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## Goshen Farm Sharing Garden *January 2012 Notes*

A welcome packet with garden plot map, rules and application are attached in a separate pdf file.

**MEETINGS:** Starting in 2012 meetings will be held at the Broadneck library from 7-9 the first Thursday of the month.

**RULES AND AGREEMENT:** Final adjustments and additions have been made to the rules. When signing up for a plot each gardener will fill receive a welcome packet with rules, application, and health & safety agreements. By signing the application they are agreeing to abide by the rules and regulations outlined. All rules, guidelines and terms will be clearly displayed in the garden for all to see.

**MARKETING:** Anyone with skills in writing press release is needed to write about the Garden Shower. Anyone interested in blogging or any social media or other marketing venues, WE NEED YOU!

**PUBLICITY AND EVENTS:** Help is needed planning and organizing our first event, tasks, volunteers, previous arrangements, etc. I will be working on an invitation for the Garden Shower Party to mail out and posters to put up in the area. I would like to create a press release about the event and garden and submit it to local newspapers in February. Let me know if you are interested in helping planning details.

A Garden shower party will take place Saturday, March 31. We will use this event to inform the public and ask for donations of funds or tools for the garden. This event will also be the opening of the plots. Interested gardeners will be able to sign-up and reserve their plot. This event will most likely coordinate with a GFPS open house. Time is to be determined.

**TOOLS AND SHED:** Will be 8x8 and locked with a combination lock. Roy had mentioned he was talking with someone about the best lock to get for our situation. Please email me a list of any tools you think we will need at the garden.

**GARDEN DESIGN AND LAYOUT:** The fence is up!!! Plots have been staked out and we are ready to put pathways in. A plot map is attached. We will be using newspaper and cardboard covered with wood chips from the shredded pile to line the pathways. The area surrounding the archeological dig will be a children's garden open to all plot renters and their children. It will be a combination of raised beds and in ground planting. I would like to get the Cape Saint Claire elementary school involved with the garden. If anyone knows any teachers or staff that would help make this possible please let me know. It would also be helpful to draft up a lesson plan for the teacher to incorporate the garden and their curriculum.

**ELECTRICITY/WATER:** We are still waiting for BGE to finalize the wiring. What work or supplies will be needed to bring water to the garden?

**GENERAL:** Rental of a port a pot during garden season will be \$100-\$300 per month.

A drop off area for gardeners with equipment will be by the fruit trees and the parking will be in front of the main house, should we need more parking we can use the lower field.

We would love to have a volunteer group (scouts) help pressure wash and pain the new fence. Another way to get tools is to craft a letter to places for donations. This letter will have to be followed up with phone calls, etc. Anyone willing to do this is appreciated. All tools that become possession of the garden will be marked with a bright color paint. Rules and conduct with tools will be in the agreement signed by each gardener and posted in the shed.

To keep track of the volunteer hours there will be a sign in binder will be kept in the shed and be based on an honor system. We will need to collaborate with GFPS for task list. In the signed agreement the process of time tracking will be outlined. It is an honor system and people will be asked to sign a sheet with the date and time of their work. A list of suggestions will be available for those in need of ideas.

**FUNDS:** To continually improve the garden we will need someone to search out grants, and develop fund raisers. The following links are grants and funding for community gardens.

- <http://www2.fiskars.com/Activities/Project-Orange-Thumb>
- <http://captainplanetfoundation.org/apply-for-grants/>
- <http://wholekidsfoundation.org/gardengrants.php>
- [http://www.wegmans.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/ProductDisplay?storeId=10052&partNumber=UNIVER\\_SAL\\_4027](http://www.wegmans.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/ProductDisplay?storeId=10052&partNumber=UNIVER_SAL_4027)
- <http://www.kidsgardening.org/grants/2012-mantis-awards-community-and-youth-gardens>
- <http://thescottsmiraclegrocompany.com/corporateresponsibility/community/gro1000.html>
- [http://www.freeseeds.us/free\\_seeds/index.php](http://www.freeseeds.us/free_seeds/index.php)
- <http://www.wildones.org/seededuc.html>
- <http://www.stonyfield.com/about-us/our-mission/profits-planet/apply-pfp-grant>
- <http://www.communitiestakeroot.com/>

Thank you for your continued interest and support in creating the garden. If anyone has an interest in taking on any of the proposed positions please let me know.