

The Town of Perinton Community Garden 2024 - 2025 Growing Season

Meet Mackenzie – Community Garden Coordinator

- 2nd year as CGC & Potter Park Supervisor
 - Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
- Background in Natural Resources Conservation
 - Lead spotted lanternfly trap surveying in Perinton
- Passionate about the outdoors
 - Volunteering for winter raptor surveying and amphibian migration
 - Birding and hiking
 - Traveling to state and national parks
- 9 years experience as a home gardener
- Plant based chef



About the Community Garden

- Established in 2011
- WWII home of a victory garden
- 2023 – 105 garden plots
- Vertical gardens, vermiculture composting system, pollinator/herb/shared gardens
- Town provides limited number of tools, water and organic compost



Access to the Community Garden

Garden Hours

- 8am to 10pm daily
 - Parking on Potter Place or Potter Park parking lot
- Restrooms available during main growing season – Exterior Lions Den (near playground)

2024-2025 Seasons

- March 20th – April 30th
 - Pre-season with limited access to resources
- May 1st – October 15th
 - Main growing season
 - Members required to maintain plots according to handbook standards
- October 16th – March 19th
 - Winter season with limited access to resources
 - Members must be registered to participate in winter season



Garden Member Responsibility

- Regularly maintain plot
 - Weeding, watering, and harvesting
- Notifying garden coordinator if you are unable to tend plot
- No Invasive/intrusive species (mint) or cannabis
- Plant only in plots assigned to you
- No use of herbicides, pesticides or fungicides
- Share the space with other members
- No alterations to boxes
 - All materials to be kept inside boxes
- Keep isles clear & return tools to shed after use
- Bring organic matter to dump trailer
- Winterize plot at end of season, if not renewed
- Read through handbook



Tool Shed

- Community garden bulletin board
 - News posted
 - Resources
 - Free Seed Club
 - Give/Take seeds
- Supplies
 - First come, first serve basis
- Donations to the shed
 - Please contact garden coordinator if you would like to donate supplies
 - Bags for donations, twist ties

***Access: please contact garden coordinator –
gardencoord@perinton.org***



Using the Hose

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1. Remove hose from hook
2. Move hose splitter valve to on/open position (hose side should be on, the other side off)
3. Turn water on
4. Turn nozzle valve to on position
5. Use nozzle and thumb control to control water

Putting the Hose Away

1. Turn off water
2. Recoil hose around hook – leave nozzle thumb control and valve on to drain excess water
3. Close thumb control and valve on nozzle
4. Move splitter valve to off/closed position

Please be sure the hose does not touch the ground when hanging on the hook



On/open
position



Off / Closed
position



Nozzle with
valve and thumb
control

A Year in Review

2023 Season

From the 2023 Season

**Tool Shed Organization
(Join us in 2024!)**



**Johanna Perrin Collaboration
Vermiculture Composting System**



From the 2023 Season

Vertical Gardens



Eagle Scout Project – Additional Beds



From the 2023 Season

Pollinator Garden Update



Install Posts for Shade Canopy



What's in Store for 2024



Volunteer Opportunities

- Core Members
 - Vouch to volunteer 15 hours annually
- Core Member Led Workdays
 - All members are welcome
- Non-member opportunities
 - Eagle Scout Projects
- Projects
 - Shared garden spaces
 - Special events
 - Supporting garden members
 - Distributing donations



Community Garden Events



Town of Perinton Community Garden Calendar

2024

March 20th

Community Garden Meet and Greet

Welcome to the 2024 Community Garden Growing season. Please join us at the member meet and greet where we will have a short presentation, brief Q and A, information on volunteer opportunities, and a seed swap.

April 11th

Indoor Seed Sowing

Join us as we start seeds that have higher success rate if started indoors. Use these seed starts to transplant out into the garden during the 2024 season.

June 3rd

Tour of Johanna Perrin School Garden

Join the Johanna Perrin Garden Club as they lead us in a tour of their schools garden. Please [RSVP](#), as space is limited.

June 10th

JP School Garden Tour and Pollinator Project

The Johanna Perrin Garden will tour the community garden and participate in helping with a special pollinator project.

August 1st

Tour of the Penfield Community Garden

Join Penfield Community Garden members as they lead us in a tour of their garden

September 23rd

Celebration of the Autumn Equinox

Join us for a potluck celebration of the harvest season.

Community Garden Workdays

Participate in a Core Member led community Garden workday. Meet other garden members to help clean up the garden and tool shed, [plant and weed the shared garden spaces](#) and work on garden projects.

May 1st

June 6th

July 12th

August 5th

September 3rd

October 16th

Continued Projects – Shade Canopy

- Install canopy
- Paint Picnic table
- Garden boxes to surround post
 - Assemble
 - Plant



Planting Shared Gardens

- Pollinator Gardens
 - Planting species that are beneficial for pollinators
- Herb Gardens
 - Plant and revamp herb gardens
- Shared Gardens
 - Beds for donations



New to the Garden – Donation Weigh Station

We encourage garden members to donate excess food to the local community.

- Weigh produce using scale in tool shed
- Record date, item and weight on provided paper
- Label item with tags in tool shed
- Leave to be donated
- Donations will be gifted to community members by core members
- All produce from vertical gardens are for donation
- ***100lb donation goal***



New (Updated) Community Garden Webpage



About the Community Garden

Established in 2011, the Town of Perinton Community Garden is located in Potter Park (53 W Church Street, Fairport, NY). The garden was once the original site for a WWII Victory Garden. Victory gardens were vegetable gardens planted by community members coming together to ensure adequate food supply for civilians and troops.

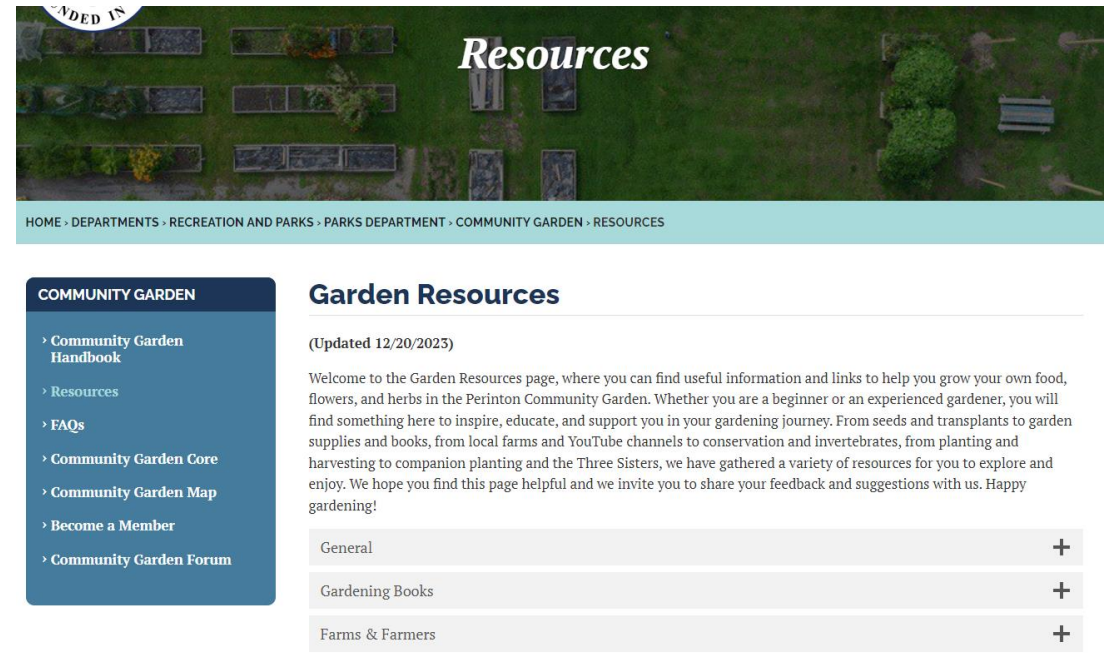
The garden offers 100+ raised garden beds to Fairport/Perinton community members. The plots are 8ft x 4ft and members can grow vegetables, herbs and flowers. The space also features a pollinator garden, vertical gardens and a worm composting system.

New - Community Garden Resources Webpage

Links with useful information to help you grow your own food, flowers and herbs

- General
- Books
- YouTube
- Conservation
- Invertebrates
- Garden Supplies
 - Supplies listed for deer prevention
- Planting and Harvesting

Click “+” sign to view section



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Garden Resources

(Updated 12/20/2025)

Welcome to the Garden Resources page, where you can find useful information and links to help you grow your own food, flowers, and herbs in the Perinton Community Garden. Whether you are a beginner or an experienced gardener, you will find something here to inspire, educate, and support you in your gardening journey. From seeds and transplants to garden supplies and books, from local farms and YouTube channels to conservation and invertebrates, from planting and harvesting to companion planting and the Three Sisters, we have gathered a variety of resources for you to explore and enjoy. We hope you find this page helpful and we invite you to share your feedback and suggestions with us. Happy gardening!

General	+
Gardening Books	+
Farms & Farmers	+

New - Community Garden FAQs Webpage

General questions and answers about the community garden.



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- How will I receive information about the garden? +
- How can I find my bed(s)? +
- There is a tarp on my bed, what is this? +
- When can I start planting my beds? +
- What resources does the town provide? +
- What do I do with organic waste from my garden bed? +
- What can I do with my extra vegetables? +
- Critters are eating my vegetables, what can I do? +

New - Community Garden Core Webpage

Core members vouch to volunteer 15 hours each year



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Community Garden Core

The community garden core is a group of members dedicating 15 hours of volunteer work support the mission of the garden, help at special events, attend core meetings, contribute to the goals of the garden, support garden members and assist the community garden coordinator with necessary tasks.

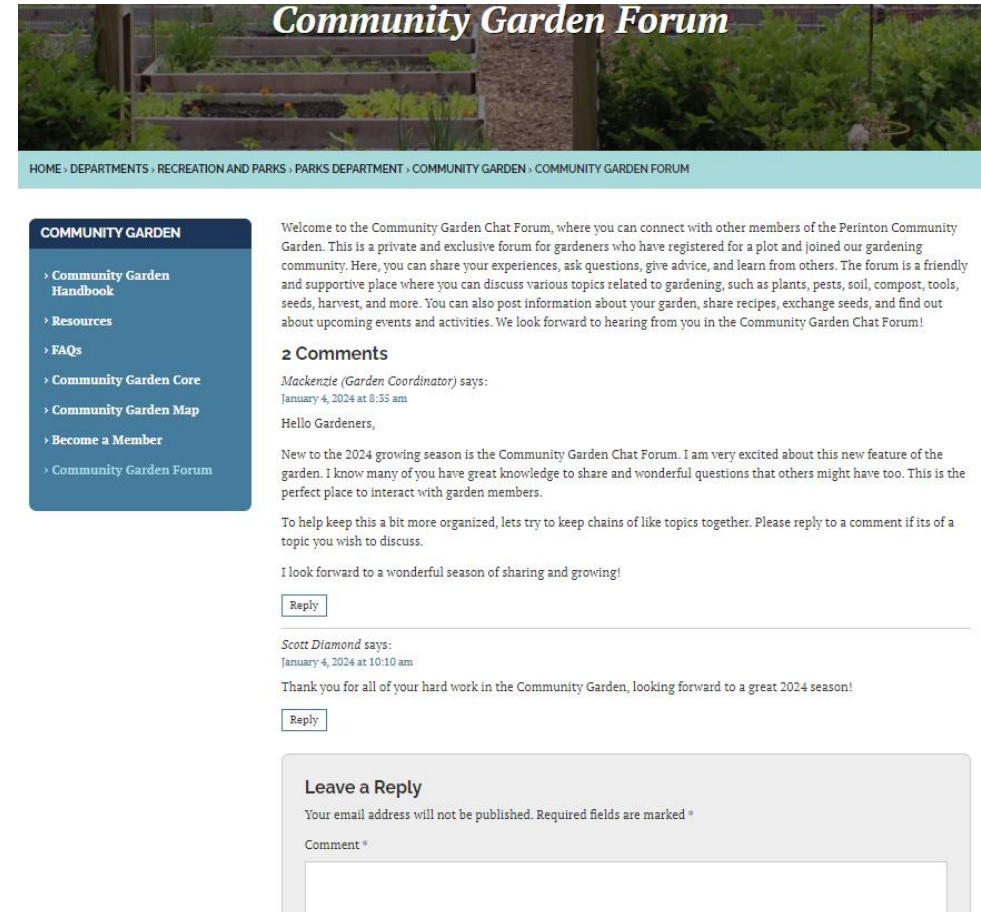
FAQ:

- How do I sign up? +
- What activities can volunteers participate in during the 2024 season? +
- What should I wear and bring to my volunteering experience? +
- Do I need to log my hours? +

New - Community Garden Forum Webpage

- Connect with other members of the garden
- Share experiences, ask questions, give advice, and learn from others

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Community Garden Forum

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Welcome to the Community Garden Chat Forum, where you can connect with other members of the Perinton Community Garden. This is a private and exclusive forum for gardeners who have registered for a plot and joined our gardening community. Here, you can share your experiences, ask questions, give advice, and learn from others. The forum is a friendly and supportive place where you can discuss various topics related to gardening, such as plants, pests, soil, compost, tools, seeds, harvest, and more. You can also post information about your garden, share recipes, exchange seeds, and find out about upcoming events and activities. We look forward to hearing from you in the Community Garden Chat Forum!

2 Comments

Mackenzie (Garden Coordinator) says:
January 4, 2024 at 8:55 am

Hello Gardeners,

New to the 2024 growing season is the Community Garden Chat Forum. I am very excited about this new feature of the garden. I know many of you have great knowledge to share and wonderful questions that others might have too. This is the perfect place to interact with garden members.

To help keep this a bit more organized, lets try to keep chains of like topics together. Please reply to a comment if its of a topic you wish to discuss.

I look forward to a wonderful season of sharing and growing!

Scott Diamond says:
January 4, 2024 at 10:10 am

Thank you for all of your hard work in the Community Garden, looking forward to a great 2024 season!

Leave a Reply

Your email address will not be published. Required fields are marked *

Comment *

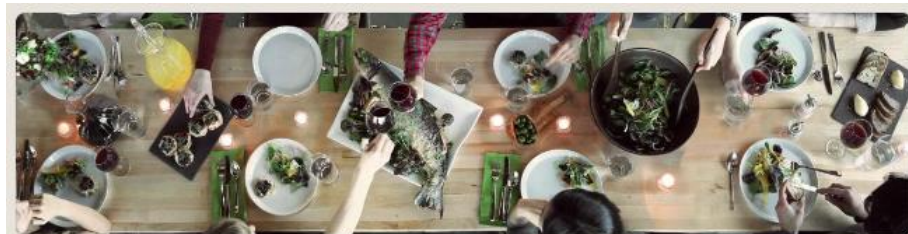
Recipe Submission Form

We will be putting together a garden recipe book.

Please;

- Include at least one item you grew in your garden this season
- List the ingredients in the order you use them in the recipe
- Include the amount, quantity, size of item
- Let us know if/how we should process it

Please submit your recipes to the form located at the bottom of my email throughout the season until September 9th.



Recipe Submissions

Thank you for submitting a recipe for the 2024 growing season. We will be putting together a recipe book for everyone.



The name and photo associated with your Google account will be recorded when you upload files and submit this form. Your email is not part of your response.

* Indicates required question

First and Last Name *

Your answer

Recipe Name

Your answer

List of Ingredients

Please

- list the ingredients in the order you use them in the recipe
- include amount, quantity, size of item
- let us know if/how we should process it

2024 Community Garden Grant

- In December 2023 the Town of Perinton applied for a community garden grant
 - Installation of proper perimeter fencing for the community garden
 - ADA compliant raised beds
 - Grantees have yet to be released



Questions?

