

## **BLG Newsletter for Week of November 17**

**Thank you** – to Dorothee for offering to store a few of the best sweet potatoes over the winter; these will be used to start next year's crop

**Park Av. Clean-up** – Last Monday the weather was exceptionally fine as was the turn-out of volunteers. While not quite finished, good progress was made in tidying up Row 22, as well as parts of a few neighbouring rows.

**Another Row 22 Workparty** – Lisa says: If it's not pouring this Monday afternoon 1-3 - **THAT'S TODAY** -we will tentatively do another trip to Park Ave Farm (newly named Craig Evans Community Garden) to try and put cardboard and wood chips down on the path between row 22 and 23, and maybe the next row as well. **Bring cardboard if you have any!**

Regarding newly named community garden:

<https://www.nanaimo.ca/NewsReleases/NR251021CityOfNanaimoDedicatesCommunityGardenInHonourOfCraigEvans.html>

**Saturday Workparties** – still in session :)

**Safety at BLG** – It has been suggested that a sign be posted at the clubhouse indicating where the nearest AED is located. We will also be looking into the possibility of holding a short workshop on emergency procedures for all volunteers.

**NCGS Volunteer Appreciation Potluck** – As mentioned before, this event will be held at the Unitarian Church at 595 Townsite Rd. on Tuesday, Nov. 18, from 6 to 8pm. Please bring a main course or dessert dish to share; dishes and cutlery are provided. Everyone welcome, including partners.

**Gardenworks Open House** – This Thursday, Nov. 20:

<https://www.gardenworks.ca/activities/448/holiday-open-house-at-gardenworks-nanaimo>

You never know who you might notice providing some of the background “music”?, say, between 3 and 4pm. ;)

**Pest Report** – For the last few weeks, there have been no rabbit sightings and the mouse-traps have been empty. Helga plans to continue setting the mousetraps since anytime we have the GH doors open, those little cuties are free to scurry in out of the cold...Well, wouldn't you?!?

**Harvest** – We still have sweet potatoes to share, we just keep forgetting to put them out at workparties.....out of sight, out of mind. Don't hesitate to remind us.

There are also small bags of dried beans (from Row 22) to share over the next weeks. Lisa warns that: *These beans will need you to do a final cleaning before cooking as there is debris from the threshing mixed in. If this bothers you, there are more bags of bulk beans waiting for you to winnow/sort this week, before bagging into small bags to distribute! ;)*

Pat says: *I took a little bag of shiny, red Mayan beans home on Saturday. If you spread them out on a light surface, it's east to pick out little pebbles or bits of wood. I have to say the soup I made from them was delicious. See lots of recipes online.*

It seems that our season has extended beyond the usual this year with second or third plantings of snap peas and various greens. The parsnips keep coming. And you may have noticed that winter plantings are being done in the greenhouse and outside.

**Dates to Remember** -

Tues., Nov. 18 - 6 to 8pm – NCGS Volunteer Appreciation Potluck Supper at Unitarian Church at 595 Townsite Rd.