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OAKLAND

A Newsletter for Older
Oakland Residents

Plant a seed, watch
it grow



Oakland community gardens are a precious resource, and it takes a lot of work and love to make them thrive. During the Oakland Plan process, residents agreed that Oakland's gardens need more visibility, easier access, more space, and better technical assistance.

Get to know Oakland's community gardens!

Frazier Farms sits on land owned by OPDC. It is managed by South Oakland residents. Want to get involved? Attend a South Oakland Neighborhood Group meeting to learn more. SONG meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm at the Frazier Fieldhouse.

Plant2Plate: Pitt students have supported a garden on Oakland Avenue for many years—but future university development on the site may make it necessary to find new digs. The

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garden publishes news and calls for volunteers through its Instagram account. Their handle is @plant2plategarden.

Oakcliffe Garden may be overgrown, but it is brimming with potential. This site on the corner of Lawn and Elsinore has struggled to find dedicated volunteers. Got ideas? Let us know at questions@opdc.org.

Resources

An initiative of Grow Pittsburgh, the **Garden Resource Center (GRC)** is a tool-lending library and garden materials depot. For a sliding scale annual membership fee, the GRC allows patrons to borrow garden tools and access to bulk materials such as organic compost and mulch.

The city's **Adopt-a-Lot** program allows residents to plant gardens on city-owned vacant lots for food, flowers, or rain water capture. Adopt-a-Lot has made big strides in Hazelwood, Homewood, and the Hill District, but uptake is lacking in Oakland. To get started, visit pittsburghpa.gov/dcp/adopt-a-lot.

Do you have garden ideas, or want to get involved? Join Let's Talk: Oakland Community Gardens on Sept 20 (see reverse side for details).

Big Bus Route Changes: 61D, 71A, 71C, 71D

Beginning Sunday, October 1, routes 61D, 71A, 71C, and 71D will end their inbound trips in Oakland and will no longer serve Uptown and Downtown. These routes will have “Short” added to their route names and head signs.

These changes are part of Pittsburgh Regional Transit’s University Line bus rapid transit project, and are designed to provide smoother service and less traffic congestion.

To support these changes, PRT will add service on routes 82, 87, and the P7, each of which share portions of their service areas with the shortened routes.

Construction on the first phase of the University Line will begin in downtown Pittsburgh this fall.



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Events

Let’s Talk: Oakland Community Gardens

Wed, Sept 20, 6—7 p.m. 294 Semple and Zoom.

Want to get involved in community gardening? Join an interactive conversation with Grow Pittsburgh, Plant2Plate, the Department of City Planning, and resident experts to learn more!

Phone: 646 558 8656
Meeting ID: 876 9823 6197
Passcode: 896767

2023 Garbage Olympics

Sat, Sept 23, 8:30—11 a.m. Zulema Parklet.

Pittsburgh’s yearly citywide trash-collecting competition is back—and residents are welcome to join our team! Meet at Zulema Parklet at 8:30 a.m. to receive instructions and gloves, vests, garbage bags, and other supplies. Clean-up starts promptly at 9 a.m. and ends at 11 a.m. No prior registration required for residents; just fill out a volunteer form on-site.