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Next meeting Thurs 01/26 6:30 pm
Northwest Community Center

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The Days are Getting Longer! It's not too early to plan your garden!

We have made it past the deepest part of winter, the days are getting longer, and before we know it spring will be here. In 2017, our Community will hold its First Annual Festival of Spring. This will be an enhancement of last year's Plant Sale and Seed Giveaway, incorporating more workshops and useful information to enable all of us in the Fairpark Community to get more out of our gardens this year.

The Festival will be held on Saturday, April 29th in the park next to the Northwest Community Center. However, the preparations will begin this month. First, we will be erecting a greenhouse in partnership with All Chay restaurant.

This will allow us to sow the seeds that will become the tomato, pepper, eggplant and herb plants that will be available for our gardens. The seeds need to be sown in early January and February to give them time to grow to a good size for putting into the garden.

Once the seedlings are started, volunteers will ensure that they are cared for and grow into vibrant little plants eager to get into your garden soil and thrive. In 2016, the event included a Plant Sale, a Seed Giveaway, a Children's Plant a Seed and Watch it Grow activity, and a workshop for making cages to keep snails and slugs from eating little seedlings as they emerge from the soil.

This year, the Fairpark Community Festival of Spring will include all of that and more. We are working to arrange workshops in bee keeping, fruit tree grafting, water conservation and soil improvement. We are also open to suggestions for other activities that would improve and enhance this year's event.

If you have any suggestions for fun and educational activities or for varieties of plants you would like us to get started, please send those suggestions to: dirt2tables@ gmail.com. We would love to hear from you!

So, Save the Date: Saturday, April 29th, 2017 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm in Constitution Park on the south side of the Northwest Community Center.

Also, if you are interested in volunteering to work on this fun and rewarding project, we could use your help from late January up to and including the day of the event! Just write to the above email address if you want to help. In the meantime, don't forget to prune your fruit trees, and have pleasant dreams of fresh garden tomatoes, lettuce, peppers and all the other wonderful food that we grow in the dirt and enjoy at our tables!

Agenda

Fairpark Community Council January 26, 2017

- 6:30 Welcome and Start Meeting/Announcements
- 6:35 Public Safety
Det. Bryce Curdie and Det. Eldon Oliver
Fire Station 7
- 6:45 City Council Members/Legislative Report
-Those in Attendance
- 7:05 Mayor's Office Report
Moana Uluave-Hafoka
- 7:20 Breathe Utah Presentation
Ashley Miller
- 7:40 Google Fiber Presentation-Tentative

Homeless Resource Center at 648 W 100 S

Last month Salt Lake City announced four sites for the new homeless resource centers. One of these sites is half a block from our Community Council area at 648 W 100 S. Currently, the land is owned by the Salt Lake City Redevelopment Agency (RDA), and there is a community garden run by Wasatch Community Gardens at the site.

The criteria the city used in choosing this site were: that neighborhood and homeless services are easily accessible; it is highly connected through multiple modes of public transportation; and the size and location allow for creative integration with the surrounding neighborhood. This site will require a zoning text amendment and conditional use approval. The process could take about a year before breaking ground at the 100 S site.

While we as a Community Council welcome the new Resource Center close to our neighborhood, we recognize that for many, this is a worrying prospect. We hope that with the new scattered site model and the eventual closure of the Road Home Shelter, the concentration of people experiencing homelessness and those who prey on them will be reduced in the area, and the spillover effects we have seen in our community the past few years will also go down.

We will continue to stay engaged in the conversation about the design of the Resource Center, what populations will be housed there, and how to mitigate any negative effects that may come from the proximity of this site to North Temple and our Community Council.

At our February 23rd meeting, we will have representatives from the city in attendance to answer questions/concerns from community members.

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