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Goshen Farm Sharing Garden *November Notes*

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 interested in blogging or any social media or other marketing venues, WE NEED YOU!

PUBLICITY AND EVENTS: 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.

FUNDS: To continually improve the garden we will need someone to search out grants, and develop fund raisers.

TOOLS AND SHED: Will be 8x8 and locked with a combination lock. Locks we are considering
<http://www.padlocks4less.com/super-sesamee-shrouded-padlock.html>
<http://www.padlocks4less.com/brinks-combinations-lock.html>

GARDEN DESIGN AND LAYOUT: The fence is up!!! Plots will begin to be staked out and pathways put in. We will be using newspaper and cardboard covered with wood chips from the shredded pile to line the pathways.

ELECTRICITY/WATER: bringing electricity to the well is in the works!! There will be more work and cost associated with getting the well and pump working and getting water to the garden.

GENERAL: We are looking into the cost of a port a pot during garden season. We are also talking with the CBF about composting toilets for gardeners.

A welcome packet with rules and application are attached.

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.

GFPS Member, Paul Bunting has small perennials he wants to donate to the farm. They need to be dug up and planted at the farm. We would like to start creating flower beds around the property for this purpose and beautify the grounds. If anyone has perennials they would like to donate please feel free to drop them off or contact me to dig them up. If anyone is interested in replanting please let me know so we can coordinate.

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.