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Community GroundWorks

Around the Compost Pile: News from Community GroundWorks

Dear [Name],

Happy Summer Solstice! We hope you enjoy the June eNewsletter from Community GroundWorks!

Grocery Shop and Support Our Work!

Community GroundWorks to Receive 5% of

One Day’s Sales from Whole Foods Market® Madison on Thursday, June 23rd

Whole Foods Market Madison is holding a Community Support Day for Community GroundWorks, where five percent of one day’s sales goes to the local organization to support our Youth Grow Local Farm Program: an inclusive, collaborative project that engages a diverse population of students in a hands-on science and vocational program focused on

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sustainable agriculture and community service. Please shop Whole Foods Market Madison at 3313 University Avenue on Thursday, June 23rd during regular business hours: 8:00am-10:00pm.

Farwell to Christie Ralston

Christie Ralston, Associate Director and Natural Areas Coordinator, bid us farewell in mid May. Christie left Madison to attend graduate school in public health at Johns Hopkins University. Christie has been such a central part of this organization for over four years. Thanks to Christie we have a vibrant stewards program that engages hundreds of volunteers in the care of our urban natural areas and a solid fundraising base to continue our work. We miss her dearly but wish her the very best in her new adventures.

The Farm Stand is Open for the Season

Every Thursday the Troy Farm Stand will be open and have items available for purchase from 4:00-6:00pm during CSA share pick-ups. The farm stand is open to the public and located at 500 Troy Drive. Feel free to stop by every Thursday from now until the fourth week in October to see what's available.

2011 Capitol Garden Installed

Please visit our Capitol Garden on the corner of Main Street and Carroll Street. The garden was planted in honor of: All the Teachers, All Women of the World, Jane Bacht, Nathan Barnes & Jessica Nunn, Caleb Bower, Finn Bower, Tommy Bower, Linda Farley, Tom & Jeanette Gaffield, Uffe Hindhede, Mary Klecker, Sarah Lyn, Mary Lou Munts, Our Fathers Who Loved Gardens, Robert Pierc, Marge Pitts, Charles Poore, Public Workers of Wisconsin, Christie Ralston, Mary & Louie Rozman, Rachel Rushing, Dave Schindele, Marcito & Isabella Sierra, August Staack, Gail & Rodney Strader, Frances Voelker, Wisconsin School of Business, Pat Woiczek and Betty Yingler. Thank you to all of our sponsors!

Brand New FarmWorks Class

Growing Organic Tomatoes Successfully

Wednesday, July 13 • 6:00-8:00pm

This hands-on class is all about tomatoes! The class will be held at Troy Community Farm and the adjacent community gardens. We will focus on growing a successful crop of organic tomatoes. Learn how to prune tomatoes correctly by practicing on the farm crop, see our four favorite types of tomato trellising in action, learn about our favorite varieties for Madison and discover the best organic practices for controlling diseases and pests. Class takes place at Troy Gardens, 502 Troy Drive. Please meet at the striped tent at the front of the land. Presented by Megan Cain and Claire Strader of Madison FarmWorks and Troy Community Farm. Register through Willy St. Coop.
Ask a Capitol Gardener

Question: How often should I water my garden?

Answer: Vegetables only need one inch of water per week. I often recommend getting a rain gauge for your garden. If it rains one inch or more during the week, watering is not necessary. Mulching with hay is a good way to retain moisture in your beds as well. Water less often and more deeply, watering roots instead of leaves - take the hose and go right up to the base of the plant.

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