

Community Gardening Initiative

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Community Gardening?

A community garden is a collaborative greenspace gardened collectively by members of a community. Fresh fruits and vegetables are grown in community gardens across the United States and all around the world. During World War II, communities began growing "Victory Gardens".

Where is the first proposed proto-type Community Garden going to be located?

The first proposed proto-type Community Garden will be located on Salmon Drive and Nemo Circle in the Lockmar Estates Neighborhood.

Who will get to garden the Community Garden?

First, a Garden Council will be formed by a group of neighbors who are interested in using the garden. The Garden Council will adopt a set of By-laws to establish guidelines including who is eligible to participate in the garden, gardening dues, etc. The City Council will then need to approve the By-laws.

How will Community Gardens be funded?

The City of Palm Bay will utilize in-house labor and equipment for the initial clearing of the property. The remaining costs of the Community Garden will be obtained through grants, fundraising, sponsorships, and donations.

How am I involved?

As a member of the neighborhood, you are involved with the changes and new opportunities that take place within your community.

Why get involved with Community Gardening?

Community Gardening offers many benefits including:

- providing a new opportunity for recreation, exercise, education, as well as a new place to social with family and your neighbors
- lowering the family food budget
- reducing crime
- beautifying the neighborhood while preserving greenspace within the community

If I still have a question about the Palm Bay Gardening Initiative, who can I call?

Contact the City Manager's Office at 321-952-3411, or email at palmbay@palmbayflorida.org.