

How do I find a garden to visit?

Inside this brochure you'll find regional maps, garden descriptions, and exact addresses of all the participating gardens on parade this year.

Use this to **hone in** on a few gardens that pique your interest, **plan your route**, and **grab a friend** to come along for the ride! For easy identification of gardens on the day of the Parade, participating gardens will have **bright orange signs** with their Parade number placed near and at each garden site.

For more detailed information on participating gardens, you can look them up on our Google-based **Parade Directory Map** — available off the Gardening Matters homepage.

Green Routes to the Parade

We know that community gardens play a crucial role in reducing our environmental impact and improving the health of our neighbors and neighborhoods. Why not go a step further and **bike or walk** to the community gardens you visit on the Parade to **do your part**?

In collaboration with **Bike Walk Twin Cities (BWTC)**, visit the Parade section of the Gardening Matters website for links to **specialty-created walking and biking routes** for select self-guided tours to Twin Cities gardens on the parade. Make a day of it! Pack a picnic! Have fun! And wear your helmet!

BWTC will also be sponsoring a **Community Garden Photo Contest**. Submit your photos of biking or walking to gardens on the day of the parade for a chance to win an exciting bike/walk prize!

Details about the photo contest and more info on biking and walking to the gardens on the BWTC and GM websites:

www.bikewalktwincities.org
www.gardeningmatters.org



The “Dirt” on Community Gardens

Our definition is simple:

“A community garden is any space where plants are grown and maintained by the community to meet the needs of that community”

What kind of community gardens are there?

Community gardens are as diverse in style, organization, and appearance as the communities in which they are located. A successful community garden reflects the specific character, tastes, and needs of its neighborhood.

Some community gardens have individual plots for gardeners, while in others the gardeners work communally in the entire space. The smallest gardens on the parade are maintained by just a few households while the largest are highly coordinated operations of 50 or even 100 gardeners!

They grow flowers, food, native plants, or a combination. Some gardens focus on donation, while others center on education, therapy, food production, neighborhood beautification or community building. For the purpose of the parade, gardens are categorized as featuring **Art in the Garden**, **Beautification** (flowers and ornamental plants), **Food Production**, **Native Plants**, or **Youth Engagement**—some gardens feature all five!

Where are community gardens located?

Anywhere there is soil and sun, a community garden can blossom:

- * vacant lots
- * places of worship
- * schools
- * businesses
- * parks
- * railroad land
- * multi-housing complexes
- * senior centers
- * and more!

Who participates in community gardens?

EVERYONE! Gardening is a common language — unifying people regardless of ability, ethnicity, age, background and education. Welcome!

Benefits of Community Gardens

Successful, sustainable community gardens bring many social, environmental, and health benefits to their communities. Community gardens:

- Introduce neighbors to each other, nurturing relationships that **build community** across cultural, generational and socio-economic divides
- Create a **sense of pride** and respect for the neighborhood that **discourages crime** and **encourages stewardship**
- **Green our neighborhoods**, making them more beautiful, environmentally friendly, healthy, and livable
- Reduce our environmental impact by sequestering carbon, addressing water runoff issues, attracting pollinators, and creating a forum for peer to peer education on environmental topics
- **Provide access** to fresh, healthy, and culturally-appropriate foods
- Reduce household **food budgets**
- Provide a **venue for physical exercise** and an **outlet for stress**, improving mental health and physical wellbeing
- Increase local leadership, **civic engagement** and grassroots empowerment

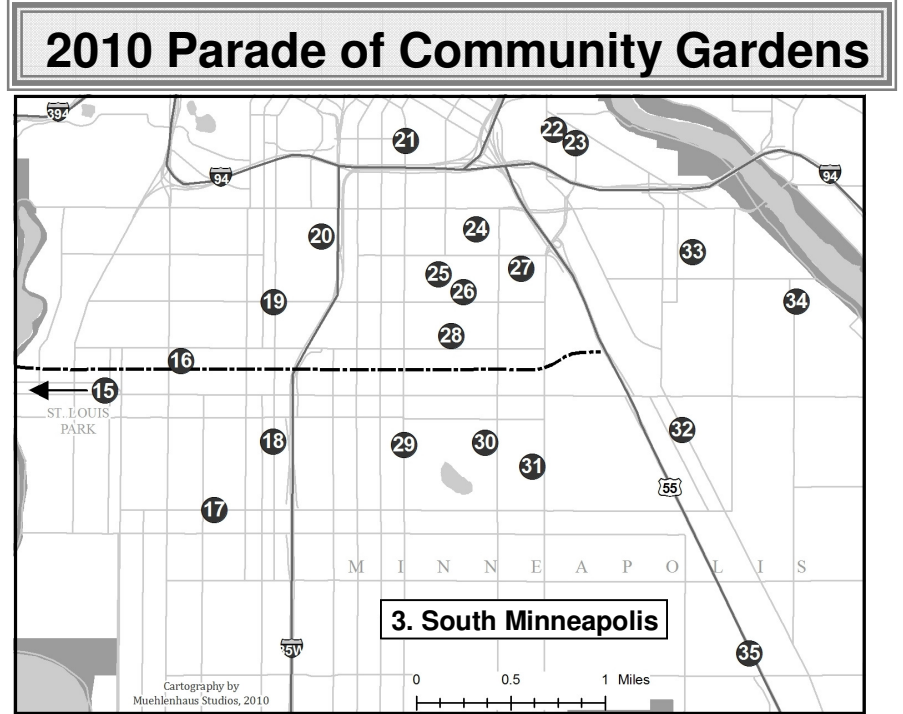
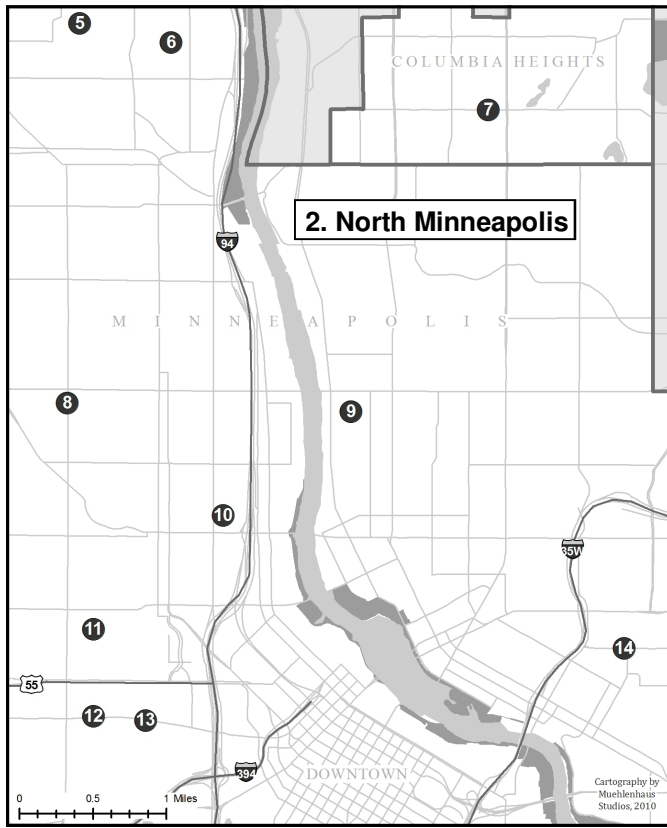
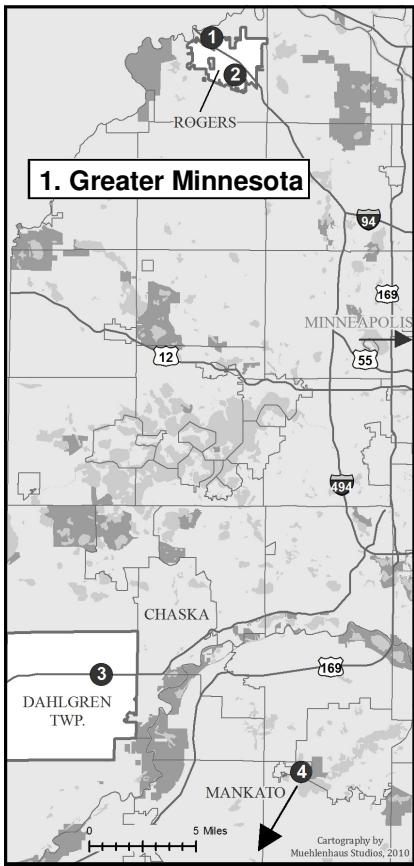
The best experts on community gardening are community gardeners! Discover the ways in which community gardens make our neighborhoods more livable. Learn of upcoming projects and ways that you can get involved with your local community garden!

Learn more about the multiple benefits of community garden at
www.gardeningmatters.org

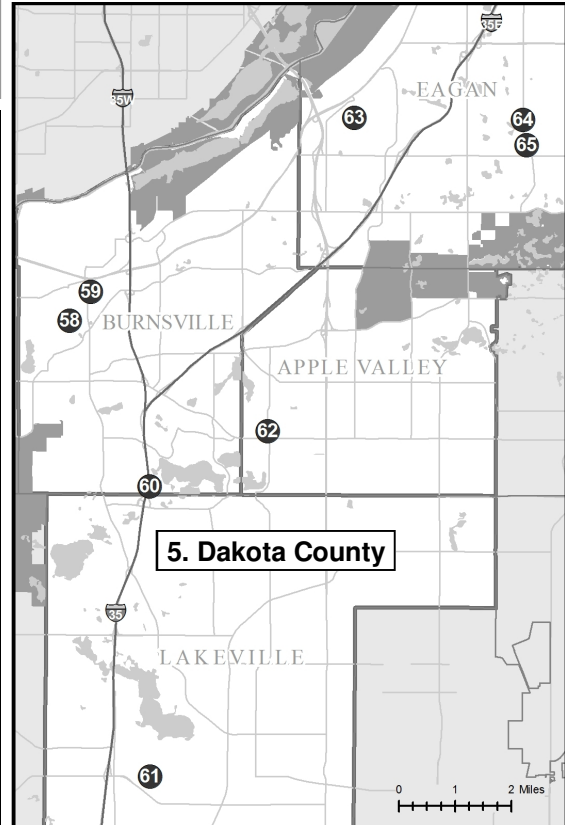
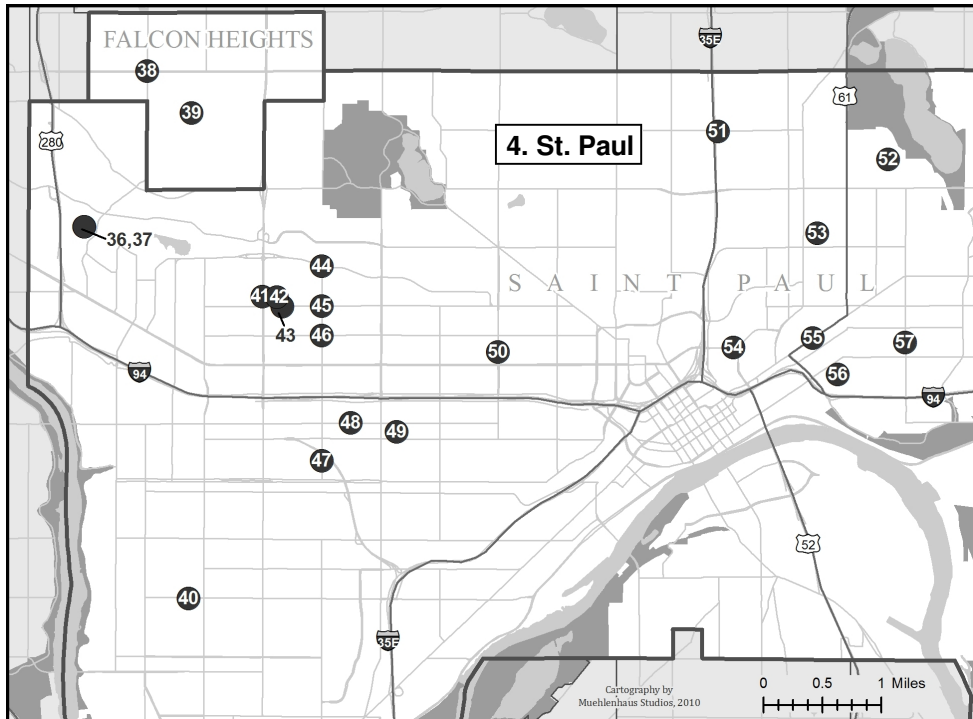


Gardening Matters promotes and preserves community gardening across the Twin Cities by connecting gardeners to each other and to the communities in which they reside.

...because **Gardening Matters!**



Thank you to cartographer Birgit Muehlenhaus for the creation of these maps!



Plan your route using these maps and the **garden descriptions listed below.** Additional maps, routes, tips and promotions to consider for planning your day are available in the Parade section under Events on the Gardening Matters website: www.gardeningmatters.org

Also visit the Bike Walk Twin Cities website for **suggested biking and walking routes:** www.bikewalktwincities.org

Don't forget to **bring your camera** and snap a picture of you biking or walking to the gardens for your chance to win a prize courtesy of BWTC's Photo Contest!

1. Greater Minnesota

Rogers

- 1. Water Tower Community Garden** 13971 Orchid Ave (and)
2. Triangle Park Community Garden Main St & Rouillard Ave behind Community Center
Suburban gardens in their exciting first year! Enjoy garden tours, conversation and activities (FY)

Chaska

- 3. Grow. Eat. Share. Garden**
 Mustard Seed Landscaping & Garden Center 6055 Hwy 212.
Take a tour & children share food from their garden harvest! (BFNY)

Mankato

- 4. Community Gardens at Good Counsel** 170 Good Counsel Dr
Music, tours, & workshops; local foods potluck at noon (FNY)

2. North Minneapolis

- 5. Common Ground Community Garden** 52nd & Newton N
NEW raised beds, native plants, naturalized wooded areas (BFN)

- 6. Lind Community Garden** 51st & Dupont Aves N. *Our unique 60 raised bed garden will STUN you! Bring sunglasses! (BFY)*

- 7. SACA Community Garden-Garden of Hope** 40th & Jackson, (Columbia Heights) *We are a garden because of the whole community-show your support! (FY)*

- 8. North End Community Garden** 3031 Penn Ave N. *Building community on the Northside (ABF)*

- 9. Mulberry Junction** 2301 California St NE
Art of the Garden: outdoor sculpture & interactive projects (AF)

- 10. South Hawthorne Community Garden** 1123 6th St N
Come enjoy a drink & some conversation with our gardeners, & show your support (BF)

- 11. Urban Farming at 12th & Morgan N** 1119 Morgan Ave N
Music, fun, tour, recipes (F)

- 12. Redeemer Community Garden** 336 Morgan Ave N & Glenwood Ave N. *A variety of fun and educational activities for kids & adults! (ABFNY)*

- 13. Streetwerks Youth Garden** 1307 Glenwood Ave N
Spoken word, poetry, jump rope (ABFY)

- 14. Accord Native Plant Community Garden** Corner of 15th & Como Ave SE. *Walk a labyrinth, enjoy refreshments, celebrate neighborhood! (ABN)*

3. South Minneapolis

- 15. Texa Tonka Community Garden** Across from Victoria Lake, 27th & Virginia (St. Louis Park)
Grilling & tasting fresh vegetables from the gardens (BF)

- 16. Soo Line Community Garden** 2845 Garfield Ave S
Food, music & fun, all on the Greenway! (ABFN)

- 17. Pleasant Ave Community Garden** 35th St & Pleasant Ave
Snacks, gardening tips, recipe ideas and tips on composting (BF)

- 18. Greenwood Acres Victory Garden** 3204 1st Ave S. *Share & grow in vibrant community; fresh lemonade & veggies served (ABF)*

- 19. Eat Street Community Garden** 2416 1st Ave S
Fun in the sun and, just maybe, a little art (BF)

- 20. St. Stephen's Whittier Community Garden** 2224 Clinton Ave S. *Companion planting creates an artful edible landscape (ABFY)*

- 21. Brian Coyle Community Garden** 1515 Chicago Ave S. *Artful activities for youth and adults (AY)*

- 22. 5th St Community Garden** Near 1819 S 5th St. *Fat Chance Jug Band plays at 12:30 (BN)*

- 23. Augsburg Community Garden** 20th Ave S between 6th & 7th St
Tours, afternoon potluck for the gardeners, and more! (BFY)

- 24. Good JuJu Community Garden** 2121 14th Ave S
An empty lot for many years, bringing some energy back to the 'hood! (BFY)

- 25. Peaceful Patch Community Garden** 2444 11th Ave S.
Snacks - rest - relax (BF)

- 26. Waite House Garden** 2529 13th Ave S. *Come check out what our youth have done this year! (FY)*

- 27. E Phillips Community 17th Ave Garden** 2428 17th Ave S. *Walk thru, questions answered, beverages served, sit in the shade (BFY)*

- 28. 12th & 13th Ave Block Club Garden** 2727 12th Ave S
Meet folks at one of the first community owned gardens in Minneapolis (ABFNY)

- 29. Artstop Garden** 3205 Chicago Ave. *Enjoy our plein air art, flowers, cold water & shade (AB)*

- 30. Powderhorn East Community Garden** 32nd St & 15th Ave S.
Come talk with gardeners in their element. Refreshments & happy faces await (F)

- 31. 18th Ave Green** 18th Ave & 33rd St. *See the expanding garden, orchard and artful entryway! (BF)*

- 32. Minnehaha Ave Community Garden** 3128 Minnehaha Ave. *Join us for food & fun in the garden (F)*

- 33. Seward Montessori School Peace Garden** 2309 28th Ave
Educational garden: interactive and collaborative—a great place to bring your kids! (ABFNY)

- 34. Mustard Seed Community Garden** 3620 E 26th St. *Join us for samples from our garden! (FY)*

- 35. Southside Star Community Garden** 4100 Hiawatha Ave
Visit us in our first harvest season! (F)

- 66. (Late addition) 3437 Garden** 3437 15th Ave. *Recently planted and raring to go (BF)*

4. St. Paul

- 36. St. Anthony Park Community Gardens** 2217 Robbins St
A variety of gardening styles for food production in urban plots (FN)

- 37. St. Anthony Park Prairie Garden** 2217 Robbins St.
A tiny piece of unusable land used to honor our prairie heritage (N)

- 38. UMN Native American Medicine Gardens** SE Corner of Larpenteur & Cleveland Ave (Falcon Heights)
A Native American history & perspective on sustainability (AFNY)

- 39. Cornercopia Student Organic Farm** Dudley & Lindig Ave (Falcon Heights)
Heirloom tomato & basil tasting, farm tours, new location! (F)

- 40. Celeste's Dream Community Garden** 1884 Randolph Ave
Heirloom. Organic. Community. Beauty. Build the Movement with the Sisters of St. Joseph (BF)

- 41. Snelling Ave Planters** Snelling Ave between Englewood and University Ave. *Placemaking with mosaic planters, Snelling Ave Businesses, treats and activities (B)*

- 42. SPROUT!** Behind Hamline Church 1514 Englewood Ave. *An edible oasis! See what these college kids are up to! (FNY)*

- 43. Hamline Church - Maxine Smith Rain Garden** Corner of Simpson & Minnehaha Ave. *Visit our rain garden; eat some treats (BN)*

- 44. Midway GreenSpirit Community Garden** SW Corner of Pierce Butler & Hamline Ave N
New orchard & beehive (demo at 1:00) & visit with a master gardener! (BFN)

- 45. Horton Park Native Wildflower Gardens** Hamline & Minnehaha Ave. *Native gardens; EAB & trees; treats (N)*

- 46. Hamline Thomas Community Garden** Corner of Hamline & Thomas Ave. *Smell the flowers and eat treats! (BN)*

- 47. Eleanor Graham Community Garden** 1335 Ashland Ave. *Guest specialist on native plants, refreshments, composting, orchard (ABN)*

- 48. Arts Us** 1221 Marshall Ave. *A community event hub and outdoor art exhibit at a garden run by and for youth! (ABFY)*

- 49. Oxford Dayton Community Farm** 1035 Dayton Ave
Lemonade & homemade snacks; sq ft gardening in action (AFN)

- 50. Urban Farming Greenhouse Gardens** at Greater Frogtown CDC 533 N Dale
Music, food, fun, games, tours, rain garden, too (F)

- 51. Gateway Trail Community Garden** 300 Arlington Ave E
Wall of tomatoes, herb spiral, & cooking demo with Tracy! (ABF)

- 52. Phalen Poetry Park** Phalen Regional Park, between Forest & Earl St on Ivy Ave. *Poetry reading & music from 12:30- 2pm (A)*

- 53. Green Pride Garden** 1017 Greenbrier St. *Garden tours, sidewalk chalk art & community fun! (F)*

- 54. Union Gospel Mission** 435 University Ave E. *Tours and light refreshments provided (B)*

- 55. Community Design Center of MN-Swede Hollow Garden** 721 E 7th St. *Fresh veggies grown by St. Paul youth for sale, next to cafe! (BFY)*

- 56. Rhythm of Peace** 262 Bates Ave. *Youth-led art, music and yoga (ABNY)*

- 57. Skidmore Park Community Garden** 4th St & Earl Ave
Gardener-constructed & fully accessible raised beds (B)

5. Dakota County

Burnsville

- 58. Highland Drive Community Garden** Open Circle Church, 2400 Highland Dr. *Eco-friendly tips & garden gifts! (FY)*

- 59. IOC Community Garden** 1512 Woodhill Rd. *Live music, ethnic food samples, beautiful arbor, butterfly garden (BFY)*

- 60. Nativity Outreach Garden** 15601 Maple Island Rd. *Feeding the needy & sick in the metro (F)*

Lakeville

- 61. TEFC Community Garden** 10658 210th St W. *4.5 acres of food production with combined communal & individual garden plots & sprinkler system (F)*

Apple Valley

- 62. Garden Party On Elm Drive** 224 Elm Dr
Check out our "distributed community garden" starting with four families in the southern 'burbs (F)

Eagan

- 63. Garden To Table** 3910 Rahn Rd. *Music, grilled garden produce demonstration & taste testing, children's garden activities, Master Gardeners & Landscape Architect workshops (ABFY)*

- 64. Advent Community Garden** 3945 Lexington Ave S. *See how we're growing, giving and glorifying with our community during our inaugural gardening year (F)*

- 65. Ss. Martha & Mary Episcopal Church** 4180 Lexington Ave S
See the results of our first year offering space at our church (F)

Special Efforts on this Year's Parade

Minnesota has over 300 community gardens with new gardens sprouting up each year! On Saturday, August 21st, 66 of these community gardens invite YOU to wander in, observe, learn about, and enjoy their community gardens.


Community gardeners spend thousands of hours each season to grow food for their families, beautify their neighborhoods and provide a space for people to get to know one another. **THANK YOU to all community gardeners** for your dedication to community and to the land, and to the participating gardens that make the Parade possible!

Besides the individual events going on in gardens on the parade, a couple of neighborhoods have streamlined efforts to create neighborhood-wide events centered around their gardens:

Northside Minneapolis Garden Passport

Pick up a passport at the first Northside garden you visit: Participating Northside gardens will stamp your passport upon arrival and guide visitors through each garden's unique features. A Google map of the participating Northside gardens is available on the GM website, and gardens are denoted by  on the enclosed Parade directory.

Hamline Midway St. Paul Bugs 'n Bikes Tour

Neighborhood community gardens are teaming up to encourage neighbors to explore the neighborhood on two wheels! Special emphasis will be made on educating parade goers about beekeeping, Emerald Ash Borer, and more! Look for the  on the enclosed Parade directory.

Thank you to our Parade sponsors!

Seward Co-op

GROCERY & DELI



Visit any garden on the parade and receive a coupon for \$2 off a sandwich at the Seward Deli—grab a snack after the parade!

VALLEY
natural foods

Visit a community garden in Dakota County or Chaska and bring back a Valley Natural coupon to enter in a drawing for a \$50 Co-op Gift Card.

Visit multiple gardens and enter your name multiple times!

*Gardening Matters is dedicated to supporting **strong, sustainable community gardens** in MN by connecting gardens to each other and to their communities.*

We empower community gardeners to **organize themselves** by providing leadership training, hosting events, networking information and resources, and providing community gardeners opportunities to connect with and learn from each other.

We believe that community gardens are sustainable when they:

- have shared, inclusive leadership
- are connected to and representative of the needs, assets, and talents of their communities
- give gardeners and community members a voice in garden decision-making



Get Connected!

www.gardeningmatters.org

Online Garden Directory—search for gardens in your neighborhood on this Google-based map

Virtual Library—check out the resources and information available to community gardeners about gardening, coordinating, research and public policy, and more!

COMGAR—the community garden listserv. Tap into the knowledge of hundreds of Minnesota community gardeners. To Join, click on “Get Connected” off the homepage.

Monthly Learning Networks—an opportunity for community gardeners to come together and share challenges, successes and ideas. Second Thursday of the month, see website for details.

How to Start a Community Garden Workshop Learn the necessary steps for starting a community garden, get helpful templates and fact sheets, and develop a vision and skill set for establishing an inclusive, sustainable garden. Third Thursday of the month, see website for details.

Email and Biannual Newsletters—Stay up to date with what's going on in the community gardening community! Click on “Get Connected” off the homepage.

For more info, call Gardening Matters at 612-821-2358 or email gardeningmatters@gmail.com



PRESENTS

THE 5TH ANNUAL PARADE OF COMMUNITY GARDENS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21ST
10:00AM – 2:00PM

The Parade of Community Gardens is an **open house celebration** of community gardening in the Minnesota and an opportunity for people to learn more about community gardens from participating gardens for a day of food, community, and fun activities!

Read on to find out about the multiple benefits of community gardens, this year's parade festivities, and how to navigate your way to one or all **66 community gardens** on Parade!

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All Parade events are free to the Public.

Rain or shine, gardeners are looking forward to seeing you! If severe weather causes a community garden to cancel their Parade event, signs will be posted in and around the garden.

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