

Community Kitchen of Republic Missouri- Garden Manager position

Mission Statement- The mission of the community garden is to provide fresh vegetables to be used in meals for the kitchen and to share abundance with the community via the Blessing Box located beside the garden. The garden manager is a volunteer position that is very self-directed to fit around your schedule while still seeing to the needs of the plants in the garden.

Garden Manager duties:

1. Early spring prepare the beds for planting, work with the Community Kitchen board for variety selection. Funds will be provided by the board for the purchase of starts and seeds.
2. Plant starts and seeds into prepared beds. Beds are on irrigation so daily watering is not required- however setting the system to run is the responsibility of the garden manager.
3. Cultivation of the garden is required, and should be done a minimum of once every 7 days. Weeding of the walkways is included in this maintenance.
 - a. Scheduling of other volunteers is encouraged but will require the garden manager to oversee this schedule.
4. Once produce starts to mature, harvest will be the responsibility of the garden manager. The produce will be stored in the Community Kitchen pantry by the garden manager.
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5. Once the garden season comes to an end the garden manager will be responsible for the winterizing of the garden. Which includes weeding, turning of the soil, either mulching or the planting of a winter cover crop.

Garden Manager time frame: March through November

The Garden manager will be under the direction of the community kitchen board, but will be required to work independently throughout the season. Early spring will require less time than harvest season which is estimated as twice a week/ minimum of 4 hours a week. Major projects have been completed in the garden by community volunteers, such as boy scouts, but will be the responsibility of the manager to oversee. Events are encouraged to be planned by the manager (min of 2 a season)- event ideas are, "Winterizing your garden", "seeding a raised bed", "Raised bed layout". These events will be planned and conducted by the manager, the board will be available to help advertise events.

The window to apply starts now to Jan. 15th, 2022 and interviews will be conducted in Mid- February 2022. Please email your resume along with a cover letter to:

Email: community.kitchen.republic@gmail.com