

# IGNATIUS FARM COMMUNITY GARDENS: IMPORTANT DATES

## PLOT PREPARATIONS

*Tuesday-Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> (17<sup>th</sup> is a rain-day if needed)*

Mark out plots and prepare water lines in anticipation of Spring Field Day and the opening of the fields for gardeners

- **We need 20 gardeners to volunteer!**
- 9:00am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-4:30pm each day

## Spring Field Day (Garden Orientation & Plant Sale!)

*SATURDAY, MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>*

A tour of your garden area and explanation of water access, getting compost and mulch, parking areas, the farm notice board, and other important details... like finding your plot!

- 9:30am - small annual plots (100-300 ft<sup>2</sup>) in Loyola field
- 10:30am – large annual plots (>500 ft<sup>2</sup>) in Sheep Orchard field
- 11:30am – perennial plots in Main Barn South/Sheep Orchard fields
- 10:00am- 1pm - Sales of organic seedlings, seed, seed potatoes, onion sets, compost, and straw bales available to community gardeners and the general public
- Drop-in workshop tent, kids activities, and Meeting Place Organic Farm BBQ!

## AMENDMENT ORDER DEADLINES & DELIVERIES

Straw mulch and tractor buckets of compost ordered after May 15 are delivered to plots on the following weeks:

*May 22, June 4, June 25* for annual plots

*Oct. 1* for garlic plots

Order by 10am on Mondays for mid-week delivery.

**Volunteers will be recruited for the distribution of mulch on May 24!**

## ANNUAL LAND BLESSING

*Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>*

Beginning at St. Brigid's Villa with an outdoor liturgy, we go on a wagon tour to bless the land. A Eucharist celebration follows and a potluck lunch.

- Bring water bottle, dishes and your potluck contribution to share
- Starts at 10am

## OPEN FARM DAYS

*Tuesday & Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>*

Wagon rides, farm tours, kids' activities, snacks, farmer Q&A, and community building!

- Join in the fun from 3:30pm-6:00pm

## WATER LINE CLEAN-UP

*Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>*

Collect water lines from the community gardens and store them for the winter.

- **Volunteers needed!**
- 9:30am-12:30pm, and 2:00pm-4:30pm

## Stone Soup - Fall Harvest Celebration

*OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>*

A simple meal prepared and shared together with a campfire to follow. All are welcome to come out to celebrate the summer harvest and share the food abundance!

## Plots Must be Cleaned Up

*MONDAY OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup>*

All vegetables, tools, tomato cages, stakes, string, row cover etc must be removed from the garden plots.

## GARDEN CLEAN & GLEAN

*Tuesday, October 23<sup>RD</sup>*

Collect plot number stakes and other obstructions to tractor work, and glean produce before the gardens are put to bed (ploughed and composted) for the winter!

- Starts at 9:30am
- **We need 15 gardeners to volunteer!**