes through our Urban Gardener Training Program. Click here to download a brochure.

**Madison FarmWorks Upcoming Classes**
Learn how to get more organic vegetables out of your garden! We will focus on intermediate and advanced gardening skills such as: garden planning and layout, crop rotation and cover cropping, planting schedules and succession planting for maximum production, and the top tips for a productive garden from Troy Community Farm. We will also share our favorite vegetable varieties that are best suited to our local climate.
Thursday, May 12, 6-8pm, Willy St. Co-op West, register through WSCG [http://www.willystreet.coop/calendar](http://www.willystreet.coop/calendar)
Wednesday, May 18, 6-8pm, Willy St. Co-op East, register through WSCG [http://www.willystreet.coop/calendar](http://www.willystreet.coop/calendar)

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Board and Staff at the 2011 Public Health Awards Ceremony

Capitol Vegetable Garden

It's not too late to get your CSA share!
Troy Gardens has a New Natural Area Management Plan - Come learn more on Saturday, April 23

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