

VISTA Matters is the weekly community newsletter for garden members. Included are key dates and communications necessary for all members to know and be involved.



VISTA Gardens News - February 8, 2017

Turn pizza, wings & salads into VISTA money!

Round up your family and friends (or any random person in your vicinity) to enjoy a meal at the **Carrollwood** Anthony's Pizza next Monday! **Mention VISTA Gardens** when you order lunch, dinner or 'linner' on **February 13** and **20% of your purchase** will be donated to VISTA. This **applies to BOTH dine in and carry out!**

VISTA members will meet up at Anthony's that evening between 5 -8 p.m. to share a meal. If you'd like to bring your group along and join us please do as a meet up cannot happen without **YOU!**

This is an easy and amazing opportunity to raise money for the garden while enjoying a meal made of 100% fresh ingredients (they don't even have a freezer in the restaurant!).

HELP SPREAD THE WORD!!! Send an email to your personal distribution list or, create a calendar invite and send to your Facebook friends. Please ensure you ask them to specify "VISTA Gardens" when they order or the money will not be allocated to VISTA!



Join Us...

On Monday, February 13th to help raise money for Vista Gardens!



20% of tracked dine-in and carry out sales will be donated.

*Tell your server you are dining to support
Vista Gardens!*



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Volunteers Needed: USF Showcase of Service

VISTA has been invited to showcase VISTA at the USF Marshall Center at 9:30 on Wednesday, February 22. We'll be talking about VISTA and the various volunteer opportunities.

The showcase runs from 9:45 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. Please respond to Laura Salgado (email below) if you can join her for even a few hours during that time.

[Email Laura Salgado](#)

As a general reminder, here is the link to the sign up page where volunteers can submit to work at the garden whenever they have an interest. Please provide this link to any students or community members when they express a volunteer interest.

[Link to sign up page](#)

VISTA Mascot Naming Contest. What shall it be?

I've received a few name suggestions from our community hawk. Take a look at the top options then reply to this email with your choice. The name will be revealed in the next newsletter.

Options: a) Harry, b) Jeff, c) Stephen Hawking, d) Bruce



Member Spotlight: Paul Posoli

1. What is your/family member name(s), your garden bed address, the date you joined Vista Garden?

My wife's name is Joyce. However, she is not a participant in the garden. My address is 1 & 2 Berry Blvd. I joined the garden in the spring of 2014, I believe.

**2. What interested you in starting your garden?
Have always had an interest in gardening and this seemed like a great opportunity**

3. What do you like to grow? What are your "go to" plants?

Tomatoes, various lettuce, swisschard, kale, escarole. This year I am trying brussel sprouts for the first time.

4. What's your favorite activity/time of day at the garden?

Compost team when I can and late afternoon.

5. What is one thing you'd like us to know about you?

I am happily retired and enjoying a lifelong hobby.



Winter/Spring Event Lineup

Welcome to 2017! Pull out your calendars as there is a lot of fun activity happening at, for and around the garden.

Education

BENEFICIAL BUGS

February 18, 10 - 11 a.m. @ **Urban Roots (updated location!)**

Our fearless leader, Bill West, will share his experience with identifying and cultivating beneficial bugs and the important role they play in our community.

Fundraiser

ANTHONY'S PIZZA COMMUNITY DAY

February 13, Open - Close @ Anthony's Pizza

Anthony's Pizza is generously donating 20% of its sales to VISTA when guests dine in

or carry out and mention the garden. **Please see the entry above** for additional information on this fantastic, and delicious, opportunity.

VISTA Community Meet up. We will host a meet up at Anthony's that evening from **5 - 8 p.m.** Plan to stop by and share a bite with your fellow gardeners. It will be a fun evening.

Social Opportunities

URBAN ROOTS GRAND RE-OPENING

February 18, 10 - 4 @ Urban Roots Garden Supply

Urban Roots is on the move... across the Main Street Shopping Center (in the same building as All American Dance Factory). Check out their new, expanded location meeting vendors from the garden supply industry and local community.

SEEDLING SWAP

March 18, 10 - 11 a.m. @ VISTA Gardens

As you begin starting your Spring seedlings plant a few extra to bring the seedling swap. This is a terrific way to add variety without purchasing seeds for every vegetable you'd like to grow.

EARTH DAY PIG ROAST

April 22, Time TBD @ VISTA Gardens

Celebrate our planet at the garden's social event for Spring! This will be a pot luck so start thinking about what you'd like to bring. There will be a nominal contribution for the pork to offset costs. More details will be provided in the coming months.

Ongoing Activities

Saturday Work Parties

Fulfill your community volunteer requirement by joining fellow gardeners on Saturday mornings to tackle the maintenance needs of the garden at large. It's a fun time and you get some exercise and the garden stays looking great. Keeping the garden regularly maintained prevents us from major intermittent workload. The party starts at 9 a.m. every weekend, weather permitting.

Compost Thursdays

Committee members meet at the garden Thursday's at 8 a.m. to turn the compost. Please join the team if you would like to learn more about composting.

Compost Materials Needed

General reminder: To produce high quality input the community needs to provide a steady supply of material. This includes vegetable waste (garden or kitchen). Please bring your waste to the garden, don't let it go to the landfill! **NOTE: We are again accepting leaves. Bring them in!**

Keep in touch with VISTA

We are working hard to streamline communications to ensure you receive the right content in the right place when you need it.

1. Facebook: Like "VISTA Gardens" to receive updates on key activities throughout the week

If you do NOT use Facebook please reply to this email and you will be added to a separate email distribution list. The team will do its best to email any time sensitive updates requiring community attention to this list when a post is made to Facebook.

2. Tuesday email: Summarizes key activity and news for the upcoming week

3. Monthly newsletter: More detail into topics of interest and education (see link above!)
4. Web site: Our address is vistagardentampa.org (note: no 's' in garden). A repository of membership information, detailed education, links to articles on shared topics of interest. Plus much, much more.
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