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UPDATE FROM PLANT-A-ROW

Community Gardening Conference

Plant A Row's Committee Chair, Julia Brizendine, attended the "Keep Washington, DC Beautiful" Conference, April 30th, which was a national event cosponsored by Plant A Row. Julia met Carol Ledbetter, Program Administrator, and Robert LaGasse, Executive Director with Plant A Row for the Hungry. She also connected with several sponsors who are willing to provide products to our local chapter including The Scotts Company.



New Domain Name

Feedloudoun.org has been chosen as Loudoun Plant A Row's new domain. Volunteers Luke Stratman and Brian Puckett are working to create the new site and we can't wait to roll it out. We welcome your suggestions/ideas for the PAR website. We're always "growing" and want to keep you informed in the most efficient ways. More to come...

A Visit from the Russians

Plant A Row's Committee Chair, Julia Brizendine, was interviewed by Channel 1 Russia, 5/1, about community gardening and how Americans garden. They discussed the U.S. economy and whether more Americans will garden to save money on their grocery bill. This interview was a result of Julia's contacts at the Community Gardening Conference.



A visit from Seoul Broadcasting System in South Korea is scheduled for Friday, May 15th. They'll be producing a segment of a 3 part documentary which includes "social food justice and equality to the poor".

Free Composted Manure

A very generous PAR donor, Ms. Moore is offering free composted manure. She has a loader and you can visit 7 days a week between the hours of 8am to 4pm.

Naylee Farm--1675 Withers-Larue Road
Berryville, VA 22611

Directions from Purcellville: Take 7 West past Berryville. Turn right on Crums Church Road. Go 3.8 miles. Turn right on Withers-Larue Road. Go 1.7 miles. Turn left onto Naylee Farm.

Free Deer Fencing

Those interested in free deer fencing and possible vegetable plants from Potomac Vegetable Farms please contact Mike Progen at mjprogen@yahoo.com for more information. Thank you, Mike, for all of your efforts!

Loudoun Interfaith Relief—Details & General Info

Drop off days & times: Monday-Friday—9:30a-4:30p
Saturday—1p-2p

Note: Please call ahead if you have a large donation and we can arrange to have someone help you unload. We can make arrangements to accept donations, by appointment, outside of regular hours of operations.

Please also be sure to request a “Plant A Row” receipt so donations may be tracked accurately. You may also use this receipt for tax write-offs at the end of the year. You may note the full market value of the donation. Loudoun Interfaith Relief will not assign a dollar value but you may do so for tax purposes.

Drivers Needed

Sundays and Mondays except Memorial Day weekend:

The plan is that the volunteer driver will drop off empty crates from LIR and pick up full ones Sunday at 1pm at the Loudoun Farmers Market – (Contact: Donald Ulmer) at the Cascades Senior Center in Cascades (address is 21060 Whitfield Place). Donald's cell is: 703-727-9764. He is with Mill Creek Farms in Lovettsville. The driver will need to be able to lift and carry full crates and have an ample size vehicle. Also food should be stored in a garage or cool storage area overnight before delivering to LIR on Monday between 9am - 4:30pm (the earlier the better). This is because the heat can further break down the produce. Please be sure the driver uses a big vehicle - a van, an SUV, a covered truck and put something down in case of leakage. Last year two drivers shared the effort on Sundays (using one vehicle usually) just to help with the physical aspect of it. Once you deliver to LIR there is always a staff member to help unload so two people would not be needed for delivery on Monday. You would then pick up empty crates to pass along to next shift to take back to Cascades and the cycle would begin again.

**Drivers Meeting Saturday, May 16th, at 11am at Andy's Pizza in Purcellville.
If you cannot attend but are able to take a shift or two, please let us know.**