

CITY OF HIGH POINT AGENDA ITEM



Title: Community and School Gardens Update

From: Thanena Wilson, Director, Community
Development & Housing

Meeting Date: July 17, 2023

Public Hearing: N/A

Advertising Date: N/A

Advertised By: N/A

Attachments: Presentation

PURPOSE:

Crystal Mercer, County Extension Agent for Community and School Gardens will provide the following:

- Extension Advisory Update January 1-June 30, 2023 - Community and School Gardens Program in High Point

BACKGROUND:

Crystal's role is to assist individuals, communities, agencies, and schools with establishing and sustaining community and school gardens through an asset-based community development model.

BUDGET IMPACT:

None

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

None



Community & School Gardens Program High Point Community Extension Agent Advisory Update

January 1 – June 30, 2023



50 Community Gardens in High Point

- **7 Neighborhood Gardens:** Bountiful Harvest (West End Ministries), Burns Hill, Cedar St, East Ave, Gatewood, Howard Pl, Southside Garden
- **17 School Gardens:** Allen Jay, Andrews HS, Fairview Elem, Ferndale MS, Florence Elem, High Point Central, Johnson Street Global, Kirkman Park Elem, Montlieu Academy, Northwood Elem, Oak Hill Elem, Oak View Elem, Penn Griffin MS, Shadybrook Elem, Southwest Guilford MS, Triangle Lake Montessori, Union Hill Elem
- **3 Youth Gardens:** Bailey's Enrichment ECE, D-Up, Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club
- **12 Community Organizations:** Covenant UMC, High Point Kiwanis, High Point Library Teaching Garden, Morehead Recreation, Oakview Recreation, The Arc of High Point, Pennybyrn, People of God, Salvation Army Hope Center, Tumani-Hope (World Relief), Southside Orchard, Village Life Cathedral, Mosaic Community Garden
- **11 Urban Agriculture:** Beeson, Deacon Davis Growing High Point (White Oak/Walnut, Thissell Grow, Pershing, East Green, Hopyard, Drozik's Produce, Eat & Beetz, Furlough, Ridge Berry)

2023
City of High
Point
Community
Garden
Assistance
APPROVED

Neighborhood Gardens, Urban Agriculture, Community Organizations:

- Burns Hill
- Cedar Street
- Deacon Davis @ Heroes Center
- East Avenue
- Howard Place
- Ridge Berry Farm
- Southside Community Orchard
- Southside Community Garden
- The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club
- Village Life Cathedral Legacy Garden

School:

- Fairview Elementary



Support for New and Existing Gardens



City of High Point 2023

COMMUNITY GARDEN ASSISTANCE APPLICATION



11 Grants Received Totaling \$942.54
(City of High Point spent between Jan-May)

- 1.5 tons of wood mulch
- 61 tons of topsoil
- 33 tons of compost
- 6 tons of leaf mulch

Fair Market Value: \$2,208.80

- \$17/ton – mulch
- \$22/ton – everything else

SAVINGS - \$1,266.26

New & Re-Start Gardens

High Point:

- Lori Chamberlain Community Orchard
- The Whole Earth Collective
- Temple Memorial Community Garden
- Vietnamese Baptist Church
- Village Life Cathedral

Greensboro:

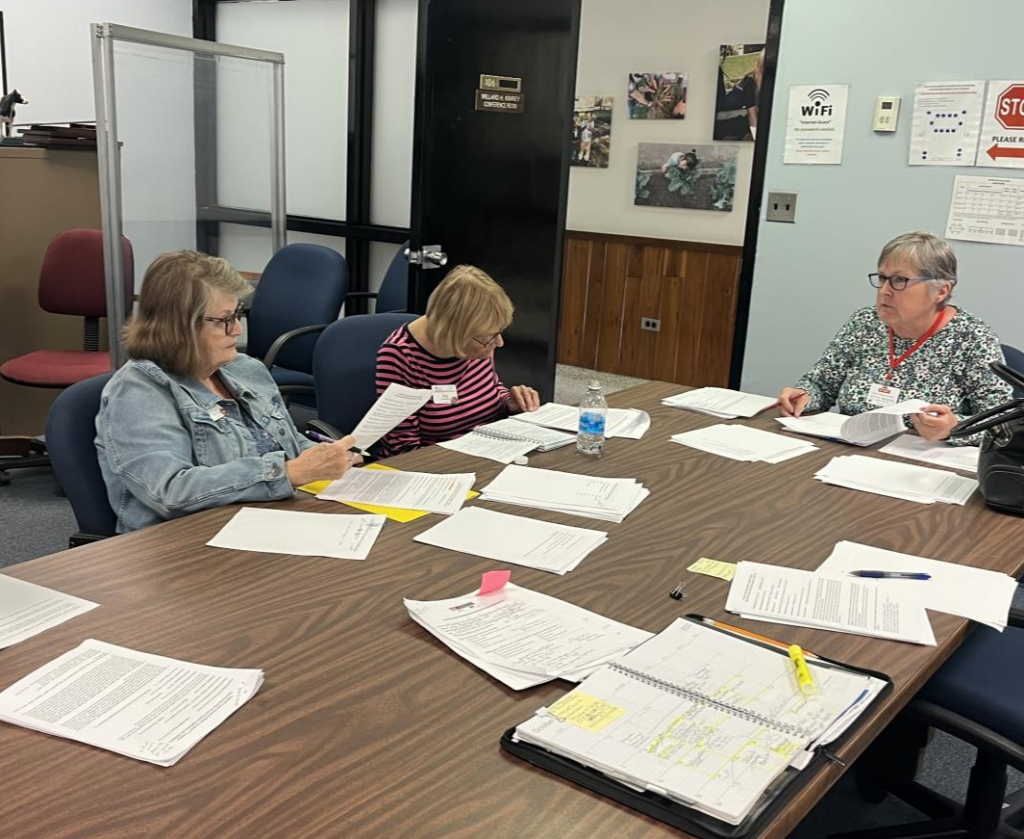
- Dudley High School
- Hariston Middle
- Herbin-Metz Memorial Garden
- Greensboro Moravian Garden
- St. Phillips AME Zion



Village Life Legacy Gardens



Village Life Legacy Gardens



EMGV School Garden
Micro-Grant
Committee (\$250)



Micro-Grants Awards Reception:

- Fairview Elementary
- Oak Hill Elementary
- High Point Friends School

Fairview Elementary



Seeds To Share

Free Seeds for Community & School Gardens
in Guilford County

veggies • flowers • herbs • heirlooms



In-Person, for 2023

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

9:00 AM—12:00 PM

NC Cooperative Extension
3309 Burlington Road
Greensboro, NC

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:00 AM—12:00 PM

High Point Public Library
901 N. Main Street
High Point, NC

Seeds have been generously donated by garden centers and seed companies. Gardening experts will be available to answer questions.





Building Partnerships: Join a Community Garden



Greensboro Day School
Service Day @ Burns Hill Community Gardens

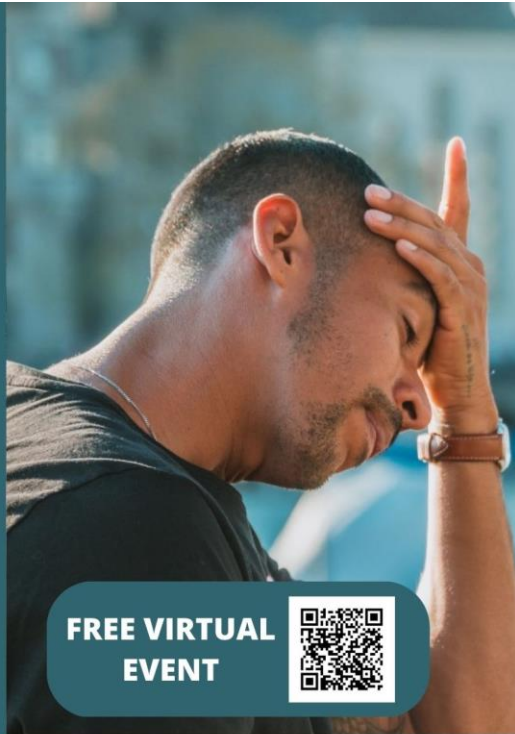
Thanks to the creative people of High Point, NC

Gardens Under Glass
Workshop
May 20, 2023



COPING WITH THE SEASONS OF LIFE

A MENTAL HEALTH DISCUSSION



FREE VIRTUAL EVENT



April 21st, 2023
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

This session on mental health will focus on showing us how to cope with the seasons of life. Whether it be getting a new job with all of its responsibilities, the birth of a child or the loss of a loved one, this session will help you identify the stressors of life and how to cope with them. This session will also help you identify the onset of mental disorders and the signs of suicide which keeps rising despite most of us having advanced means to connect and more opportunities to acquire what we desire.



Lynn Duffy, Presbyterian Counseling Center, Greensboro, NC.

Lynn Duffy has been a North Carolina Licensed Clinical Social Worker for over 20 years. She believes in a holistic approach to care, including the mind, body and spirit. Lynn's focus has been primarily working with adults. She has provided counseling for individuals, couples, and families. Her focuses include coping with life transitions, domestic conflict, anxiety, Depression and Bipolar Disorder, holistic practices, and grief and loss.



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LEARN HOW TO START A SPRING GARDEN

spring sprouts spectaculars

Saturday, April 15, 2023
10-11 AM

High Point Library Teaching Gardens
901 N. Main Street, High Point NC 27262

This event is
free! Register
on
Eventbrite!



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For more information, contact Crystal Mercer, Community and School
Gardens Agent: crystal_mercer@ncsu.edu OR (336) 641-2427

High Point Community Garden Contest 2023

Our goals:

- Community Awareness
- Community Outreach
- Showcase Gardens
- Engaging Potential Gardeners
- Feeling of Honor

High Point COMMUNITY GARDEN CONTEST

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY
5PM, FRIDAY, JUNE 23rd
ACTUAL CONTEST BEGINS MONDAY, JUNE 26th

High Point
Community
Gardens
Contest



Enter Online →

**SELECT THE CATEGORY IN
WHICH YOU WISH TO
PARTICIPATE:**

**BEST OVERALL GARDEN
AND/OR
TOTAL COMMUNITY
GARDEN PRODUCE OUTPUT**

**Winners to be Announced @
the High Point Unity Festival
SEPTEMBER 23, 2023**

**JUDGING WILL OCCUR
AUGUST 15 - 17**

Judging Criteria will include:

- Aesthetic Appeal and Social Impact
- Total Produce Distributed by Weight*
- Submittal of Photographs of your Garden are STRONGLY encouraged. Submit to Mark Taylor, Mark.Taylor@HighPointNC.gov

To Enter the Garden Contest, scan code at top of the page.
Applications can either be emailed to
Mark Taylor, Mark.Taylor@HighPointNC.gov or
Crystal Mercer, CBMerce3@NCSSU.edu OR
Dropped off at the High Point Public Library, Attn: Mark Taylor.

*For help assessing the value of your yield...

USDA.gov



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