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Cider Knoll Community Garden Plots Available **Sign up meeting March 10, 2016 at 7:00 PM at Marlborough City Hall**

Do you want to grow your own vegetables but have no space or no sunshine where you live? Rent a garden spot at the Cider Knoll Community Garden. Gardeners who are dreaming of having some garden space to grow organic vegetables and flowers can turn their dreams into reality by reserving space in the City of Marlborough's organic community garden.

Interested gardeners should plan to attend a meeting on **Thursday, March 10, at 7:00 PM at Marlborough City Hall, 140 Main Street in Memorial Hall 3rd floor** to learn more about the garden and to sign up for a garden plot. The garden is located at the Cider Knoll/Mello Family Meadow conservation land, next to the small parking lot **at 525 Stow Rd.** There are 42 plots total, some are full size plots approximately 10' x 20' and some are half size plots approximately 10' x 10' in size. The rental fee of \$25 per season per full plot, and \$15 per season for a half plot will cover the cost of a garden plot and water. There is plenty of free parking at the site. Garden plots will be open for planting starting April 1st, weather permitting.

Spaces are assigned to returning gardeners first and on a lottery basis for the remaining plots. A little more than half the gardeners from last year are returning so there are still plots available for this year's planting season. Sign up will begin at the **March 10th** meeting and will remain open until all plots are taken. If you cannot attend the meeting but are interested, you may contact the Conservation Commission by calling Priscilla Ryder at the Conservation Department 508-460-3768 or by e-mail at pryder@marlborough-ma.gov. The Commission is considering building another community garden if interest is greater than plots available. Information about the garden can also be found at the City's web page: http://www.marlborough-ma.gov/Gen/MarlboroughMA_ConCommisn/City%20of%20Marlborough%20Community%20Garden

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