

NOTICE FOR FECG GARDENERS

11-30-20

On-going Irrigation Changes: Last Thursday it was discovered that there was an extraneous watering cycle that was causing our intended 5-minute watering three times a day to be 10-minute watering three times a day. This problem has now been rectified. Our plots are normalizing within "moist" range on the moisture sensor to a consistent depth of about 3". Below 3" still registers as "wet", which means we may need to further reduce our watering, probably to only twice per day. Also, the growth in most plots is now well established, combined with a lowering of our average daily temperature, which suggests further reductions may be called for. We will keep you posted.

Addition of a nutrient additive: Also, this past week, Carolyn conducted a basic analysis on the soil from a few select plots. The pH levels are within the desired range, however the nitrogen and phosphorous readings were found to be at reduced levels. It is speculated that the excessive watering may have caused the nutrient leaching of upper soil. Doug and Nancy B-D met with Carolyn on Sat. and developed a plan to add a granular additive to each plot that should restore the reduced readings to the desired levels. Once more information on the additive type and cost has been obtained, a specific recommendation will be made to the Board. In the interim, the addition of a common fertilizer like "Miracle Grow" can serve as a stop-gap solution. Again, we will keep you posted.

In spite of these above issues, most plots are now showing signs of lots of knowledgeable and loving care.

Happy Gardening!
Management Board