



Greenbelt Community Garden Club

March 2025 Membership Meeting



AGENDA

- **Executive Committee Nominations and Elections**
- **Renewal Process and Rates**
- **Financial Update**
- **Water Systems and Compost Updates**
- **Garden Reminders**
- **Comments & Questions**



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Current Committee

- **President Emeritus** - Martha Tomecek
- **President** - Ellen Bastio (Gardenway)
- **Treasurer** - Hannah Hethmon (HP)
- **Secretary** - Melissa Mackey (HH)
- **Hamilton Place Coordinator** - Bob Trumbule
- **Henry's Hollow Coordinator** - Eric Raun
- **Gardenway Coordinator** - Teresa Maxwell
- **Wait List Coordinator** – Judy Kendall (Interim) (HH)
 - Article III. A. - Election of the Executive Committee will be held at an annual meeting
 - Nominee(s) for Membership Coordinator
 - Judy Kendall

Complete the Election Poll
at the end of the meeting
to cast your vote



- There will be a garden plot map and table that you can use to confirm your plot number and the associated fee. If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact your Garden Coordinator.

- **Renewal Rates** have not changed



FINANCIAL UPDATE

- **Total Bank* Balances as of March 2, 2025: \$6707.41**

**Checking, Savings, Paypal*

- **2024 Income (Dues): \$2302.5**
- **2024 Expenses: \$3439.81**
 - Compost: \$1368
 - Water Catchment #1: \$502.39
 - GHI Water Bill: \$750
 - Other Expenses: Website costs, cleanup day supplies, meet & greet food, public works appreciation, Paypal fees



WATER INITIATIVE

- In the January 2022 poll, Members identified access to water as a **primary concern.**
 - During 2023, the Executive Committee toured gardens and identified best structural practices
 - During Fall/Winter of 2024, a large catchment system was built in Gardenway - chosen because it is the furthest from GHI water source
 - Built in a community space for all gardeners to access
 - First Come / First Served
 - Next system would be Fall of 2025 pending volunteer availability





WATER INITIATIVE

- Small catchment system was built in Gardenway in the Spring 2024
 - Built within a personal plot
 - All the dimensions, materials listing and approximate costs were shared with members via email
 - Plot holders incur the expense of the system
 - the Club provided the drawings and materials list
 - The build volunteer is willing to support (not build) those interested





COMPOST DELIVERIES

- **GCGC Compost Order**

- Contracted with College Park Public Works for a delivery in the Spring of 2024 in keeping with the decision at the 2024 Membership meeting
 - Six (6) cubic yards were delivered to all three locations and used quickly
 - It was First Come/First Served, however guidance was provided about how much was appropriate given plot size



COMPOST DELIVERIES

- **USDA Compost - Pilot Program**

- Greenbelt Public Works asked if GCGC would be interested in participating in the inaugural compost program
 - Two free deliveries
 - Fall 2024 - each location received approximately 10 cubic yards
 - Summer 2025 - expected delivery
 - If we want to continue with this program, there would be a charge that is more than the City of College Park
- [Farm Feast Analysis](#)



REMINDERS - GARDEN UPKEEP

- **Neglected Gardens**

- [Garden Protocols](#) are established and listed in the Garden Rules
 - Failure to properly use, care for and maintain a garden plot may result in forfeiture of the plot.
 - Garden Coordinators will contact gardeners to learn more about the specific situation and to give recommendations for remediation.

Waitlist has 26 new applicants - important to honor their interest



REMINDERS - WEED CONTROL

- **Weed Removal**

- Garden Rule #3 states: “Weeds must be under control (mowed, mulched or pulled before setting seed). Poison ivy must be removed.”
 - Beyond the typical weeds, the Committee identified four especially problematic weed concerns
 - Traditional Weeding
 - Japanese Stiltgrass
 - Porcelainberry
 - Smothering Techniques
 - Lesser Celendine
 - Common Wormwood (aka mugwort)
 - **MOWING IS NOT ALWAYS THE ANSWER!**



NEXT STEPS

- [Election of Officer](#) - VOTE by Tuesday, March 11
- Complete Your Plot Renewal
- Weed Your Gardens!
- Spring Clean-Up - **weekend of April 5/6** - look for an email
- Compost Delivery from USDA - summer - look for an email

Happy Gardening !