

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 - January 20, 2017

Community Open House

Tomorrow resumes the monthly Community Open House series. Held on the 3rd Saturday of each month this event invites the greater Carrollwood community to learn more about VISTA and participate in education.



Here is the education description as a reminder:

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Photo Opportunity

Jenn Grebenschikoff's next "Village Views" article is on gardening as a fitness activity. VISTA is a focal point of the piece. VV editor, Bud Grudnik, has decided also to feature VISTA on the next issues cover.

A photographer is going to be on site tomorrow morning between 8:30 - 10:30 to take the cover photo. To help the garden look it's best please try to come at some point in the morning to help as picture participants. They are looking to take 'action' photos such as lifting a bucket, pushing a wheelbarrow, carrying a hose, etc.

Paula Cavezzi - VISTA Gardens own 'Tomato Whisperer'



VISTA Volunteers - New online sign up

Thanks to the work of Volunteer Coordinator, Laura Salgado, volunteers can now easily sign up for their preferred dates and times.

Please share this link with anyone you know with interest in volunteering. The middle and high school students who require community hours are great resources, so spread the word to any you know.

[Link to sign up page](#)



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.

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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 flyer below** 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

PARENTAL ADVISORY TOUR - STEVEN LOLLI

January 21, 8 p.m. @ Carrollwood Cultural Center

Enjoy an night out with your fellow Community members at this decidedly adults-only event. This show is described as, "A comedy show that might make some grown-ups blush. Enjoy an evening with a few comedians who prefer to burn the envelope rather than push it. A perfect show for George Carlin fans. With headliner Steven Lollo, featured comedian Aniria and emcee Michael Murillo with a special appearance by Devin Alexander." Tickets are selling quickly, please follow this link to order yours.

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.

Infrastructure Committee Update

Shed Clean Out

We will be cleaning the shed out during the **second week of February**. We will consider any unauthorized items left in the shed to be the property of VISTA Gardens.

Bucket Rentals

The shed is intended to house the tools and equipment needed for common garden maintenance. If you have rented an orange bucket you have the ability to store supplies and small tools in your bucket. Items **must fit in the bucket with the lid on**. Anything on top, next to, draped, etc. will be removed as it impedes access. You are welcome to rent multiple buckets at \$25, space permitting.



Looking for Owner of Books in the Shed

Please send a note to the infrastructure team if you are the owner, or know who owns, the books currently in the shed. They are not being used, are attracting

insects and therefore need to be removed. If the owner is not identified by the clean out date we will donate the books.

Tell your family, friends, neighbors, strangers in the check out line... Anthony's is giving 20% of its sales to VISTA Gardens ONE DAY ONLY. Diners must mention VISTA Gardens in order for their orders to benefit the garden!



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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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 at capacity for leaves, cardboard and shredded paper right now. Please do not bring any more for the foreseeable future.**

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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STAY CONNECTED:

