

Farmington Woods Cooperative Garden 2026, 2027, 2028

...and Beyond

The Cooperative Garden is located between the 5th tee box and the 4th green and has been an active community amenity for at least 20 years. The garden contains about 125 garden plots of various sizes (8X3, 10X10, and even 10X20) and is fully subscribed just about every year. Plots are rented for the year at very reasonable prices, and we have water sources in both the upper and lower gardens which makes it very convenient and easy on the back. We have a small Garden Committee (6 folks under the Chairmanship of John Sahn) who guide things along. Our Mission Statement focuses on three things: it's an organic garden, it's a community, and it's meant to be fun. Getting a garden is a very complex process (NOT!). Call or email Pat Figliola (pmFigliola@gmail.com) and, at worse, you can get on our waiting list.



Garden Prep - Spring

Our garden is a very diverse environment – our gardeners grow a lot of different vegetables, but also flowers of all varieties. Variety just doesn't apply to what's grown, but also to our gardeners – we boast all age groups and ethnicities. The garden also welcomes all experience levels. Our experienced gardeners enjoy mentoring “newbies” who want to try a new hobby as well as trading secrets with other experienced folk. We conduct workshops for both the new and the experienced gardener. And don't worry about tools – we have spades, rakes, hoes for gardener use.



Proud Brothers

The Cooperative Garden is much more than just growing nice vegetables and flowers, it's a community within a community. “Cooperative” means something to us. Every gardener commits to an hour a month to do garden maintenance work beyond their own garden, based on what they can do. Without committed volunteers, the Garden couldn't exist. It could mean weeding around the pathways, repairing tools, or spreading wood chips in the walkways.

In a normal year the garden holds several covered dish events up at our farm table. The gardeners bring a covered dish to share, and the selection is awesome. We can't forget Oktoberfest nor can we forget an August Garden Party to celebrate the harvest and distribute awards. When we schedule Service Days hot dogs and burgers are on the Garden grill, and on the Committee. On those days, we get a lot done, but most importantly, we're all working together.



Covered Dish Event

As a convenience for our gardeners, we also sell soil products (compost, manure, mulch, peat moss) which we deliver to the garden plots (with assistance from the Grounds Crew) coordinated for the best time for garden prep and the tricky Connecticut average frost dates.

But what's most important, aside from all the "bells and whistles" the Garden offers, is what brings us together. It's the respect and love we have in watching things grow from seed to harvest, to seed again, and sharing the experience with other folks. We're part of a whole and enjoy that sense of doing things together. Please play the video and share 2021 in the Garden. Wow! And lots of smiles, too!