



GROWING COMMUNITY

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR GARDENS AND MARKET

Working in the garden is about more than plants. It's about participation. Right now, there are three ways to get involved, each with a different rhythm and purpose.

POLLINATOR GARDEN: QUIET WORK, BIG IMPACT

Pollinators do the heavy lifting. Our role is to support them.

Volunteers help plant native species, maintain beds, and keep the space chemical-free. It's not fast-paced, but it's essential. Without pollinators, much of what we grow doesn't happen.

If you prefer steady, purposeful work, this is a good fit.

GIVING GARDEN: FROM SOIL TO TABLE

The Giving Garden is direct and tangible. What's grown here goes straight to residents facing food insecurity.

Volunteers plant, harvest, wash and prepare



produce for weekly donation. The results are immediate. A harvest becomes a meal. Effort turns into something useful, quickly.

If you like hands-on work with clear outcomes, this is your lane.

FARMERS MARKET: THE SOCIAL HUB

The market brings it all together.

Volunteers help

set up, welcome visitors and support growers and makers. It's part logistics, part conversation, part connection. It's also where many people first discover the gardens.

If you enjoy people and a bit of movement, this is a natural entry point.

WHY IT MATTERS

Each role asks for something different, but the goal is the same: showing up and contributing.

No expertise required. No long-term commitment needed. Just start where you are.

THE HIDDEN COSTS OF FEEDING WILDLIFE



- Rodents such as rats can spread diseases like leptospirosis and salmonella.
- Squirrels, though less threatening, may strip bark from trees and dig up gardens.
- Opossums often rummage through trash, leave droppings and can attract predators such as coyotes.

These animals are opportunistic feeders. Once they associate your garden with easy meals, they're likely to return, with friends.

UPDATED OPERATING RULES

Gardeners are responsible for knowing and following current Garden Center operating rules. The GRF board has approved an updated version, available [here](#).

One important change: Beginning with the January 2027 billing cycle, gardeners with double plots will be billed for each plot.

EMPTY SIX-PACKS NEEDED

Have extra six-pack planting containers? The Garden Centers Club can use them.

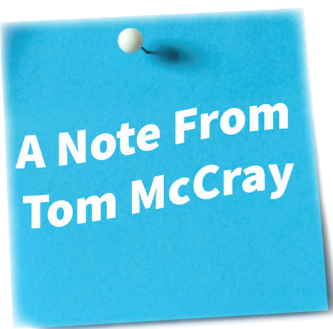
Drop your extra containers off at:

- Garden Center 2 office
- Tool sheds outside the gate at Garden Center 1

Simple reuse, real impact.



HAPPY SPRING TO OUR GARDENING COMMUNITY



As the growing season picks up, a few reminders will help keep things running safely and smoothly:

Staff right of way: Staff vehicles always have priority, especially at Garden Center One during bin movement or repairs. If asked to move a golf cart, please do so promptly.

Plot maintenance: Plots must be maintained year-round. Some are becoming overgrown with invasive weeds. If you can't tend your plot, arrange for help to keep it active and weed-free.

Shared tools: Tools belong to everyone. Please return them after use and do not store them inside individual plots. Handle with care so they remain

available and functional.

Waste disposal: Use designated bins and break down material so others can use the space. A little effort here makes a big difference.

Thank you for your cooperation and for contributing to a productive, welcoming garden environment. Here's to a strong growing season.