

## Rotary Sunrise Garden at St Mark's

*This is a community garden with the following objectives*

- To grow fresh vegetables for the Dundas Food Bank
- To encourage learning about gardening
- To build community



Example of raised bed garden at Good Shepherd Victory Garden, Catherine St., Hamilton.

### **How will it operate?**

A Garden Management Committee with members from St Marks, The Rotary Club and Dundas in Transition will organize and manage the garden.

In order to make maximum use of the available space the garden format will be constructed with raised beds.

At least 50% of the garden will be set aside to grow vegetables for the Food Bank. Volunteers from the community are invited to work on this part of the garden.

The remaining part of the garden will be open to members of the community to use. We will give preference to close neighbours.

**When is it available?** In 2012 we plan to have plots available for planting from May 16<sup>th</sup>. The garden will be open during daylight hours until the end of October.

### **Is there a cost for the use of the garden?**

We are considering a small fee for garden beds for personal use.

### **How do I register for a garden plot**

Email to [stmarkssunrisegarden@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkssunrisegarden@gmail.com) or call 905-304-3682

### **What are the rules for using the garden?**

There are some simple rules regarding keeping your plot tidy, cooperating with other gardeners and not disturbing the neighbours and users of St. Mark's Church. We will send them to you when you apply to use the garden.

### **Will the garden be fenced?**

It is not our current plan to fence the garden. We do know there is a deer problem in Dundas but for 2012 we will be using hoops and nets on the raised beds to keep the deer from the plants.

### **What is the soil quality? Have you had it tested?**

As part of the garden construction we are filling the beds with purchased triple mix and compost from the City of Hamilton. As a result we do not expect to be concerned with the underlying soil quality and have not had it tested.

The land has been covered in grass and maintained without pesticide for the past few years.



## Why do some call this a Victory Garden?

This is a term from the past when people were encouraged to grow their own vegetables to help in times of war. Today when we grow food for the Food Bank in a Victory Garden we are helping to lift people out of poverty.

We are associated with Hamilton Victory Gardens who have developed successful gardens and are sharing information and ideas with us.

## Volunteering

Volunteers are the backbone of a successful Victory Garden and there are numerous opportunities available including garden construction, general garden maintenance, administration and promotion.

## Donations

Donations of funds towards maintenance of this garden will be gratefully accepted.

Supplies such as seeds, soil and building materials that are donated will help defray the costs of building and maintaining the garden.

A tax receipt will be given if requested.

### Contact information!

Please call 905-304-3682 or write to us with any questions to [stmarkssunrisegarden@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkssunrisegarden@gmail.com).



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A JOINT VENTURE OF  
ST MARK'S UNITED CHURCH  
ROTARY CLUB OF  
DUNDAS VALLEY SUNRISE  
DUNDAS IN TRANSITION

St Mark's United Church is located at the corner of Governor's Road and Creighton Road in Dundas.