save the Date!

Riverside Park Seed & Seedling Exchange Saturday May 18

Where: Ernie Calcutt Park
(Corner of Springland and Mooney's Bay Place)
Saturday May 18
1 pm - 4 pm

We need your help

to battle food insecurity in Riverside Park and build biodiversity

We will be distributing free vegetable seedlings and vegetable/flower seeds

Send us an email if:

- You will have extra seeds in early May
- You will have extra seedlings (maybe you will be thinning!)
- You have extra window space to help us grow seedlings (We can provide the soil and containers)
- You can help us the day of the event

Email us: garden@riversidepark.ca







RPCA Garden Committee - Activities

Help us grow the RPCA "YardShare" Program







- In 2023, we converted a neighbour's back yard into <u>5 garden beds.</u>
- In our first year, Riverside Park neighbours were able to grow a bounty of fresh, organic vegetables.

This year (year 2):

- ✓ We have 2 beds still available right now, hopefully 4 more available soon (2 new yards!).
 Send us an email if you need space for gardening
 (Cost is \$30/bed to cover water/amendments etc)
- √ We are hoping to find more yards to share!
 - Do you have a front or back yard that gets mid-to-full sun that could be part of our YardShare program so more neighbours benefiting from growing their own food?
- ✓ We also will need some help to prepare the yards
 Do you have a few hours to spend time outside? Let us know!



RPCA Garden Committee - Volunteer Needs

Fresh Donations

- Last year, we had an amazing volunteer care for two garden beds with the produce going to Deborah Dynes Family Centre. She also collected excess produce from our neighbours.
- We would love to be able to do something similar this year, eventually hopefully donating to Brookfield Food Cupboard (once they can accept perishables).



This is just one of many yields Riverside Park donated last year

We are looking for volunteer(s) who:

- ✓ Are self-starters (you run with this!)
- √ Has access to transportation (bus/bike/car/foot) to deliver the fresh produce
- ✓ Are willing to tend the community garden beds themselves OR collect from others

Help a Novice Gardener!

This year we are hoping to match "experienced" gardeners (edible or perennial) with beginners. Send us an email if you want to help someone catch the gardening bug

Roll up your sleeves - High School Students

Do you need extra volunteer hours and like to spend time outside? We can connect you with neighbours who could use help with their gardens!

