



FARMERS MARKET 2025 IS HERE!

The annual Farmers Market, sponsored by the Garden Centers Club, will take place Saturday, July 19, at Clubhouse 2 from 9 a.m. to noon (or while supplies last).

For those who wish to donate produce to the event, the primary donation day is on Friday, July 18:

- Garden Center 2: Harvest and donate your produce all day Friday; attended collection tables will be available from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m.
- Garden Center 1: Harvest and donate your produce all day Friday; attended collection tables will be at the main gate

from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

- Clubhouse 2: Donate Friday night from 7 to 8 p.m. and Saturday morning from 7 to 8:30 a.m. prior to the start of the sale.

If you are going to be out of town and/or are unable to pick your produce, please call Pam at **949-235-7825** or Sue at **949-310-3422**, who will make plans to pick for you from your garden or tree plot.

VENUE CHANGE

To accommodate growing attendees, the location of this year's event is at Clubhouse 2, located at 24112 Moulton Parkway.



RODENT ALERT



There has been a noticeable increase in rat activity. Rats thrive in areas where they can access food, water and shelter,

and the gardens provides all three if left unchecked.

Did you know a single female rat can produce 24 to 84 pups in just one year? Rats can start breeding as early as 2 months old, with four to seven litters annually, each containing six to 12 babies. Their population can grow rapidly if not addressed early.

Please help control this issue by checking your plot for potential nesting spots, removing any fruit lying on the ground and minimizing food sources and standing water

Your vigilance and cooperation are essential in keeping our garden healthy and pest-free. Thank you for doing your part!

WEED CONTROL TIPS

Effective weed control takes persistence. Pulling weeds can disturb the soil and trigger more weed growth. Instead, cut weeds low, beneath the foliage layer. This limits sunlight and forces the weed to compete with healthy, established plants—eventually weakening it.

This method works best on annual and biennial weeds. Perennials or aggressive spreaders like mugwort and nettles may need root barriers or trenching, as they regenerate from even small root fragments.

For best results, prioritize preserving less infested areas before addressing heavily overrun ones.



SUMMER REMINDERS

As summer unfolds, gardens everywhere are bursting to life, showcasing a mix of colors, scents and textures. This season, with its longer days and abundant sunshine, provides the perfect conditions for a wide variety of plants to thrive.

Follow these tips to keep gardens flourishing:

- Water plants early in the morning or late in the evening to reduce evaporation
- Mulch to help retain moisture and keep the soil cool
- Weed and conduct pest control regularly to maintain plant health

With some care and attention, gardens can thrive, providing a sanctuary of peace and a source of fresh produce. So, grab your gardening tools and enjoy the vibrant life that summer brings to your garden!



A Note From Tom McCray

I hope you're enjoying the start of summer and all the beauty it brings to our community gardens!

During a recent inspection of the fence line between Garden Center 1 and the El Toro pond, staff observed that several trees and cacti have become overgrown, with some growth pushing against the fence toward the pond. As a reminder, each plot holder is responsible for maintaining the plants within their designated plot.

To help preserve the safety, accessibility and appearance of our shared garden space, we kindly ask that you trim and manage any overgrown vegetation as soon as possible. Staff will be reaching out with reminders to plot holders in the affected area, and your prompt attention to this matter is appreciated.

Thank you for your continued commitment to keeping our garden spaces beautiful and well maintained.