

I am happy to report lots of activity in the care and maintenance of our beloved garden spot down at the bottom of the hill.

Casey Fitzpatrick, Kevin Immel, Kathleen and Victor Zavala, Bill Matthews, Peter Cornog, Bruce Pahl, and Sung Park have labored tirelessly over the last two years to replace the old fencing and borders for several garden plots. They have built 6 new plots and remodeled 7 existing ones. I shouldn't say tirelessly because Casey has temporarily closed shop on the repairs to give them all a well-deserved break.



We've had several changes in membership over the summer with 7 still on the waiting list, plus 3 more volunteering to be helpers.

A lot of work was done over the summer by a number of club members. There have been new plants donated and planted, lots of weeding, and tool sheds cleaned out and organized.

Here's an update on recently completed landscaping at the dog park. We've been getting positive feedback already due to the greenery in that area. Before the landscaping, there was an abandoned vacant lot look and feel to the acreage, so non-residents took advantage by hanging around in their cars and dumping their trash under and around the tree at the end of the road. It was creating an almost dangerous situation, and many residents were nervous about being down there by themselves. Since we've finished the landscaping, there is less dumping with fewer questionable strangers and their cars. As a result, female dog owners who come to the dog park alone are feeling safer.

*Fun Fact: Studies have found that tending to plants and vegetation help boost your mood. Spending time to care for a plant helps the brain produce serotonin. Serotonin is the happy chemical that is naturally produced by our minds and can combat depression. There are also certain bacteria strains in the soil that can contribute to our serotonin production.*