

**Gerard Houser**  
**Quarterly Report**  
**Community Gardens Coordinator**  
**October 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011**

**Community Gardens:**

- ▶ Serviced the gardens' lawnmowers. (on-going)
- ▶ Garden cleanup. (on-going)
- ▶ Updated all garden documentation, (Rules, garden map, application). (on-going)
- ▶ Fielded questions from potential new gardeners via e-mail and in person. (on-going)
- ▶ Barn trash and garden debris was taken to the Town transfer station. (on-going)
- ▶ Mowed all grass paths and cleared fence weeds as needed. (on-going)
- ▶ Visited the gardens at least three times per day to monitor activities. (on-going)
- ▶ A recalcitrant gardener who was growing approximately eight hardwood trees on her lot has removed the trees as required. The *Rules of the Row* have been amended to prohibit the growing of large hardwood trees in the garden-growing area. Only dwarf fruit trees are allowed.
- ▶ .Installed the "Peace Pole" purchased last year. Additional materials purchased this year included landscaping ties, hardware and stone. Total cost of project \$ 600 donated by coordinator.
- ▶ .Installed Nacho Memorial plaque at the gardens. This project cost about \$700 donated by the coordinator.

**Hoop House**

- ▶ Performed clean-up of weeds growing in hoop house. (on-going)
- ▶ Procured numerous pallets from the transfer station for use under the bench areas in the hoop house.
- ▶ Dug drainage trench on the south side of the hoop house to divert water and melting snow from running through the hoop house.

**Plantings**

- ▶ Continue fertilization and maintaining rodent protection materials for approximately 120 plantings of trees, conifers and shrubs. (on-going)
- ▶ . Installed 13 tree markers (tags) purchased from Voss Signs. Each is located next to the tree mounted on a green delineator post purchased from a Buffalo ironworks. Cost of this project about \$300 donated by the coordinator.
- ▶ Working with Voss signs to develop additional tree tags and tags for shrubs.

**Web Page**

- ▶ Provided Linda with pictures and other garden-related documentation for the community gardens web page. (on-going)
- ▶ Maintained Facebook picture albums for the community gardens. There is a link to the picture albums on all e-mails sent to the gardeners. (on-going)
- ▶ Added an additional Facebook album "Birds of the Community Gardens". (Modeled after "Girls of the NFL")

▶ Communicated with garden members on a regular basis via e-mail and in person passing along information related to the gardens. (on-going)

**Tawasentha Trails**

▶ Nothing to report.

**Other**