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Growing Airdrie's Community Gardens

AIRDRIE, ALBERTA –The City of Airdrie Parks Department along with the Airdrie Horticultural Society are hosting an informal open house to gauge the demand for new community garden space in Airdrie. Residents interested and active in community gardening are welcome to attend and learn more about future plans for community gardening in Airdrie.

“There is currently a waiting list for plots in Airdrie’s only community garden located in Sagewood” says Michael McAllister, Community Developer at the City of Airdrie. At the open house the City of Airdrie along with the Horticultural Society will provide information on the proposed sites and look at how to best manage any future plots.

“We want to first outline where these proposed plots might be located and then investigate what the best way is for us to move the idea of having more community gardens forward” McAllister adds. There are two potential sites for new gardens; one in Big Springs and the other near Nose Creek Elementary School. The third possible option is to expand the existing site in Sagewood.

The City of Airdrie requests residents interested in community garden plots, those living near the potential new sites and those wishing to volunteer to come out and provide their feedback. “By gathering this information the City and residents can work towards the expansion of Community Gardens in Airdrie,” says Rhonda Deaville–Erb, City of Airdrie Parks Planner.

Community Gardens are an Airdrie Horticultural Society initiative that is supported in a variety of non financial ways by the City of Airdrie and a number of local businesses.

Community Gardens Open House

Date: Thursday, June 9, 2011

Time: 6:30 – 8:00pm

Location: Rotary Room A, Genesis Place

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