

A Garden Q&A That Will Make Your Day!

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(Note: until such time that the garden plan has been finalized the answers to the following questions may change, as indicated by an asterisk*)

Q1: When is the garden planning stage scheduled for completion?

A1: Ground breaking is scheduled by Tempe Parks for late 2019. No earlier date has been scheduled to complete the planning stage.

Q2: When will the first planting take place?

*A2: Too soon to speculate.

Q3: Will there be a cost to participate?

*A3: Yes, there will be a fee and it will be kept as low as possible. The fee may vary depending on size of plot utilized by the resident. It should not exceed \$50.00 per year.

Q4: How will the plots be organized, individual or groups?

*A4: Given the planned size of the plots, groups per plot is the most likely planning outcome.

Q5: Will there be a place to store my personal garden tools?

*A5: Yes, there will be an on-site lockable storage shed.

Q6: Can I drive my wheelchair or golf cart into the garden area?

*A6: To date, accommodation is planned for wheelchairs, motorized scooters and walkers but not golf carts.

Q7: Will there be raised plots, as I cannot garden at ground level?

*A7: Yes, the majority of the plots will have raised beds.

Q8: Can I grow flowers and well as vegetables?

*A8: Yes, residents can grow flowers and vegetables (but marijuana should probably be kept to a minimum or look like flowers!).

Q9: Will there be automated watering systems for the plots?

*A9: Yes, automated irrigation can be added to the plan if so desired by the majority of participants.

Q10: Will there be assistance to get the plots ready for planting?

*A10: Yes, the Village Environmental Services Department staff will be supporting both the plots initial development and ongoing maintenance.

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Q11: Given that the planned perimeter fence is only 5 ft. tall, will there be additional security measures?

*A11: Cole Marvin has recently indicated that we should plan to raise the height of the perimeter fence to 8" tall, as well as install suitable night-time lighting and video surveillance.

*Q12: Will there be sun shading provided for the raised plots, especially during the hotter months and given our mainly southern exposure?

*A12: Yes, all reviewed existing gardens are struggling with the best way to provide needed shade. Our Garden Steering Committee, with assistance from our landscape architect, will be exploring innovative ways to provide adequate shade.

*Q13: I am not very experienced at gardening in AZ. Will there be educational opportunities provided to help me come up to speed?

*A13: Yes, the Steering Committee is currently exploring several ways that informational materials and presentations by local experienced gardens can be made available to our gardeners.

*Q14: Where can I find information about gardening in FVT?

*A14: The Library annex has some books on gardening