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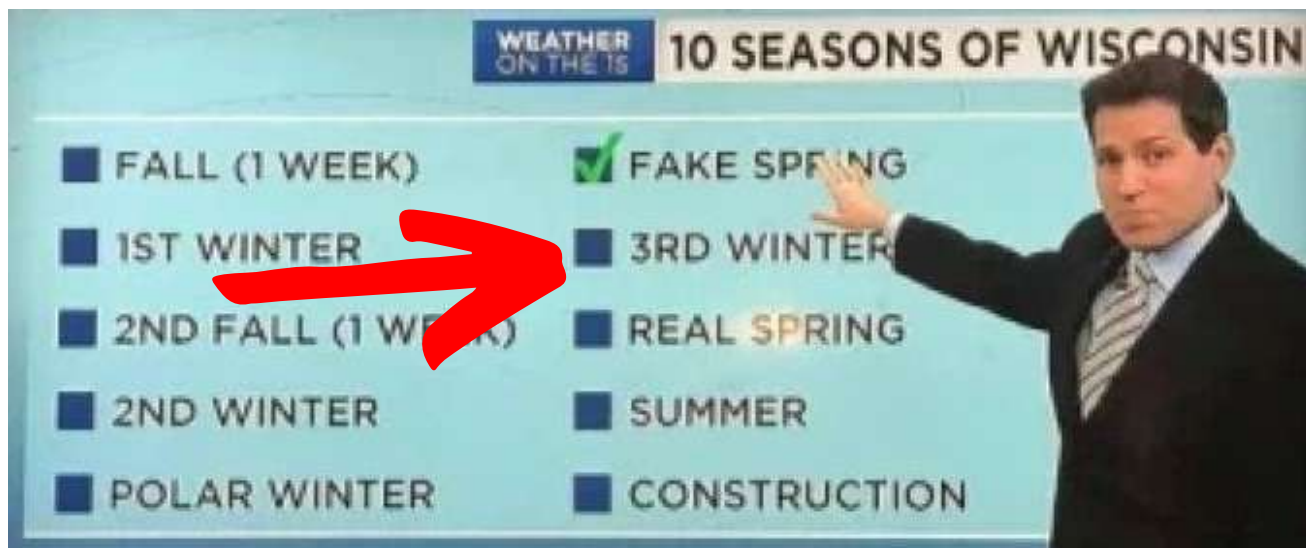
THE NEWSLETTER FOR FRIENDS HAVING FUN IN THE DIRT!

OUR "3RD WINTER" STRUCK LAST WEEK

Much to the dismay of some of our gardeners that began planting prior to Memorial Day weekend, Mother Nature reminded us of her presence with a two-evening punch of well-below freezing temperatures. Despite efforts to provide cover, many tomato plants and other tender seedlings succumbed to the 18 degree temperature and frost.

During our Garden Forum held on May 29th, Master Gardener Cheryl Pytlarz reminded us that June 10th is (historically) the earliest day in our area where the potential of an overnight frost capable of killing young plants has passed.

THE GARDEN IS A PLACE FOR LIFELONG LEARNING!



THE CRAZY WEATHER IN LATE MAY DIDN'T STOP OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS ON "GARDEN CLEAN UP" DAY!

MAY 29, 2021

If you see these folks in the garden, please give them a big "Thank You" for their continued help in keeping our community garden a "beautiful" sanctuary!



Unfortunately, one of our gardeners found an unwanted "gift" in their bed.

NO PETS in the garden, please!



With 6 "volunteers" blowing the garden once per week, it would probably be done in less than 30 minutes!

If you are interested in joining our new "Blowing Brigade", please email Karen at: mwgarden18@gmail.com

SARAH KREMBS & HER OVER-WINTERED CARROTS

Here's Sarah Krembs with a couple of over-wintered carrots she recently pulled from her garden bed #50.

DID YOU KNOW carrots are one of the veggies that can be kept in the garden through the winter, dug in the spring, and eaten fresh? This is a good fact to know if you are as wild about carrots as Sarah is. In fact, she loves them so much she has a new goal!

See the YouTube video she made explaining her new "challenge" [here](#).



GREEN GIANT, BEWARE?!



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fcNupTyUjaU>

**OVER 20 GARDENERS,
BOTH "NEW" & "OLD(?)",
CAME AWAY WITH VALUABLE
TIPS FROM MASTER GARDENER
CHERYL PYTLARZ
MAY 29, 2021**



THE KEY "TIP": To help yield a healthy harvest, it is important to place certain soil amendments "in the hole" at planting time for these various vegetables:

"IN THE HOLE" at planting	BLOODMEAL	BONEMEAL	CHICKEN POOP/MANURE	COMPOST	DIATOMACEOUS EARTH	FERTILIZER	LIME (to adjust pH)	WORM CASTINGS	TOP MULCH w/COMPOST	Protect from cabbage worm using Diatomaceous Earth on soil around stem & cover thru mid-lune.	Protect from larva with row cover until first harvest.
ARTICHOKE	X			X	X		X	X	X		
BEETS							X				
BROCCOLI	X			X	X			X	X	X	
CABBAGE	X			X	X			X	X	X	
CANTELOPE	X							X			
CARROT	ASK SARAH KREMBIS!										
CELERY			X					X	X		
CUCUMBER	X							X			
EGGPLANT		X						X	X		
KOHLRABI										X	
PEPPER		X	X					X			
RADISH											X
SPINACH							X				
SQUASH, WINTER	X							X			
TOMATO		X	X					X			
TURNIP											X

UNCLE JACK'S SHACK



John "Jack" Prokop was a WWII Army veteran (1942-46) who experienced the heartbreak of war, but later found a lifetime of peace, grace and joy through gardening. For those like my "Uncle Jack", this shed honors your memory.

LAUREL & DARRELL TSCHURWALD
FOUNDING MEMBERS, GROW! STEERING COMMITTEE
DEDICATED MAY 31, 2021 - MEMORIAL DAY

COMPOST, ANYONE?

Mary Boneck (bed #21) thinks about gardening throughout the year. And she shares her passion for "getting her hands in the dirt" with the perfect audience - her 2 year old grandson. Not surprisingly, his favorite new book is entitled "Compost Stew". Mary discovered while reading it to him, that "I learned more about composting in that short child's book than from all the Google references and textbook articles I have been researching for the past several months! Grandkids or not, I would order this book."

One of this year's new Community Garden projects will be to start our very own **compost pile!** There are benefits to having those gardeners who wish, take part in making our own, shared compost:

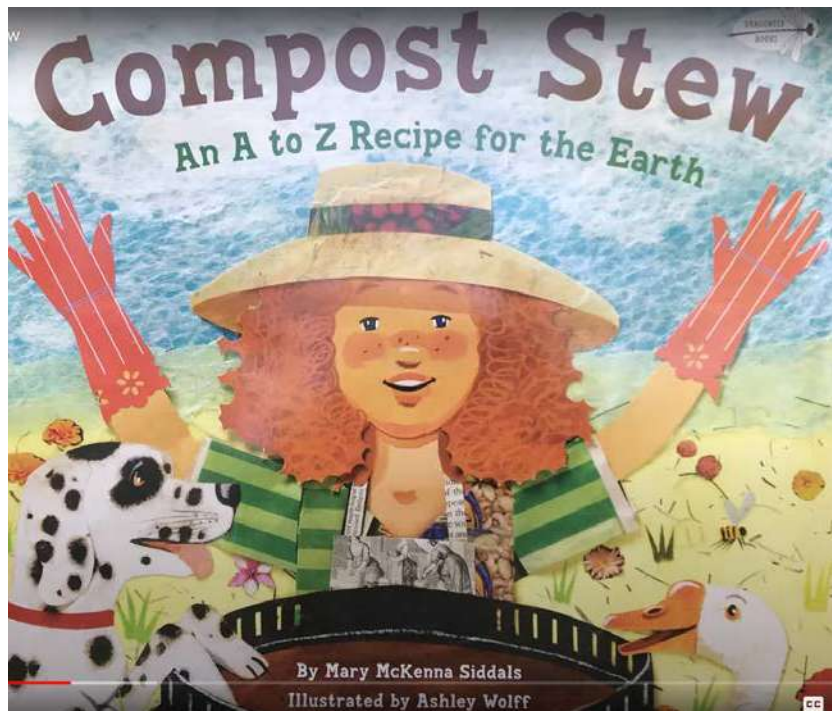
- It gives us all a place to deposit our healthy plant trimmings.
- You can extend the organic value of a variety of biodegradable food items that would normally go into your home garbage, such as vegetable scraps and coffee grounds.

When our new shed Bulletin Board is installed, Mary will start posting information on the "Do's and Don'ts" of composting. Please consider sharing your own expertise and/or your time to help us us brew up the best batch of Compost Stew in the Northwoods!

Mary Boneck
Garden Garbologist

What goes into compost?
Lots of things! Let's find out in this ABC story book of what goes into our compost bin!

[CLICK HERE TO LISTEN TO THE BOOK 4-MINUTE READ-ALONG!](#)



FOUR NEW BEDS ARE "IN"!

&

COMPOST, TOPSOIL, AND CRANBERRY MULCH PILES ARE READY FOR YOUR USE

Cheryl Pytlarz recommends . . . if the ground level in your bed is low, just add compost (not soil)!

Four new beds ready to plant on June 4th (one with trellis and plantings by June 5th!) Someone is an "overachiever"!



The "community" wheelbarrow should be in Jack's Shack. A shovel should be near one of the piles.

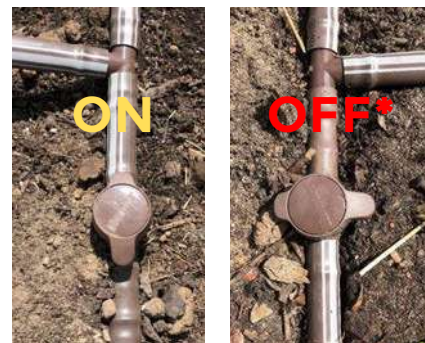
WE CAN NEVER LEARN ENOUGH ABOUT "IRRIGATION"

Our irrigation system is now operational. But that doesn't mean the task of garden "watering" can be forgotten. **ESPECIALLY WITH YOUNG SEEDLINGS!**

Master Gardener, Chery Pytlarz, reminds us that, in our community garden, "proper watering" comes from three sources: Mother Nature, the irrigation system, and hand-watering (as needed). A simple test to check if your soil has sufficient water is to stick your finger in the ground about 4" to determine if it is moist all the way down.

Consider "irrigation" as one of three needed components to successful watering all season long. Here are some irrigation system operating points to remember:

- All plots and multiple plot units are controlled by ONE water flow valve that is either ON or OFF (no partial ON/OFF).
If you share a plot, you'll have to work together with your plot-mate.
- Each bed is watered for 90 minutes every other day (subject to change based on feedback).



*OFF in UNPLANTED gardens.
Turn ON when planted.

- Holes in the flexible drip hoses can face UP or DOWN. Holes should be close to young plants and seed rows.
- If **Mother Nature** provides a daily rain total of 1/2" or more, the irrigation system will not water the scheduled zone that evening.



Hand watering will likely be required early in the season to keep soil moist for both seed germination and young seedlings. As summer temperatures rise, **supplemental hand watering** between scheduled irrigation runs may also be required - hoses are available at three locations in the garden. Use mulch to retain soil moisture.

Don't hesitate to ask questions or ask for assistance. If you know you won't be able to tend your garden for an extended period of time, please ask someone to help monitor its water needs, remove weeds, and harvest ripe produce.

2021 - THIS IS US!

2021 SITE MAP
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