



August 2021 Newsletter

Pavilion Update

We hope that you are doing well and enjoying your gardening season. This year the Ben Franklin Garden Committee initiated the ambitious plan to build a pavilion to benefit the garden and the community as a whole. We were able to access a grant to begin the project and have had the cement platform constructed. Some of you have already enjoyed the music performances that we have been able to provide due to this construction and hope you will join us on August 28th for one more performance. We plan to use this site for future educational and art performance events also.

We have begun building the pavilion. As many of you know, we are largely funding this build through our ioby crowdfunding, which is posted on the Ben Franklin Community Garden website. Many of you may also know that the cost of building material has doubled or tripled since the beginning of this year. We are significantly short of our funding goal and are reaching out to you in hopes that you will be able to make a donation to this project which will benefit the garden immediately and for years to come. Any amount you could donate would be greatly appreciated and make a great contribution to the garden and the community. We thank you in advance.

TO DONATE: [ioby Donation Link](#)

Scroll down to see the pavilion/gazebo progress.

[Watch Video Here](#)

All Fired Up!

Fundraiser

**Saturday
August 21, 2021**

6:00 - 9:00 pm

Sachsenheim Hall
7001 Denison Ave
Cleveland 44102



Basket Raffle

50/50

Side Boards

Dinner & Drinks

Buffet Dinner

Brats & Italian Sausages
BBQ Chicken • Veggie Skewers
Pasta & Potato Salad
Baked Beans • Salad
Dessert • Beer & Wine
(Cash bar for liquor)

Attend & support your local community garden!

Don't delay – get your tickets now!

ALL FIRED UP! Fundraiser

Join us on August 21st from 6–9pm for our All Fired Up! Fundraiser. There will be a buffet dinner (beer, wine, & soda included), basket raffle, 50/50, and side boards.

Tickets can be purchased by contacting Greg Noeth [216-789-2086](tel:216-789-2086) or online [by clicking HERE](#).

Harvest Picnic, Annual Meeting, & Committee Elections

Come join your fellow gardeners on September 11th from 12–3pm.

Bring a dish that you have created by using items from your garden. Event will take place rain or shine.

Our annual meeting and committee elections will take place during the picnic. Any changes to by-laws will be voted on as well as new committee members.

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SATURDAY
Sept. 11th | **12-3pm** | **SAVE THE DATE**

Please join us!

Hot Dogs, Brats, Burgers & Drinks provided

Pot Luck - Bring a side dish to share!

50/50 Raffle
Garden Swag • Honey • Cook Books for Sale

Annual meeting and committee member election will take place at the picnic.

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2021 Cuyahoga County Fair: Blue Ribbon!

Ben Franklin Garden comes up on top with a blue ribbon in the Cuyahoga County Fair!

Thank you:

Frank & Calista Bajorek, Barbara Boyd, Wayne & Amy Carter, Eric & Jessica Davenport, Ann Marie Hannah, Renetta Jelito, Jim Kasper, Ken Keckler, Greg Noeth, Elicia Polacek, Kathryn Reiter, Tom Sargent, Mark Tapanja, & Jennifer Terry.

Saturday, Aug. 28

Music in the Garden Series: North Coast Winds Quintet

Our *Music in the Garden Series* concludes on 8/28 6-7pm with North Coast Winds Quintet. Visit their website:

<http://www.northcoastwinds.com>.

Music will be at the new pavilion site. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the sounds! Refreshments will be for sale.



Help Us Grow! Committee Interest

Are you interested keeping Ben Franklin Garden growing? We are looking for committed members to help lead the garden into the future. We can utilize a variety of skills. Are you a born leader? Great small details and organizing? Love to get your hands dirty with a project? Do you communicate well with others? Or just have a real passion to keep Ben Franklin thriving? We would love to have you on board! Committee

members are responsible to ensure daily operations and funding of the garden. The committee meets regularly on the third Wednesday of the month. Elections will take place at the annual meeting.

For more information or if you are interested or know a gardener who would be a good fit please contact Jennifer at:


jterry@benfranklincommunitygarden.org or [216-860-7674](tel:216-860-7674).

Not ready for a full commitment but would still like to be more active? Monthly meetings are open to the public and all gardeners are welcome to attend. If there is an area you are interested in you can join a sub committee. Current subcommittees are: Finance, Grants, Marketing, Governance, Projects, Beautifications, Preservation and Communications.



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