Dear Hollinshead Gardeners and OSU Master Gardener Volunteers,

Thank you for your patience in sending out this update in the response to the COVID-19 outbreak and the operation of Hollinshead Community Garden for 2020. Our greatest priority is the health and safety of you, our volunteers, staff and all community members. We will continue to comply in the context of the Governor’s Executive Order 20-12 (Stay Home. Save Lives.).

- The Garden will be considered officially **closed until May 30th** and all events related to the Garden such as monthly volunteer meetings, and garden education events are cancelled at this time and subject to change as circumstances require.

- **Master Gardener volunteers** nor **gardeners** are not permitted to access the Garden. Therefore maintenance activities, garden oversight and assistance to gardeners will be unavailable.

- It is unclear at this date when **Bend Parks** will be able to support the Garden to provide water to the hoses, irrigation and waste collection.

- **Registration and Opening Day activity is being delayed** until such time that it becomes clear when and on what basis the garden can be returned to operation.

- **Rental fees** will likely be reduced to reflect the shorter rental season.

Certainly it is a disappointing development to postpone gardening activities, however in the context of the bigger picture, taking these steps is another incremental contribution we can make to slow and hopefully stop COVID’s spread with all the associated benefits that brings.

In the meanwhile consider registering for an online OSU Vegetable Gardening course being offered for **free** through the end of April [https://workspace.oregonstate.edu/course/master-gardener-series-vegetable-gardening?hsLang=en](https://workspace.oregonstate.edu/course/master-gardener-series-vegetable-gardening?hsLang=en)

Below is the tentative schedule as of today, **SUBJECT TO CHANGE**. We will send out email notifications if/when dates are changed.

- Deadline for Lottery
- Deadline for notification of returning gardeners
- Opening Day

Thank you for your patience and understanding and be well.

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The **OSU Demonstration Garden** is designed and maintained by OSU faculty, staff and the Central Oregon chapter of OSU Master Gardener volunteers. Hundreds of annuals, vegetables, perennials, trees and shrubs are planted for you to enjoy and learn about which plants are best suited to our high desert environment. Each plant is labeled with a plant name, cultural requirements, and other fun plant facts. Our goal is to demonstrate plants that are adaptable, show water use and fire-resistance. We also utilize a water smart (weather based) irrigation controller on site and are demonstrating research-based, best management practices for home gardens and landscapes.

**Location:** 3800 SW Airport Way, Building 4, located on the Deschutes County fairgrounds in Redmond, Oregon.

**Demonstration Garden Features:**

- **Native Plant Garden** - Plantings here are native to Central Oregon. They are drought tolerant and can tolerate strong winds. Native grasses, perennials and some shrubs are included in this design.

- **Shade Gardens** - Plants that thrive in the shade may be seen along the two sides of the building. In addition to shade these plants prefer more moisture and protection from the wind.

- **Outdoor Classroom** - This area is currently a sitting area with picnic tables and a retaining wall. Informal meetings can be held in this area. Also in this area is the watersmart irrigation control box. It operates using weather-based information it receives that is downloaded from a satellite dish. Basically, the measured amount of water lost is put back in the landscape, a very efficient way to water.

- **Vines** - Along the fence, examples of several different kinds of vines can be found. They not only soften the design, but also help provide breaks from our frequent strong winds.

- **Turf and Trees** - In this area is an example of a more drought tolerant turf, a blended mix of Kentucky blue grass, fescue and perennial rye. Examples of large shade trees also adorn this area.

- **Natural Forest Area** - Native trees, shrubs and grasses demonstrate a naturalized landscape. A favorite in this garden is the Rocky Mountain Maple.
• Compost Bins - A three-bin system is used for the composting operation here. Materials are moved from one bin to another as they progressively decompose. Piles are kept moist throughout the season to encourage good breakdown. A finished, organic rich compost is turned back into the gardens.

• Small Fruits - We have a variety of strawberries and raspberries growing in this area. Also included is the perennial vegetable asparagus.

• Vegetable Favorites - In this garden are vegetables successfully grown in our region, some of which were developed at Oregon State University. These plants are recommended for their ability to mature in our short growing season.

• All-America Selection (AAS) Display Garden - Each year AAS test new seeds for home gardens on a national level. The winning seeds are then displayed in our gardens for you to enjoy. Seeds selected include high quality annuals, vegetables and perennials.

• Edible Landscaping - This bed is the start of some fruit trees and bushes. Includes apples, Asian pear and honeyberry. Additional plants will be added in the future.

• Landscape Favorites - These beds demonstrate very adaptable and ornamental plants for the high desert. This selection includes perennials, trees and shrubs. Notice the steppable plants in between the flagstone.

• Flag Garden - This bed includes several ornamental grasses and perennials. The bees love the Russian sage and the Blue-mist Spirea.

• Greenhouse - Our new greenhouse is used to teach classes on starting seeds and greenhouse management. The water from the rinse station is recycled back to the bioswale.

• Bioswale - This example of a bioswale infiltrates runoff and reduces flooding using moisture loving plants and rocks.

We hope you enjoy your visit.

We also manage two community Gardens, Hollinshead Community Garden and Northwest Crossing Community Garden both located in Bend, OR. See below for more information on these community gardens.

Hollinshead Community Garden – 2020 Information

About the Gardens:

• Hollinshead Community Garden is located in the Bend Parks and Recreation District Hollinshead Park, 1235 NE Jones Rd, Bend, Oregon.
• The Garden is managed by OSU Extension Service Master Gardeners.
• There are 90 garden plots that are rented to the public for organic vegetable gardening.
• Cost of the plots is $30 (10' x 10') and $40 (10' x 15'), and includes automatic watering.
• Garden classes are provided throughout the gardening season at Hollinshead Park. See the COMGA or OSU/Deschutes County Extension website for information and the schedule for 2020.

About Getting a Garden Plot at Hollinshead Community Garden:

Renting a garden bed at Hollinshead Community Garden (HHCG) will be done by a lottery. Returning gardeners in good standing will keep the plots they rented the previous year. All wishing to participate in the lottery must register by email to: comga2014@gmail.com Please email your contact information: full name, phone number and email address.

LOTTERY opens March 1st and closes Saturday, April 4, 2020 at noon

• Individual names of registered participants will be put on a lottery numbered ticket. OSU Master Gardeners will draw as many tickets as plots that are available.
• Each winner will be notified within 5 days of this lottery, indicating their status.
• An email with a Hollinshead garden plot map showing the available plots will be sent to lottery winners.
• Once names are chosen for the available plots, the remaining participants will be placed on a waiting list. (Plots might become available during the growing season. The waiting list will be notified by email.)

Choosing your Plot: April 19th @ 2:00 pm
• The winners of the Lottery Drawing or designee, MUST BE PRESENT at the garden to select a garden plot. The selection of the first plot will begin promptly at 2:00 pm! If you (or designee) are late to choose your plot, your name will go to the bottom of the winners list. If you (or designee) are not present to choose your plot, your name will be placed on the last spot of the wait list.
• Wait listed participants will not have advantage in 2021’s lottery. We will begin anew!

HHCG Opening Day: Saturday, April 25, 2020 @ 9:00 am, rain or shine at the garden
• Each gardener will register, and pay the rental fee of $30 or $40 depending on the size of their plot
• Checks made out to COMGA, or cash will be accepted.
• All plot renters or their designee are expected to contribute 2 hours of work, preparing the Community Garden for the growing season. Please come ready to work. Dress for the weather. Bring gloves and tools (rakes, shovels and wheelbarrows-if you have them!) Make sure you have your name on your tools!

HHCG Closing Day: Saturday, OCTOBER 10, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m. rain or shine at the garden
• All plot renters or their designee are expected to contribute 2 hours of work winterizing the Community Garden on closing day. Please come ready to work. Dress for the weather. Please bring gloves and tools (rakes, shovels and wheelbarrows-if you have them!) Make sure you have your name on your tools!

HH Garden Contact: Nancy Glick at nmglick1@gmail.com

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Discovery Park Community Garden - 2020 Information

About the Garden:
• Discovery Park Community Garden (DPCG) (formerly NorthWest Crossing Community Garden) is located on Discovery Park Drive near the dog park on the north side of Discovery Park in Bend. The Garden is located on property owned by Bend Park & Recreation District, and is managed by OSU Master Gardener Volunteers.
• The cost of a raised bed for the season is $30.
• Each 4’ x 10’ raised bed is equipped with microsprayers for irrigation. The system is centrally adjusted during the season to compensate for weather and the watering needs of garden plants.
• OSU Master Gardener Volunteers are available to assist and to be a gardening resource to gardeners.
• Gardening classes are held throughout the growing season. See the COMGA or OSU/Deschutes County Extension website for information and the schedule for 2020.
About Getting a Garden Plot at Discovery Park
Community Garden:

Renting an available garden bed at DPCG will be done by lottery. **All wishing to participate in the lottery must register by email to: gocomga@gmail.com** Please provide your full name, phone number and email address, and type “DPCG” in the subject line of the email. Returning gardeners in good standing will keep the plots they rented the previous year.

**LOTTERY opens February 1st and closes April 15th**
- The lottery drawing will be held on April 16th and winners will be notified via email.
- Lottery winners will receive their raised bed assignment at registration on Opening Day April 27 at the garden.
- Remaining lottery applicants will be placed on a waiting list and notified by email of their status on the list.

DPCG Opening Day: **Saturday, April 25, 2020 @ 9:00 am, rain or shine at the garden**
- Each gardener will register, and pay the rental fee of $30.
- Checks made out to COMGA, credit card, or cash will be accepted.

DPCG CLOSING DAY: **Saturday, OCTOBER 17, 2020 @ 9:00 A.M. rain or shine at the garden**

Contact: Gary Weber gocomga@gmail.com

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**Discovery Park Community Garden - 2020 Information**

About the Gardens:

- Discovery Park Community Garden is located on Discovery Park Drive, near the dog park in the NWX neighborhood of Bend. The Garden is on property owned Bend Park & Recreation District, and is managed by OSU Master Gardener Volunteers.
- Cost of a raised bed (4’ x 10’) is $30 ($25 for seniors age 65+)
- Each bed has microsprayers. The time they come on and the length of time they run is controlled automatically and is adjusted continually throughout the season to compensate for weather.
- All beds are assigned to an OSU Master Gardener Volunteer who acts as a mentor.
Garden classes are provided throughout the gardening season at Discovery Park Community Garden. See the COMGA or OSU/Deschutes County Extension website for information and the schedule for 2020.

About Getting a Garden Plot at Discovery Park Community Garden:

Renting a garden bed at Discovery Park Community Garden (DPCG) will be done by a lottery. Returning gardeners in good standing will keep the plots they rented the previous year. **All wishing to participate in the lottery must register by email to:** gocomga@gmail.com Please email your contact information: full name, phone number and email address, and type DPCG in the subject line of the email.

**LOTTERY opens February 1st and closes April 15th**

- Individual names of registered participants will be put on a lottery numbered ticket. OSU Master Gardeners will draw the tickets one by one, and list in numerical order. The number of plots available will determine the number of successful lottery winners.
- Each winner will be notified within 3 days of this lottery via email, indicating their status.
- An email of the DPCG garden plot map with their assigned plot notated will be sent to lottery winners.
- Once names are chosen for the available plots, the remaining participants will be placed on a waiting list. (Many times plots become available during the growing season. The wait list will also be notified by email.)

**DPCG Opening Day: Saturday, April 27, 2019 @ 9:00 am, rain or shine at the garden**

- Each gardener will register, and pay the rental fee of $30 (or $25.00 for seniors)
- **Checks made out to COMGA, or cash will be accepted.**

**DPCG CLOSING DAY: Saturday, OCTOBER 5, 2019 @ 9:00 A.M. rain or shine at the garden**

**DPCG Garden Contact: Gary Weber gocomga@gmail.com**