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Highland Community Garden Events



Market:

Get Your Veggies Here!
The Highland Community Vegetable Garden is in full bloom! Vegetables and herbs from the garden will be sold Monday through Friday at the garden, located at 1800 Beech Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY. Community volunteers will be selling produce at the garden as well as offering free delivery of requested items. Please contact ReNU Niagara at 716-205-0287 for more information regarding market times and produce available.

Nutrition Courses

In partnership with the Just Say Yes to Fruits and Vegetables Program, a USDA funded program, ReNU Niagara is hosting a series of nutrition workshops at the Highland garden. The sessions began August 11, and will be continuing every Tuesday from 5:30-6:00pm through September 1st. The workshops are intended to educate adults on methods of preparing and making healthy food as well as their health benefits. Families are welcome to come, but please ensure one adult is present. Free recipe samples and prizes given for participating!

Garden Committee

On September 29 from 4:30-5:30 pm, a garden committee meeting will be held at the Highland Community Garden (1800 Beech Ave.) to form a community group to carry on the garden's upkeep and planning for next year. Both local youth and adults from the Highland area are welcome.
National Service Day
On April 21, 2009, President Obama signed legislation declaring September 11th a National Day of Service and Remembrance. In recognition, ReNU Niagara will be hosting a service day event to clean up the Highland neighborhood. *Call 716-205-0289 to sign up.*

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Gardening Workshop titled "Growing a Green Niagara"

ReNU Niagara partnered with the University at Buffalo Law School to present a gardening workshop entitled "Growing a Green Niagara." The event was held at the Niagara Arts and Cultural Center (NACC) in Niagara Falls on Saturday, March 28th and was attended by forty local residents. The workshop was organized by ReNU Niagara's two AmeriCorps VISTA staff members Jessica Collier and Meghan Lytle and law students from two UB clinics. The workshop featured a panel on community gardening along with highlighting how to compost and how to use a rain barrel. The panel members included

Marge Gillis and Andrew Giarrizzo from the Niagara Beatification Commission and Zoe Hollomon from the Massachusetts Avenue Project. Following the panel, Andrew Giarrizzo led a workshop on composting while Zoe Hollomon led a workshop on the benefits of using rain barrels for home

gardening. To conclude "Growing a Green Niagara," Niagara Falls' Mayor Paul

Dyster provided words of encouragement for the green initiatives that are currently happening in Niagara Falls.



***" This Summer
Over 200 Area
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By Working At
The Highland
Community
Vegetable
Garden "***

We've Moved! ReNU Niagara's New Home

Dear ReNU Niagara Partners,

It is official! We have successfully completed our ReNU Niagara HUD COPC grant! I would like to personally thank all our community and university partners for your support and dedication over the past three years. It has meant more to me than you will ever know. Dr. Dave Taylor and I are going to be planning a partner thank you and ReNU Niagara next phase lunch/retreat for early fall; an invitation will be forthcoming.

As some of you might know by now, our ReNU Niagara office has relocated to the Center for Joy at HANCI at 1117 Michigan Ave. We are sharing the space with HANCI and are excited about the opportunity for several new partnerships.

Our official move date was last Thursday, August 20th. We have kept all our current telephone numbers as well as our PO mailing address.

Please feel free to stop by our new space and say hello.

As always than k you for your time, dedication and support!

*Sincerely,
Jill*

Summer 2009 Highland Community Vegetable Garden Highlights



We Get By With a Little Help From Our Friends... Over 60 Volunteers Helped! Great Job and Thank You!



Community Garden Build Day @ Kalfas Elementary : May 2009



Community Plant Day: July 2, 2009



Niagara Falls Mayor, Paul Dyster, talked to Niagara University Students



NUOP Service Day: July 19, 2009



Community Partners

Carolyn Van Schaik Home
Ownership Center

Center City Neighborhood
Development Corporation

Center for Joy at HANCI

Cornell Cooperative Extension

EveryWoman Opportunity
Center, Inc.

God's Woman

HANCI-RSVP

Heart, Love and Soul Soup
Kitchen

Highland Community
Revitalization Committee, Inc.

Main Street Business and
Professional Association, Inc.

Michigan Ave. Block Club

Mt. Saint Mary's Hospital

Niagara Beautification
Commission

Niagara County Dept. of
Health/ Healthy
Neighborhoods Program

Niagara County Employment &
Training/One Stop Center

Niagara County Workforce
Investment Board

Niagara Falls Block Club
Council

Niagara Falls Housing
Authority, Doris W. Jones
Family Resource Building

Niagara Falls Memorial Medical
Center

Niagara Falls Weed and Seed

United Way of Niagara

ReNU's Own Hard at Work



Jesse Martin Digs In!



Bottom Right, Logan
Rudemiller Has the
Situation Nailed
Down.



Meghan Lytle
Walks the Plank...
Of wood that is.

**Come Join Us At The
Garden! Located at: 1800
Beech Avenue @ the Henry
J. Kalfas Magnet Elementary
School**

Up coming Events:

August:

**29– Back to School Rally at Highland Ave. and Center Ave. Community
Greenspace 12-4 pm**

September:

1– Nutrition Workshops at the Highland Garden 5:30-6pm

11– ReNU's National Day of Service in Highland (Site TBA)

On-going activities:

- Highland Vegetable Garden Market Open Daily Monday-Friday Call 716-205-0287 for schedule and list of produce
- For volunteer opportunities in your area please refer to our volunteer center web site: www.niagara.edu/copc or visit our office located at 1117 Michigan Avenue
- Green-Line (716) 205-0287: a referral for your questions or concerns about environmental and health issues

**** Please check our web site for other information ****