

Report to April 2024 HCCA Board Meeting
Get Growing Hunt Club 2024

The planning and delivery of the fifth consecutive year of Get Growing Hunt Club (GGHC) is in hand. Key updates since the March report to the HCCA Board include:

- Second meeting of the GGHC Core Team was held March 14th with future meetings scheduled to the project delivery date (Saturday May 18th 10 am to 1pm).
- The pick up locations- the west patio of the Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre and Ashgrove Community Housing complex-have been secured.
- Products:
 - The seedkits we give to each gardener (via pre-registration) in our neighbourhood will contain (as in the past) 1 vegetable seedling (bell pepper or cherry or slicer tomato) and 1 pack of vegetable seeds and a pamphlet of growing hints along with information on GGHC sponsors and suppliers. (Note: a minimum 20% of products are provided onsite to Ashgrove Community Housing residents)
 - 20 salad pots (a trial from 2023) will be delivered to Ashgrove Community Housing residents and 20 pot will be available from the community centre location.
- Local bee expert Luc will host a table (as he did last year) on May 18th-family friendly exhibit explaining the role bees play in nature and food production.
- OSEAN has been invited to be part of the GGHC date too.
- Communications Plan-similar to past years
 - GGHC will be promoted via HCCA communication vehicles including GGHC Facebook and through Councillor Brockington. Gardeners pre-register and come to the community centre between 10 am and 1pm on Sat May 18th to pick up their kit. Residents of Ashgrove will have the seedkits available onsite. 10 am-1pm
- Earth Day-at Councillor Brockington's invitation GGHC will host a table at Apr. 20th Earth Day Celebrations at the Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre. There will be pictures and information on GGHC, information pamphlets and a draw will be held for a small pot of plants.

Volunteer opportunity: We are looking for 1-2 people who would help fill and plant the small patio bowls (late April/early May). This would take 3-4 hours of your time. We are looking 1-2 people who could tend a number of the seeded pots outside at your home for approximately two weeks before the GGHC distribution date. This would entail watering the bowls and if there is a frost warning, either covering them or moving them into a shed or garage. If you are interested in being part of group of fellow Hunt Club residents who are keen to support local food production please contact Barb Shea via email: Getgrowing@hunt-club.ca

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