



BUSY BEE UPDATE

News for Reading Public Library Garden Volunteers



WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

Welcome to Busy Bees, RPL's community of plant-loving volunteers! We look forward to working with you to bring our gardens to life. Whether you have a green thumb or are just starting out, there's a perfect spot for you in our gardening family.

Busy Bees is where you'll connect with fellow nature enthusiasts at our regular monthly meet-ups. You can dig in with watering and maintenance or simply join us to learn more about gardening.

We're delighted to have you as part of our growing community passionate about nature, health, and sustainability. Come grow with us!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

APRIL 12 @ 2:00-3:00 PM

- Plan for Spring Clean Up
- Discuss requirements for Wildlife Habitat certification

APRIL 19 @ 1:00-3:00 PM

- Spring Clean Up
- Pansy Plantings

MAY 10 @ 2:00-3:00 PM

- Set June-September maintenance schedule
- Prioritize & assign Wildlife Habitat tasks

MAY 17 @ 1:00-3:00 PM

- Add plants to planters
- Install additional plants as needed
- Initial watering & weeding

RSVP: <https://forms.gle/xCjgGKqAFxTRU9mw9>

MARCH 2025

Busy Bee Goals

At our March 15 meeting, our Busy Bees met to discuss goals for 2025. Here is what we discussed:

- Regular watering and weeding of the Sensory and Native gardens installed in October 2024
- Develop existing gardens for Wildlife Habitat Certification
- Incorporate elements for eligibility to the Homegrown National Park program
- Have fun!



GARDEN MAINTENANCE

As we begin planning for our watering & weeding schedule, Busy Bees are in search of:

- Scheduling Coordinator
- List of tools and equipment to purchase (or get donated)
- Plant Guru Advice for individual plant care



Around Town

- Reading Community Garden Application Deadline (Monday, March 31)
- Town Forest Tree Planting (Saturday, April 26 @ 9:00 AM-3:00 PM)
- Garden Club Plant Sale (Saturday, May 17 @ 9:00 AM-1:00 PM)

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