

Community Garden Newsletter for May 2010!

The garden was tilled today and the BSD staff and summer students will be marking off the beds tomorrow.

Gardeners will be able to start planting as early as tomorrow night, May 2!

Planting time is finally here!!!! Please remember that the following vegetables plants (transplants) should only be planted around the first or middle of June (Watch for a full moon for the last frost) to that they are not killed by frost which can still happen in mid June.

Tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, eggplant, zucchini, etc...

If you are still not sure, check the package it comes in or ask the garden center or one of the other gardeners or call us for tips!

If you plant seed they can go in at the beginning of June. All of the other vegetable can be planted now.

Welcome to our wonderful new Assistant Coordinator, in biologists, natural sciences graduate and Canadian wildlife researcher Lindsay Armer and our first summer student of the season Matthew MacLeod who is from Bathurst and studying Environmental Science at Acadia University! We hope to have more summer students hired soon!

Welcome Back! To many gardeners from last year and past seasons!

Garden Registrations for summer 2010: We are now accepting garden registrations for next summer. There are only 13 garden beds still available out of a total of 36!

If you would like a garden bed (s) for this season or know someone you does want one please fill out your registration form and pay your fees at the Action Center to secure your spot! I am attaching the registration form for you, the list of beds and which ones are already reserved and a copy of the new garden plan. If you can't open any of the attached documents, we have paper copies at the Action Center.

The Winter Rye appears to have removed many of the weeds so the soil will be better each year that we work with it!

Robin has a bed of garlic he planted last fall covered with straw. Please do not step on it!

Albert's beds have naturally decomposed most of his plant waste from last fall right where he buried it! Way to go Albert!

Marc Couture, one of the BSD Director's is living near the garden now so he has offered to help with the Community Garden! You will see Marc tinkering around and helping out! Thank you Marc!

Shed and garden tools: Please be sure to unlock the top latch before opening the shed and to relock it when you close the shed and latch the second door at the top inside before locking the shed. You can keep your garden tools in the shed just be sure to put your name on them please.

Rain Water Collector! The collector looks a bit strange right now but it will pop back out soon! Please remember not to over water your plants or waste the water!

Composting Bins: **NO WEEDS IN THE COMPOSTERS PLEASE!** Bag them and place them in the shed and we will collect them and remove them from the garden.

Also, once you put some garden plant waste in the compost bin please shovel in a bit of soil. This will help to make the materials decompose better.

Keep in Mind: When composting: Add a layer of green, then a layer of brown, then green and then brown!

Here are some upcoming events and activities you might be interested in attending!

MAY

4th (7:00-9:00pm)– Composting workshop with Yanick Sirois of the Nepisiguit-Chaleur Solid Waste Commission(En Francais)

11th (7:00-9:00pm)– Composting workshop with Yanick Sirois of the Nepisiguit-Chaleur Solid Waste Commission (English)

18th (10-11am) – Launch: “Roll out the Green Carpet” (Launch of a publication completed by BSD as a guide to hosting eco-friendly events and meetings)

18th (7:00-8:00pm)– Bathurst’s Watershed – All about the Middle River & Carter’s Brook Watershed Riparian Zone Study

22nd (9am-1pm)– Official launch of the International Year of Biodiversity at the Bathurst Farmer’s Market

25th (7:00-8:00pm)– Birds in Arctic Canada (Learn about the biology, conservation, and monitoring of Canada’s Arctic bird species- Guest Presenter: Lindsay Armer

JUNE

1st (7:00-8:00pm)–Sustainability at the Brunswick Mine Site: by James Cormier, Xstrata Zinc.

2nd (12-1pm)– Clean Air Day Brown Bag Lunchtime Presentation (Bring your lunch to the Climate Change Action Center for a presentation on how you can make a difference.)

8th (7:00-8:00pm)– World Ocean Day (Presentation on Ocean Biodiversity & Acidification)-
Presenter: Lindsay Armer, Biologist and Wildlife Researcher

15th (7:00-8:00pm)– BSD Public Meeting (Come and share your ideas and concerns).

19th (1-3pm)– **Composting Workshop at Victoria Park Community Garden** with Yanick Sirois of the Nepisiguit-Chaleur Solid Waste Commission (Bilingual)

MAI

Le 4 (19 h-21 h) – Atelier de compostage animé par Yanick Sirois de la Commission des déchets solides Népisiguit-Chaleur (CDSNC) (en français).

Le 11 (19 h-21 h) – Atelier de compostage animé par Yanick Sirois (en anglais).

Le 18 (10 h-11 h) – Lancement du guide « Déroulez le tapis vert » créé par DDB à l’intention des organisateurs d’évènements et d’activités écologiques.

Le 18 (19 h-20 h) – Bassins versants de Bathurst – Présentation de l’étude sur les zones riveraines des bassins versants de la rivière Middle et du ruisseau Carter.

Le 22 (9 h-13 h) – Lancement officiel de l’Année internationale de la biodiversité au Marché des fermiers de Bathurst.

Le 25 (19 h-20 h) – Les oiseaux de l’Arctique canadien (Tout sur la biologie, la conservation et la surveillance des espèces d’oiseaux de l’Arctique canadien) – Animatrice - Lindsay Armer

JUIN

Le 1er (19 h-20 h) – Durabilité à la Mine Brunswick – Animateur - James Cormier, Xstrata

Le 2 (12 h-13 h) – Journée de l’assainissement de l’air – Dîner-causerie (Apportez votre casse-croûte au Centre d’action contre le changement climatique pour apprendre comment faire une différence.)

Le 8 (19 h-20 h) – Journée mondiale des océans (Informations sur la biodiversité et l’acidification des océans) - Animatrice - Lindsay Armer, biologiste et chercheure en faune

Le 15 (19 h-20 h) – Réunion publique DDB (Exprimez vos idées et inquiétudes)

Le 19 (13 h-15 h) – Atelier de compostage animé par Yanick Sirois de la Commission des déchets solides Népissiguit-Chaleur (CDSNC) – Endroit : Jardin du Parc Victoria – (bilingue)