

# Holly Street Community Garden

## ***Mission Statement:***

Our Garden will be a catalyst for neighborhood and community development; it will beautify the neighborhood, encourage self-reliance, reduce family food budgets and increase food sustainability, while creating healthy opportunities for outdoor recreation, exercise and education. The Garden will create positive social interactions across generations and amongst a variety of cultures through producing nutritious food. We'll offer access and opportunities for understanding the importance of biodiversity, healthy soil, and the precious resource of water.

## ***Garden Management Team:***

Dan Jones (Jefferson Elementary Principal)  
Dana Kline (community member)  
Brandy Paris (Jefferson Elementary Teacher)  
Bruce Philbrick (community member)

## ***Holly Street Garden Rules***

1. Each gardener must complete a Volunteer in Medford (VIM) form with the Medford School District (URL and QR code below). These must be completed, processed and approved via email by the school district before the gardener may work in the garden.
2. Each gardener must complete a Release of All Claims form before they can begin to work in the garden. ON HOLD UNTIL SCHOOL ATTORNEY REVIEWS
3. Payments for plot(s) are due in full by the end of April. Smaller raised beds are \$10 annually; larger beds are \$20 annually. ON HOLD UNTIL SCHOOL FINANCE DEPARTMENT REVIEWS
4. Only natural and organic herbicides and fertilizers are permitted in the garden. We follow the school district's Integrated Pest Management Plan. Our goal is to build healthy soil. If you have specific questions about pests or fertilizers, contact the management team immediately and before applying it!
5. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a Community Garden member. Pets must be managed, cleaned up after, and leashed if necessary. The management team reserves the right to exclude pets in the garden, if need be.
6. Tools and equipment are available for gardeners to use in their plots. Tools must be cleaned and returned to locked storage when finished using.

7. Gardeners are responsible for the maintenance (planting, watering, harvesting, weeding) of their own plot(s). Vegetables, fruit and flowers may not be harvested from plots that do not belong to the gardener, unless prior permission is obtained. No trees or bushes may be planted in plots.
8. The garden management team are responsible for ensuring that rules are followed.

VIM URL: <https://www.helpcounterweb.com/welcome/apply.php?district=medford>.

VIM QR CODE



## ***Operational Plan and Goals***

### **1. Identify Assets, Resources and Sponsors**

- Equipment/Tools: Grange Co-Op, Blackbird, Home Depot, Lowes, Grover's, Ewing
- Soil/Mulch/Gravel: Hilton's, Leave your Mark, Rogue Compost, Ground Control, SOLA
- Sponsors: Pollinator Project Rogue Valley, American Community Garden Association, Rogue Credit Union, Medford Grange, Home Depot, Jackson County Master Gardeners Association

### **2. Long-Term Goals**

- Maintenance of garden structures and equipment
  - Replace shed roof, summer 2024
  - Move greenhouse? Re-build greenhouse
  - Purchase hoses, faucets, new water control device
- Design, create and integrate parts of the garden as "demonstration" plots:
  - Educational opportunities PK through grade 12, soil and compost, vermiculture, birds, butterflies, life cycles, deciduous and evergreen trees, biodiversity, climate and drought hardy plants.
  - Create lesson units/plans for elementary science, Earth Science, Biology, Social/Cultural Studies, elementary math and ELA.
  - Partner with nonprofits in the valley to build pollinator and bird friendly spaces, explore the possibilities of keeping bees and chickens