## News from the Friends of the East Brunswick Environmental Commission

## Think Spring! Registration Is Open for Plots at the East Brunswick Community Garden;

Winter got you down? Think spring by registering for a garden plot in the East Brunswick Community Garden.

East Brunswick residents can cultivate their green thumbs by renting a plot in the garden, located adjacent to the municipal complex off Rues Lane. A limited number of 10x10 plots are now available for new gardeners on a first-come, first-served basis. The cost is \$45 for first-year gardeners.

The garden is open to township residents and people who work in East Brunswick. It's an ideal way for those lacking the space, sunlight or soil at home to be part of the gardening community.

All gardeners are required to put in four hours of community garden service each year by working with a committee and participating in work days, or paying \$40 in lieu of service. Gardeners can select from a list of committees found on the registration form.

For more information and to register for a plot, go online to the registration form.

The garden's <u>website</u> offers timely articles, tips and tricks for gardeners, a calendar of events and information on donating surplus produce. Gardeners have donated more than a ton of surplus produce in recent years. Meetings and events during the year also offer an opportunity to share ideas outside the garden.

To keep gardeners safe, gardeners are asked to follow current guidance on COVID. Masks are suggested when others are present, but not required in the garden.

Established in 2009, the garden offers 160 plots for new and returning gardeners who live or work in East Brunswick. Fencing erected by the Friends of the East Brunswick Environmental Commission and the township protects the area from deer and other critters. For more information, send email to <u>ebcgarden@gmail.com</u>.

The East Brunswick Community Garden is a project of the <u>Friends of the East Brunswick</u> <u>Environmental Commission</u>, a 501c3 not-for-profit organization.