

# **BEAR CREEK GARDEN ASSOCIATION CALENDAR 2018**

(BCGA Board of Directors meets monthly from February-November)

- Feb 18**            **Winter Potluck at Gold Hill Mesa  
Community Room, 142 South Raven Mine  
Drive. 12:00 p.m.**
- March 17**        **Garden Class - "Growing Vegetables at  
the Charmaine Nymann Community  
Garden - Tips for Success" - 10:00 a.m. -  
12:00 p.m. Bear Creek Nature Center,  
245 Bear Creek Road.**
- April**             **County tills the garden Volunteers stake  
plots and prepare aisles**
- April 14**        **Orientation Meeting for New Gardeners  
and Prospective Gardeners - 10:00 a.m.,  
program repeated at 2:00 p.m. Creekside  
Room in the County Parks Building, 2002  
Creek Crossing Road (next to the garden)**
- April 21**        **Garden opens - weather permitting  
10am-12 noon: Returning Gardeners  
check, purchase keys and badges, order  
straw.**
- 1pm: New Gardeners check in, attend  
onsite orientation if not able to attend on  
April 14, purchase keys and badges, and  
order straw.**

- May** Water is turned on early in the month by Parks Department
- \*Average last killing frost is May 15<sup>th</sup>
  - \*Ladybugs and killdeer begin returning to the garden
  - \*Wind protection still needed for seedlings.
  - \*Plant beans/corn/carrots after the soil warms up
- May 26** Picnic at 12:00 - bring your lunch and a chair or blanket to sit on. BCGA will provide lemonade and cookies.
- June** Plant squash/cucumbers after Memorial Day (May 28 )  
Plant tomatoes/peppers/eggplant/basil (use cold protection) Begin harvesting greens Keep plot moist as heat increases; Spread straw mulch Daylight lengthens – garden is open until dark
- July** Cheyenne Mountain Zoo and Colorado Springs Food Rescue start picking up donated produce from tarps by the Truck Gate Keep after weeds and bugs Plant late season peas and spinach
- July 15** After this date, the gates must be locked at all times Last day to spread straw mulch on plots
- July 31** Last day to spread straw mulch on plots
- August** Hail is greatest the first week of August Shorter daylight – garden closes at dark

- August 22** Summer Potluck, 5:30 p.m. Gold Hill Mesa Community Center, 142 Raven Mine Drive. Gardeners bring dishes to share, BCGA provides lemonade, cups, plates, utensils, napkins.
- September** Dumpsters arrive after Labor Day for garden refuse Zoo and Food Rescue continue to pick up excess produce until gardens close. Frost is possible from mid-month – cover tomatoes! Continue harvesting greens and root crops
- Sept 25** Bear Creek Garden Association Annual Meeting 7:00 p.m. Cheyenne Mountain Library, 1785 S. 8th Street, Ste. 100
- October** Garden mix/manure is delivered for gardeners who ordered it.
- October 6** Workday
- October 7** Workday
- October 13** Workday and tillers available on a first come first serve basis starting at 8:30am
- October 14** Workday and tillers available on a first come first serve basis starting at 8:30am
- October 15** Goats are expected to arrive for 10 days
- October 20** Workday
- October 21** Workday and Closing day. 4pm SHARP