Reserving Garden Beds for Next Season!

Pre-reserve your bed this fall starting October 18th, 2018.
No payment needed.
If you DO NOT pre-reserve your bed in fall of 2018, your bed will be up for grabs on the first business day in January!

Pay for pre-reserved starting the first business day in January 2019.

Any pre-reserved bed that is not paid for by the first business day in February will be forfeited.

Questions? Contact Sabrina Renner @340-8651

Time to Clean Our Beds

Our primary growing season has come to an end and it’s time to clean out our beds. Not only does this make the Penfield Community Victory Garden looks nice, clean out your beds will help lower the rodent population. Less food laying around for these pests the better. Don’t worry, voles DO NOT eat GARLIC.
Scout Project Update
Eagle Scout candidate Greg Paiement has completed his raised bed project for the Garden. This is a momentous occasion as this means all raised beds that needed to be replaced are done. A special thanks to Greg and his family for all their help. plans to come back after the growing season to complete the remaining beds. He chose not to build or replace some of the beds as to not disturb any plantings.

The Committee has also been talking with another Scouts who’s interested in doing his Eagle Scout Project at the garden. Project ideas include a shelter over the picnic area and benches to put under the shelter.

Tools at the Garden
A tool box has been added to the large shed with a small collection of tools. Let us know what type of tools would be helpful to have on hand at the garden and the Committee will look to acquire these tools.

Fall Harvest Dinner
The PCVG Fall Harvest Dinner is scheduled for October was a great success. There was a full house for the fall dinner this year. Delicious food and wonderful conversations were shared among garden members.
Final Garden Community Day Held
The last Community Work Day of the year was held this month. We had such a great crew on hand that we checked off all work items on the list. Common areas were cleaned up, the Gordy Barns Barn organized, the entire garden interior mowed, and all hoses have been put away. There was even enough time for some members to clean up their own beds to get them ready for winter.

It’s our Members who make our garden great!
Perennial Donations Needed
After such a successful PCVG Plant Sale Fundraiser, the Committee has decided to hold this event again next year. So, if you are interested in supporting this event with plant donations, this is the time of year to assess your perennial gardens and see what could be split and donated for the sale. Simply dig up plants and divide into pots. Store these planted pots out of the wind and under some leaf mulch, come spring these plants will be ready for our sale.

Ten Tips on How to Divide Plants - https://www.finegardening.com/article/10-tips-on-dividing-perennial-plants

Seed Swap & Share Event Coming
The PCVG and the Flower City Garden Network are teaming up to present an event to include a seed swapping activity, seed starting demonstrations and expert speakers. This event is scheduled for January 26, 9:00am – 1:00pm at the Penfield Community Rec Center’s Multi Purpose Room. Free and open to the public. Bring seeds to share and a friend. If you don’t have seeds to share, just bring a friend.

Now is the time to collect seeds from your garden. For fleshy vegetables such as tomatoes, squash and melons, pick them when they are fully ripe. Scoop out their seeds and spread them to dry in a well-ventilated place. Beans and peas need to be left on the vine until the pods are dry and crackly. Corn should also be left to dry on the stalk until the kernels dent.

Here’s a link for reference: Seed Saving Tips (https://www.planetnatural.com/category/garden-care-planning/seed/saving/)
Save the Date!

**November 15**th: Committee Meeting – 7:00pm Penfield Rec Center  
**December 20**th: Committee Meeting – 7:00pm Penfield Rec Center  
**January 26**th: Seed Swap & Share Event – 9:00am – 1:00pm Penfield Rec Center

**Committee Members Needed!** The administration of the PCVG is done wholly by volunteers. There are no paid officers or employees; they are gardeners just like you. Officers can only serve for two years so the organization needs the full participation of all its members to run it. Please consider joining a committee and taking an active part in helping to continue the development of, and improvements to the organization. As a committee member you will be helping to make decisions guiding the garden’s operation and its future. There are plenty of things you can help with such as serving on a subcommittee for communications, capital projects, composting, education, promoting the garden, etc. You may have an idea for a project that hasn’t even been thought of yet! We’d love to hear it! Come to a committee meeting and see how much fun it is as well! Monthly committee meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month in the Community Center on Baird Road. As always, we will be happy to have you help us fulfill the promise of a community garden. Please contact us at: penfieldvictorygarden@gmail.com

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**PCVG Committee Members**

- Nancy Marrer – Chairperson
- Dot Brenneis – Vice Chairperson
- Chris Mandel - Secretary
- Phyllis Vincelli – Treasurer
- Dave Boyer
- Gloria Barnes
- Gordy Barnes
- Mark Whitmire
- Gary Vincelli
- Carol Boyer
- Lisa Ford
- Greg Smith
- Larry Krech