



Grassroots Garden Group

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About Us

Grassroots Garden Group believes that a community is not unlike a garden-- you get out of it what you put into it. With a bit of time, energy, and dedication they can both thrive, and the rewards are well worth the effort. Westchester is a beautiful village full of wonderful people. We are proud to do our part in keeping it beautiful and helping our neighbors in need. The satisfaction that comes with gardening is only amplified when paired with community service, and nothing brings us more joy than the satisfaction of helping others. Let's bloom together!

About our Annual Westchester Garden Walk



Our annual Westchester Garden Walk is more than a means to show off our beautiful village; it is yet another way that Grassroots Garden Group is able to support the work of the Westchester Food Pantry. Run entirely by volunteers, the pantry serves hundreds of local food insecure households every month. By donating the proceeds of this event directly to the Westchester Food Pantry, we have been able to contribute over \$3,500 in the past 2 years.

COMMUNITES SERVED

- Bellwood
- Berkeley
- Broadview
- Hillside
- Hines
- La Grange Park
- Westchester
- Western Springs

VULNERABLE CLIENTS

- Over 50% of households served have a senior family member
- Over 40% of the households served have children

IN 2020, THE WFP

- Distributed 140 tons of food, with a retail value of \$1.1 million
- Served 3,710 households

How Local Homeowners Can Help



Food is more than a physical necessity; it is an emotional necessity. Food is used to show love, encourage trust and friendship, and create traditions. By supporting this annual community event, you will be directly impacting the wellbeing of your neighbors in need.

Allowing us to highlight your garden on our annual Westchester Garden Walk will not only give local residents a bit of inspiration for their own gardens, it will result in much needed donations to the Westchester Food Pantry.

Please see the attached Homeowner Form for more information.



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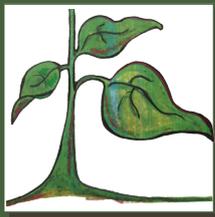
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How it Works

Before the Garden Walk

- Call your insurance company to confirm that you have liability protection on your homeowner's policy.
- Submit your completed Homeowner Form by June 10th.
- We would appreciate it if a GGG member would be permitted into your yard 2-4 weeks before the event to take pictures for marketing purposes.
- We would appreciate it if a GGG member would be permitted into your yard 1 week before the event to perform a site survey of tripping hazards and determine if any "Watch your step" markers will be needed.
- Please have your property ready to show by Friday, July 9th.

*You're
Invited*

Join us for our Preview Party! Homeowners, volunteers, and sponsors will be able to enjoy an advance viewing of the gardens on this year's walk and gather for refreshments afterwards.

Friday, July 9th, 2021

1401 Evers Avenue, Westchester

5:00-7:00 - Garden Tour

7:00-9:00 - Refreshments

The Day Of

- GGG members will arrive no earlier than 7:30am to set up a 10'x10' tent on your driveway or lawn. This tent will protect our volunteers from sun and rain, as well as provide a visual for guests to identify where the homes are on the garden walk. Tent and supplies will be removed by approximately 2pm.
- Please have your driveway and walkways clear to mitigate tripping hazards and allow easy access for garden walk visitors.
- We encourage homeowners to be present the day of the event to chat with visitors and answer questions. If you will not be available that day, please let us know as soon as possible. We will have a knowledgeable volunteer available in your stead.
- Garden walk attendees are restricted to the exterior of your property. Do not make the inside of your home available to anyone the day of the event.

Last day to submit form

Tuesday, June 10th, 2021

8pm

Westchester Garden Walk

Saturday, July 10th, 2021

9am-1pm

Questions?

Contact Bethanny Alexander at:

(708) 261-3877 or **GrassrootsGroup2015@gmail.com**



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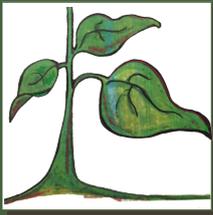
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Homeowner Form

Contact Information

Homeowner Name(s) _____

Street Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Property Information

How long have you resided at this address? _____

What was the inspiration for your yard/garden?

Are there any aspects of your garden that are your favorite or that hold special significance?

What do you love best about your yard/garden?

Do you have a special story or anecdote to share about your yard?

Did you work with any landscape architects, designers, or artisans? If you believe they would like to be present at the event, please include names and contact info so that we may contact them.

Mail completed form to:

Bethanny Alexander
Grassroots Garden Group
1401 Evers Avenue, Westchester, IL 60154

We value your privacy.

- We will not share your contact information with anyone outside of GGG.
- We will not share your address until the day of the event.
- We will revise your garden information in our tour booklet if you find an issue with it.