

## 2019 Welcome to another season at Shepherd's Field Garden!

Spring time is approaching, and with it comes a host of opportunities for fun, growth, and service in the garden. Please read this letter informing you of the latest garden news.

We have a waiting list of prospective gardeners. **Return your signed application and guidelines along with payment by March 1 to renew your plot.** After that date, plots that have not been paid for will be available to other gardeners.

We are hoping to schedule our opening meeting for Saturday, March 16, 10:00 AM at Christ the King Church. Confirmation of this date and time will be sent via email. This is one of the few times we gather to share information and get organized for the year—we would love to see all gardeners there!

Communication throughout the season will primarily occur through email, and we have a **NEW EMAIL ADDRESS** this year. Please be on the lookout for emails from [ShepherdsField245@gmail.com](mailto:ShepherdsField245@gmail.com), and use this address for communication.

Part of belonging to a community garden is pitching in and participating in the “community.” Here are some opportunities for involvement. Find your niche and help our garden thrive! We need:

- **Green bean team members**—help grow, pick, and maintain pole beans for enjoying with family and friends as well as sharing with the food bank
- **Tool shed organizer(s)**—help keep our tools in good order
- **Food bank donors**—everyone can participate in this! It is important to be consistent about donating produce and recording our donations. There will be a scale and clipboard in the tool shed to record all donations, regardless of which food bank is receiving the produce. Please also have the food bank record how many pounds of food you are delivering from Shepherd's Field Garden. This information will be used when we apply for grants.
- **Plant sale volunteers**--the plant sale is our annual fundraiser. It will take place the first two weekends in August, coinciding with the church's annual rummage sale. Start planning what you can contribute to the sale; house plants, seeds, plant starts, garden tools, yard art, and produce are some of the items to consider.
- **Work party volunteers**—mark your calendars for some garden team-building on the third Saturday of each month beginning in May. These work parties begin at 9 AM and generally go until 12 noon, often followed by a BBQ. This is prime time for meeting other gardeners and helping keep the grounds looking great!

We look forward to a great year of gardening along with you!

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