

Cider Knoll Community Garden Plots Available
Prime Organic Garden Plots Enable Residents to Grow Their Own Food
Sign up meeting Wednesday, February 26, at 7:00 PM at Richer School

Gardeners who are dreaming of having some garden space to grow vegetables and flowers, can turn their dreams into reality by reserving space in the City of Marlborough's organic community garden. Interested gardeners should plan to attend a meeting on **Wednesday February 26th at 7:00 PM at Richer School cafeteria located at 80 Foley Rd.** to learn more about the garden and to sign up for a garden plot. The garden is located at the Cider Knoll/Mello Family Meadow conservation land, next to the small parking lot **on Stow Rd.** (link to map at:

<http://www.marlborough->

[ma.gov/Gen/MarlboroughMA_ConCommisn/parks/pdf/cider_knoll.pdf](http://www.marlborough-ma.gov/Gen/MarlboroughMA_ConCommisn/parks/pdf/cider_knoll.pdf)) The garden, which had its second successful year last year, is ready to receive new gardeners. There are 42 plots total, some are full size plots approximately 10' x 20' and some are half size plots approximately 10' x 10' in size. The rental fee of \$25 per season per full plot, and \$15 per season for a half plot will cover the cost of a garden plot and water. There is plenty of free parking at the site. Garden plots will be open for planting starting April 15th, weather permitting.

Spaces are assigned to returning gardeners first and on a lottery basis for the remaining plots. A little more than half the gardeners from last year are returning so there are about 15 plots still available for this years' planting season. Sign up will begin at the Feb. 26th meeting and will remain open until all plots are taken. Plots will be open for planting on April 15. If you cannot attend the meeting but are interested, you may contact the Conservation Commission by calling Priscilla Ryder at the Conservation Department 508-460-3768 or by e-mail at pryder@marlborough-ma.gov .