

Welcome to Rose Roots Community Garden 2017!

As most of you are aware, John Chisum has stepped down as garden leader for the coming season. An email was sent to solicit interest in filling this role and we have had very little response, with the exception of Yvette Schmidt. She will be joining the Steering Committee this year but is new to the garden and will have a learning curve. Her husband Anthony and daughter Lauryn will be helping too. Thank you Yvette and family!!

Both Kristin and Karyn will be stepping down from their roles next year so we will need folks to step up and fill these vacancies. The roles really aren't difficult and do not require much time but are crucial for the success of the garden. We will be available to help new people learn the ropes.

With all that being said, we will be implementing some changes this year that will allow the Steering Committee to continue to do our jobs and to fill the gap left by John.

- Hours will be tracked by a sign in sheet on work days. This will help us more accurately account for hours that are being fulfilled.
- Online tracker can still be used for communal work that is done on a non-work day.

As John mentioned in a previous mailing the work days fell heavily to the leadership team last year and we would like to avoid that in the coming year. We will need all our community gardeners to participate in these work days. We feel we must ask everyone to be more involved because we will be shorthanded for the day to day management of the garden. In the past we have been lenient about those that do not fulfill their required 12hr of service/season. We cannot afford that any longer. Please refer to the garden rules included with your registration for details.

We will also ask that you try to resolve any issues with other gardeners by directly talking to them. We will have an email link on the Rose Roots Garden main page for you to email the leadership team for issues or concerns that cannot be handled in other ways. **Please use this link instead of "Membership" and one of us will get back to you. You can also join our Facebook group for communicating quickly with us and other members of the garden**

We would also like to stress that this is a community garden and the *community* is what makes or breaks it. You will meet wonderful people, have fun, add to your resume and skills and make a real contribution to feeding the hungry in our city. This has been one of the most rewarding things any of us have done.

Please consider helping out.

Rose Roots Leadership Team