

Bock Community Garden News & Information

November, 2025



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What's Happening?

2025 Growing Season comes to a close!

It doesn't seem possible that we are at the conclusion of the 2025 growing season already. This is the final 2025 newsletter. Look for the next newsletter in early April, 2026.

Thank you all for the dedication and commitment to make BCG a great place to garden! Thank you all for your community volunteer work, and for maintaining your garden plots. All "gardeners-in-good-standing" will be welcomed back next year! It should be a great year to garden at BCG!

For the gardeners who won't be returning in 2026, we wish you well in your journeys. For those who will be returning, expect that much work will be done by the end of December 2025 by the BCG Committee and the Middleton Parks & Recreation Department to update our Rules and Regulations for final review and approval by the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission for the 2026 garden season. Please review the [BCG 2025 end-of-season updates](#) (sent to all gardeners on October 14) regarding some of the 2026 changes at BCG. There will be an updated document to review and sign for the 2026 season.

2026 Registration for Returning Gardeners

From this point forward, the City of Middleton will be managing registration. Returning gardeners will have an opportunity to register first, and then the community will have an opportunity to register for any open plots. There will be no active waitlist maintained from year to year. Please watch for emails from the City in January 2026 to complete your registration.

We sent out a survey to determine if you are planning to return next year or not, and if you have any plot change requests. We will be sending an updated list of gardeners in good standing and their assigned plots to the city to help with registration for next year. We will be in touch with you if you have made a request for a change. If you have any questions, please reach out to the City of Middleton at parksandrec@cityofmiddleton.us for more information.

Food Pantry Donations

Thank you all who donated to the Way Forward Food Pantry in 2025. If you're following the news lately, you are aware how much food pantries serve so many of our neighbors in need. Directly donating to our local food pantry from our gardens each year is an important part of our garden mission. Look for an even bigger footprint toward that mission as our committee works to blend the goals of a new and improved Children's Garden and Food Pantry Plot.

A big thank you goes to Dan, who has been our WayForward Food Pantry Coordinator for the last few years. His commitment and passion toward providing fresh fruits and vegetables from our garden has yielded between 600-800 lbs of produce annually. Sadly, our friend Dan has stepped down and moved away from the area recently. We thank you Dan for your dedication as our Pantry coordinator and treasurer these many years! Continued happy growing in your new Connecticut community. We will miss you!



Strawberry Garden

We bid farewell to our strawberry garden this year. We were encouraged by the City to make more plots available for new gardeners and this was the best place for the garden expansion. We will be creating four new plots in the NE area of the garden.

Garden Sheds

The Cardboard Shed will be locked and empty through the winter and re-opened for cardboard donations in the spring. This is to prevent mice from creating homes in the cardboard over-winter.

And thank you to David and Christine for the cleaning and reorganizing of the Tool Shed this year. It was a major overhaul of the inside, and now we have a visible place for almost everything. You are welcome to take a peek inside when you have a chance!

Enthusiastic Garden Volunteers

As a garden we totaled more than 1000 volunteer hours this season. We would like to express our gratitude for everyone who has volunteered to make the garden a beautiful and functional space. We have some enthusiastic and dedicated gardeners who put in more than the 6 required hours. A special thanks to the gardeners who invested more than 20 hours, and some who offered more than 100 hours this season. An additional thank you to our BCG Committee Members for supporting the garden through this year of transition with more oversight from Middleton Parks and Recreation.

NOV 2025 - JAN 2026 Calendar:

November 8 - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

- Final work group of the season - official Closing Day
- Last garden waste collection for the compost facility
- Committee Members and volunteers are needed, even if you have completed your hours, your presence is appreciated.
- Register for work groups using the [SignUp Genius](#) link
- In 2025, you were required to work 6 hours per plot for the season. Completing your hours is part of remaining a gardener in good standing and being welcome to return the next season.

November 13 - 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

- Garden Committee Meeting
- [BCG Committee Zoom Meeting](#)
- All are welcome to attend

November 20 - 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

- Additional Meeting - Rules and Regulations Work Group

December 11 - 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

- Finalization of 2026 Rules and Regulations to submit to the City
- Voting on Committee Members for 2026 Season

No January Garden Committee Meeting

2026 Registration will begin in late January

BCG Committee Minutes

The BCG Committee has agreed to share our meeting minutes in the newsletter beginning with the May, 2025 minutes and going forward. The volunteer committee has approved the following minutes to be published in this newsletter. Future minutes will be approved and published in each month's newsletter for the previous month.

[September 2025](#)

[August 2025](#)

[July 2025](#)

[June 2025](#)

[May 2025](#)

Garden Assessments

Garden Assessments occur once a month until the end of the growing season. It is meant to be a way to communicate with you issues in advance of them becoming a problem. The deadline for winterizing gardens was 10/31. **Our final assessment will be on 11/8 during our last work group, which will focus on having all plots cleaned up, secured and winter-ready.**

Garden Photos



Photo Credit: Christine M.



Work Session Sign Up link. Click on icon to sign up for an upcoming 2 hour work session. Six hours per plot is required for the 2025 garden season.



Click on Middleton icon for BCG Website. Find garden map, rules and regulations, registration information and more.

- Questions? Comments?
- Do you have some garden photos to share?
- Is there something you want to contribute for the newsletter?

Email the BCG Committee at: Bockgarden@gmail.com

Hope to see you next year!