

## July Sharing Garden Notes

There are few plots that have been turned over to new owners. Please welcome our new gardeners: attached is an updated map.

June's picnic was a nice relaxing day and we all enjoyed the peacefulness of the farm and meeting fellow gardeners. At the end of July we will have another informal Meet and Greet picnic. We will ask everyone to bring a sample of their tomatoes with the variety name or their favorite tomato dish to share if preferred. As before, please bring a blanket to sit on and your own meal, if desired.

There are 3 scenarios being proposed to the GFPS board for the Harvest Dinner. We will host the event according to the board's decision. The #1 goal of the event is to raise money for the GFPS capital campaign and have fun.

SCENARIO 1. Renting Club house or other local hall and selling tickets to a spaghetti dinner (with homemade sauce from the garden's veggies)

### PROS:

inside (any weather)

comfortable (tables and chairs)

larger capacity

lights

kitchen

potential to make the most \$ for capital campaign

### CONS:

cost

ticket management

not at farm

SCENARIO 2. Having a potluck dinner at the farm after the GFPS open house.

### PROS:

little to no cost

at farm

no tickets

### CONS:

parking management

seating

eating difficult/uncomfortable

bugs on food

no money raised

weather

SCENARIO 3. Having a spaghetti dinner outside at the farm after the GFPS open house with tables and chairs

### PROS:

comfortable (tables and chairs)

at farm

potential to make \$ for capital campaign

### CONS:

Depends on availability of tables and chairs

cost

ticket management

parking management

bugs on food

weather

The spaghetti dinner will include sauce made from the veggies grown at the garden. Please keep this in mind as produce starts to ripen and you have an overabundance or passing of

veggies. Anything preserved or frozen can also be used in the sauce. All proceeds are greatly appreciated.

To help orchestrate this event we NEED donations. If you know someone willing to donate some items please call or email me with information on ideas or leads. I have a donation request letter and cards with our non-profit status. I have sent letters and been in touch with Sams Club in Annapolis, Trader Joe's, and Whole Foods in Annapolis. Below is a list of items that will be needed for approximately 200 people.

Possible businesses to ask:

Grauls

Vizziny's

True Value

Artist Flat

Riverbay Roadhouse

Any other local company

IF OUTSIDE tables for 100 (for 2 seatings)

IF OUTSIDE chairs for 100 (for 2 seatings)

tablecloths

400 napkins

200 plates

200 utensils

200 cups

large pots for pasta

large pots for sauce/ crock pots

pasta to serve 200

sauce - 150 cups (1/2 cup per person)

meatballs/tofu to serve 200

salad sides and dessert (potluck)

bread to serve 200

butter to serve 200

drinks to serve 200

trash bags