

GET INVOLVED!

- **Rent a garden plot** for you and your friends/family to share. Check with Recreation & Parks (828-669-2052) for availability.
- **Volunteer!!** The Community Garden relies heavily on the support of volunteers. We encourage anyone with an interest in gardening (regardless of experience) to share his or her time with us. Or, if you would rather share some of your other skills and knowledge (community outreach, web design, photography, building skills, etc.) please do! In addition to individual volunteers, the garden welcomes groups up to 30. For more information about volunteering at the garden, please contact Diana McCall (Garden Supervisor) at 828-669-9286 or Recreation & Parks at 669-2052.
- **Donate**—Have an extra wheelbarrow or shovel lying around? Interested in composting but don't have the space at your home? Have a few extra seeds or starts? The Garden welcomes these and other donations. Please call the above phone numbers for details.
- **Spread the Word!** Encourage others you know to visit and volunteer at the Community Garden. Families who need food assistance can arrange to harvest from the Plant-a-Row plots at the garden.

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The Black Mountain Community Garden



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WELCOME!

Thank you for your interest in the Black Mountain Community Garden! Our goal is to inspire personal empowerment and community spirit through cooperative, persistent, and bountiful food gardening.

The Black Mountain Community Garden provides gardening opportunities to families, individuals, school children, seniors—anyone who wants to garden!

As a function of the Town of Black Mountain's Recreation & Parks Department, the Community Garden contributes a valuable service to people of all ages and backgrounds in the Swannanoa Valley.

Read on for more information about what goes on at the garden!

To get to the garden: Take Blue Ridge Rd. to White Pine Dr. (across from Blue Ridge Assembly Dr). Go past the Grey Eagle Arena, take a right at the gravel road split, and the garden will be down the hill on your left.

WHO WE ARE:

The Community Garden is organized and maintained by Town Staff, Community Gardeners (individuals and families that rent garden plots seasonally), and most importantly—dedicated volunteers. One very special volunteer, Dr. John Wilson, has been the driving force behind the Community Garden since its inception

WHAT WE DO:

The Black Mountain Community Garden...

- **Provides space** for families & individuals to raise garden produce for their own use.
- **Teaches** children and adults the life-long skills of growing food and sharing with your neighbor. Each week during the school year, groups of students from local schools come to the garden to learn first-hand about where food comes from and how it grows.
- **Feeds the hungry.** Approximately one half of the plots at the garden are part of the “Plant a Row for the Hungry” initiative. These beds are maintained by community volunteers to grow food to donate to local non-profits that support families in need.
- **Supports healthy lifestyles.** The Community Garden is a partner of Eat Smart Black Mountain, an initiative to encourage Valley residents to eat more local fruits and vegetables. By donating fresh, local produce weekly to Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry and The Welcome Table, the garden is increasing access to nutritious food. Volunteers who help maintain the garden are encouraged to take fresh produce home with them as a reward for their hard work.
- **Builds Community.** Sharing food, stories, and advice happens daily at the garden. It is a place where people of all ages and from all walks of life can come together and share in the experience of working together toward a common goal.

