

Report to the JBNA Board: Gardening & Recycling Programs, June & July, 2024

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A short report this time, as most of the projects just ticked along in an undramatic fashion. Nothing has been flagged for Board attention.

The Wee Free Seed Box & Seed Box Garden

- The City has donated the leftover seeds from Get Growing Victoria sowing to the seed box..

Fisherman's Wharf Herb Garden

- The two cold-damaged trees have been removed by the City. The fig, as expected, is already reshooting strongly from the base.
- The July Open Garden was very well attended. Two of us were kept busy for the whole two hours showing people around.

Montreal Street Berry Patch

- Given that this is the first summer that the plants have been in the ground, we've had a surprisingly good crop of strawberries and raspberries. The other fruit plants are still settling in.

Lewis Park Garden

- We have begun to add some perennial food plants to the freestanding bed: rhubarb, evergreen huckleberry, strawberries, and Caucasian spinach.

VCAN Tree Project

- There is now a group of volunteers working on this project.

Recycling

- We added ink jet cartridges, plastic mesh bags (onions, sweet potatoes), and woven plastic bags (large rice bags) to the list of items we can accept; over the next few months we'll be adding bubble pack and foil-lined packaging, such as coffee bags and some candy bar, tea bag, and chip wrappers.
- We updated the recycling work plan in June. For the rest of this year we'll be focusing on expanding what we can recycle and then next year we'd like to start looking at how we can facilitate reuse.

Miscellaneous

- The City Parks & Rec walking tour of James Bay gardens, scheduled for July, was cancelled due to lack of interest.
- The City has offered the new boulevard beds near Rithet and South Turner Streets - the ones that are not part of the rain garden proper and therefore do not receive road runoff - as a possible site for a small commons garden. I will be meeting with some Rithet St residents in September to discuss possibilities.

- All the recycling gear, plus all tents, tables, and chairs, are now in the new storage facility; there's still some gardening and event gear to get moved in and arranged.