

April Newsletter



Welcome Back New & Old:

- Welcome to the 53rd season of the Robert M. Kubecka Memorial Garden!
- Thank you to the Town's General Services & Environmental Waste Management for all their efforts in maintaining the garden including delivering an abundance of donated soil amendments such as compost, wood chips and manure. The use of natural fertilizers such as these gradually release nutrients into the soil and increase water retention helping your plants to flourish.

Important Dates to Remember!

- **March 1st:** Official opening day of the garden. Garden gates are open daily from sunrise until sunset.
- **April 14th:** Historically the last recorded frost date for our region.
- **Mid-April:** Water service will commence.
- **April 22nd:** Volunteer beautification day starting at 10:00am.
- **April 29th:** Volunteer beautification day starting at 10:00am.
- **April 30th:** Volunteer beautification day starting at 10:00am.
- **May 3rd:** Town of Huntington Annual Earth Day Event, 10:00 am– 2:00pm at Manor Farm Park, 210 Manor Rd Huntington. This event will provide beekeeping and composting demonstrations, free tree saplings, seed planting activities and more!



Science at the Garden:

- Volunteers at the Soergel Garden will be participating in study in collaboration with REACH Rotary Club, applying natural fertilizer derived from sugar kelp to assess the impact on the growth and yield of various vegetable plants. The sugar kelp for this study has been sown and harvested by the Town of Huntington from Huntington Bay as a means of denitrification to prevent harmful algae blooms.

Newest Additions to the Garden:



Thank you to Scout Peter Rocco for our newest addition to the garden: five bat houses and the refurbishment of the Sharing Table at the Soergel Garden.



Bats are insectivores and pollinators meaning they can help minimize nuisance insects and increase pollination which is positively reflected in vegetable yield. Bat houses provide a safe place for roosting and will encourage local habitation of bats.