

## MIDVALE COMMUNITY GARDENS - 2026

### WHAT IT MEANS TO BELONG TO A COMMUNITY GARDEN

1. Supporting garden sustainability by participating in work days and tasks throughout the season (Mandatory tasks identified by “\*” asterisk below)
2. Creating community by sharing knowledge, resources and talents
3. Fostering a culture of friendship and support
4. Upholding the principles of environmental stewardship through organic gardening practices

Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of the month at Sequoya Library. Check for cancellations on our website: <https://midvalecommunitygarden.org>

DATE / EVENT	TASK OR RESPONSIBILITY	NOTES
SPRING by March 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fees and application by returnees must be received by March 31 or forfeiture of plot</li> <li>• If you wish to change plots, email <a href="mailto:mrk6hrn29@gmail.com">mrk6hrn29@gmail.com</a> on or before March 15.</li> <li>• Cannot rejoin unless fees from previous year have been paid in full</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fees: covers plot, water, compost, 1 bale marsh hay</li> <li>• Plot fee based on household income: \$20 (up to \$38,000); \$35 (38,001-\$59,000) \$ 50 (over \$ 59,000)</li> </ul>
SPRING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential gardeners will be put on a Waiting List and notified by Mark if plot available beginning on April 1.</li> <li>• Plot clean-up is conducted before the end of the week of May 11 outside of opening days.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water turn-on date as determined by Midvale School maintenance staff, mid-May</li> </ul>
OPENING WEEK *  April 22 -Wednesday PM April 25 - Saturday April 26 - Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Garden Coordinator &amp; assistants will prepare &amp; assign task list &amp; monitor completion</li> <li>• Work obligation can be satisfied by opt-out fee payment (\$ 30) OR use of a substitute worker</li> <li>• “Substitute worker”: someone who represents the plot, main gardener, secondary gardener, relative of either of those, or someone hired to participate in place of main gardener</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gardening community prepares gardens for everyone: cleaning plots, setting up hoses, weeding shared areas, ensuring waste gets to curb for pickup, etc.</li> <li>• involves 2 hours of time</li> <li>• First pick-up week begins on April 20; second pick-up week of May 11.</li> </ul>
SPRING Volunteer for Garden Task *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Every gardener needs to volunteer for a “Garden Volunteer Task”</li> <li>• An email with task sign-up will be sent by Garden Coordinator</li> </ul>	herb garden, lawn mowing, fruit tree maintenance, asparagus patch, strawberry patch, rhubarb, tool caretaker, Garden Chair, etc.
By end of first full week in June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gardens must be planted by the end of the first full week of June or be forfeited.</li> </ul>	
Mid-summer workday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AKA “Garden maintenance day”</li> <li>• dates variable during summer. Garden coordinator to determine.</li> </ul>	
POTLUCK September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An email and poster on garden shed will announce selected date</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is our celebration of the harvest.</li> <li>• organized by Potluck Committee</li> </ul>
LATE OCTOBER Closing Days *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tasks determined by Garden Coordinator</li> <li>• Three dates will be available</li> <li>• involves 2 hours of time</li> <li>• Mandatory: work obligation satisfied by optout fee (\$ 30) or use of substitute worker (see Opening Day note)</li> <li>• Gardens must be cleared out unless winter planting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date determined by city brush pick up schedule <a href="http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/yardwaste">www.cityofmadison.com/streets/yardwaste</a></li> </ul>

\* **MANDATORY:** An Opening Day; a Closing Day; garden task volunteer task/s.