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Franklin's Corner Community Garden Opens Saturday May 4

Franklin's Corner Community Garden will open for the season on Saturday, May 4. Signups for all gardeners will begin promptly at 9 a.m. at the garden located on Franklin Avenue and Ninth Street. The work party begins at 10 a.m. and lasts until 1 p.m.

Returning gardeners who met all commitments and agreements last season have the first option to rent the same plot again this year. Gardeners on an existing wait list will also have an option to select a plot, and then remaining plots will go to interested parties on site on waiting to sign up on May 4. Gardeners who do not receive a plot will be kept on a waiting list and notified if openings occur during the season.

[Please read the gardeners agreement here](#) prior to signing up. Before signing up, gardeners are expected to commit to being present on all the dates. Each gardener plays a role in maintaining the entire garden campus.

Schedule:

Opening Day

Registration, Introductory Meeting, Work Party: May 4, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Work Party: July 13, 9 a.m. to noon

Work Party: September 14, 9 a.m. to noon

End of Season Work Party: November 16, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Seasonal fee for the plots is \$25 (for 10-foot by 10-foot plot), four accessible beds for those with limited mobility or disabilities are \$15 (10-foot by 3-foot). Cash or check only, checks made out to the City of Bend. Plot fees help offset the cost of irrigation on the site.

Sponsor a plot: Individuals can also help a family who may not otherwise have the ability or means to learn to garden for themselves. The City will provide the tools for success, the community can help make it a reality.

“This community garden is maintained entirely by volunteers,” said Cheryl Howard, City of Bend Volunteer Coordinator. “Help us as we teach folks how to plant and maintain a garden. Share some starts, pull some weeds, be a part of this community effort.”



Accommodation Information for People with Disabilities

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