

BLG Newsletter for Week of July 27, 2026

Thank You - to Lisa and all the volunteers who worked to make the event last Saturday a success. Lisa's tally was \$1155 which includes plants and cookie sales. As well, art sale donations from Dorothy, Stef, and Beth totalled \$110. Thank you, ladies!

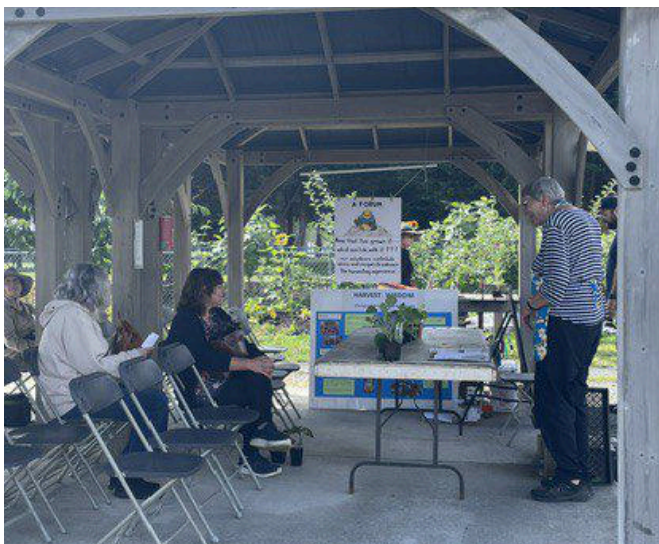
Lisa may have sold the fig trees that Dorothy donated. Prospective buyers are just working out delivery possibilities. Stay tuned.

Photos from July 18 Event – Thanks to Ranj for these photos and many more. Next week will feature some sent in by Lucia and Becky.

Getting Ready

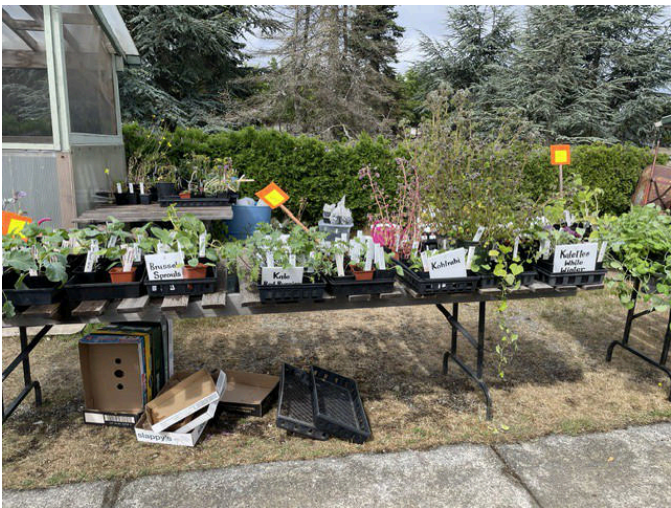


Speakers





Sales



Art



Herb Station



Worms



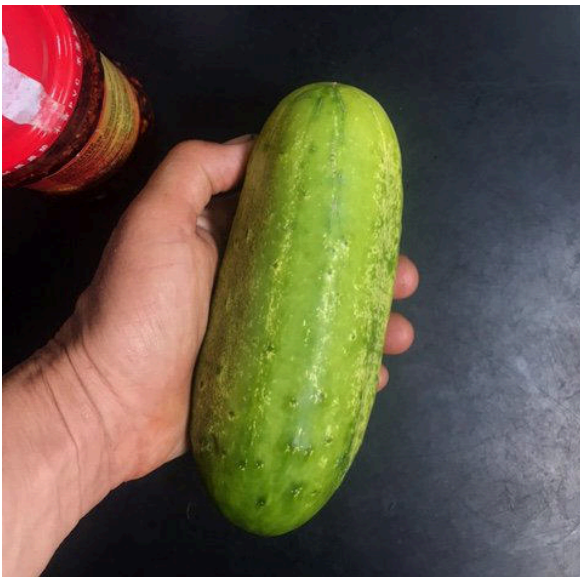
Refreshments



Harvest News – Garlic- has all been harvested now. We'll try, over the next few weeks, to see that bulbs are shared fairly by keeping track on a clipboard.

Summer Squash, such as zucchini, tromboncino, pattypan, are beginning to be ready to harvest. In order to "encourage" the plants to keep producing, these should be harvested when they are young, still a bit shiny, and on the small side...not old, dull, and huge.

Cucumbers – likewise, are best picked before they become old, dull, and huge... as was this "lunker", discovered by our sharp-eyed leader in one of the east boxes:



Figs – a considerable number of Desert Kings were picked this past week from the large tree in the southeast corner but there are still more to come. As well, we have 4 smaller trees along the south fence which are bearing their first crop of any consequence. Some are of different varieties which may ripen later. Keep in mind that figs should be very soft and drooping on their branch before being picked. Once they are picked no further ripening happens.

And also on theme of harvesting, from the keyboard of **our fearless leader**:

This is the time of year there is a large amount of local produce available! From our garden, your garden, gleanings, at markets, from farm stands! Finding ways to save this bounty can be a challenge! A reminder we have in the clubhouse 2 dehydrators, 2 steam juicers, an apple peeler, and a water bath canner available to borrow.

Take a look in greenhouse 18 this week. The peanuts are flowering! I feel like these plants should be bigger but no idea if they need more or less water, shade, food or other. Trivia for the day: “**After the peanut flowers wither, a flower stalk called a peg elongates and pushes the ovary or pistil of the flower into the soil to a depth of 1 or 2 inches. The pistil then develops into the pod containing the peanuts.**”

Big Yellow Stapler – is missing...Anyone know where it is?

Potluck Lunch – In spite of the very toasty weather, a good-sized group of us enjoyed a delicious array of dishes, the welcome shade, and, most of all, the camaraderie.

Dates to Remember – My goodness! It would appear we have no special dates to work towards. No sign-up sheets on the clubhouse table?...I’m sure this situation won’t last long.
[Editor’s Comment]