

August Garden News 2024

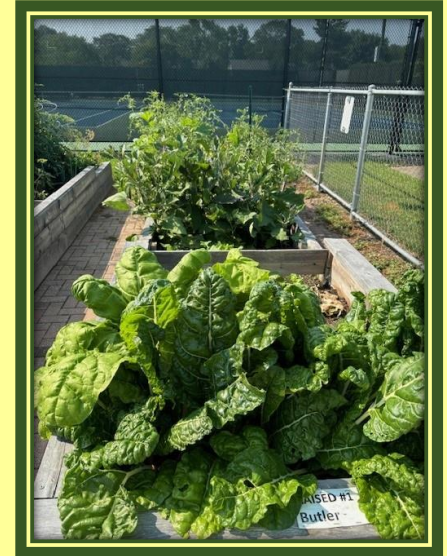
Ahhh, SUMMER!



Outlined in zinnias!



Choong harvesting peppers



Raised bed success!

You asked, and we answered!

Q. What type of plants are growing at the community gardens these days?

A. All kinds of plants! Tomatoes, beans, peppers, gourds, flowers, potatoes but if you want to know for sure, ...there is a free app, iNaturalist, you can download that will tell you the botanical name based on the leaf or bud of the plant in question. Take a picture on your phone and you'll get a pretty accurate response!



Q. Is the little garden on Ladd Street by Frontier Park a Monarch Waystation?

A. This is not a Monarch Waystation but we do have a few in the parks! One at [Centennial Park](#) along the Burr Oak Dr. path and two others located at [Heritage Park](#) along the Fernandez Ave. path.

Q. Can my home garden be considered a Monarch Butterfly Waystation or is it only for Park Districts?

A. Yes, your home can be a certified Monarch Waystation! As long it meets the criteria from [MonarchWatch.ORG](#).

Fight the Bite this Summer

Mosquitoes have tested positive for West Nile Virus, in and around Arlington Heights. Take steps to protect yourself from being bitten by wearing long sleeves and pants when outdoors at night and using mosquito/bug spray.

Residents are also encouraged to dump any sitting water on their property. Mosquitoes can lay 100 eggs, surviving without water for up to 8 months. Once those eggs come in contact with water, eggs can hatch in 48 hours. Even minimal water can serve as an excellent nursery for mosquito larvae. Learn more at [vah.com/mosquitosafety](#).



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