

## **Ashland Community Garden Sign-up Begins April 17**

It's time to think green and growing! The Ashland Community Garden starts its second year with opening the registration period for reserving garden beds for the 2015 growing season.

A sign-up sheet and information is available at the Booster Club, 66 Main St., and at the Ashland Town Office or Ashland Library during regular business hours. Space is limited, and all beds were taken last year, so sign up early to insure a bed. It is on a first-come-first-served basis, with previous year's gardeners getting first choice. More improvements are planned for this season – getting the fencing up, a garden shed with water supply, and more active gardening guidance for beginners.

There will be an orientation for all those who have signed up on May 9 for an overview of growing practices, basic garden rules, Q&A and an opportunity to meet fellow gardeners. There will be a clean-up, get-ready work day scheduled so planting can begin by Memorial Day. Last year, NH Seedling Company provided plants and again will offer the opportunity for purchasing vegetable, herb and flower plants ready to go into the ground. Seeds are available for free from the committee. And as those who have experienced a homegrown freshly picked tomato can tell you, nothing beats it. So come grow your own – sign up now.

### **About the Ashland Community Garden**

Started as an Ashland HEAL (Healthy Eating Active Living) project in 2013, an active Town committee planned and started the garden in 2014 located on School Street. It was at its capacity with 20 raised beds and row plantings in its first year of operation. Organic practices are followed and the community spirit of sharing experience, information, veggies and friendship is encouraged.

Committee Members: Miriam Brown, Steve Heath, Judy Kinney, Susan MacLeod, Fran Newton, Leigh Sharps, Liz Stevens and David Toth.

For more information, email [HRAL@ashland.nh.gov](mailto:HRAL@ashland.nh.gov), find us on Facebook, write to PO Box 517, Ashland, NH 03217 or contact a committee member.

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