

Heather Gardens Garden Club Monthly Report

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- Garden Maintenance issues: Water pipe leak & main gate lock broken. Both repaired.
- ACGN (Aurora Community Garden Network) garden tour of local gardens attended by two gardeners, who came back with exciting reports of what the local gardens are doing, IE: composting, mushroom farms, community events and areas in their gardens, leaf storage, storage shed improvement, etc. To discuss at next HG Garden Club meeting. Potential for expansion of our garden activities and collaboration with the local ACGN.
- Garden season winding down, garden is lush with late summer harvest. Japanese beetles & grasshoppers have been the main challenge this year. Methods to combat & prevent grasshoppers for next season will be discussed at 9/30 meeting.
- Next Garden Club meeting is Monday, Sept. 30 at 6 pm in Aspen/Blue Spruce room.
- Garden Plots Procedure Memorandum (PM) was approved at the August 15 HGMD BOD meeting. This PM has already been distributed and discussed at the monthly meetings several times. It will be sent out to all Lessees at the time of the annual lease renewal. Need signed copy of the PM—Robin to arrange that.
- 14 people on the waiting list. Several garden plots have not been gardened by their Lessees, instead the gardens are full of weeds and unsightly. The Garden Management Subcommittee is contacting the Lessees re: the weeds and non-use.
- Garden Open House scheduled for Saturday September 14 from 9 am-11 am. Gardeners will be available to showcase their gardens, answer questions, and visit with one another. HG residents are welcome to attend.
- Monthly Club H n' Yon entry for Garden Club to include garden tips and any garden events/classes. There are many building gardens and individual gardens in HG.
- Unused pie-shaped section next to the Garden Plots is full of weeds and trash. We are requesting that it be turned over to the Garden Plots so that one or more plots can be created (in the sunny portion) and storage and potential other uses be created in the deeply shaded and treed area. This will help with weed control and mosquito control. Two areas of expense anticipated—install a gate between the unused portion and the gazebo garden area (wooden fence separates the two areas) and investigate irrigation—there is already water in that section, may need to expand it to include any new plots (sunny section) and the storage (shaded section).
- Carol S. Membership Secretary, contacted CDOT re: the disrepair of their fence and was told they would put a work order in on my behalf but might carry more weight if a follow-up comes from the District. CDOT and the Garden Plots share a long old wooden fence, in bad shape, with gaps and broken boards.