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News from
Frogtown Green
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MONARCH CITY

Garden Tour • August 21

A Bee-utiful Garden Tour

Monarch City, our pollinator-friendly garden, is abuzz with activity! The garden's volunteer planters will host a tour of some 7,000 square feet of native flower gardens, which are bursting with thousands of blooming prairie plants.

Find us **Saturday, August 21 from 9 am to noon at the West Minnehaha Recreation Center**, corner of Grotto Street and Minnehaha Avenue. A self-guided tour option continues all week.



Now Just Add Rain!

Proving that hope springs eternal, a crew of volunteer stewards of Frogtown Park's rain gardens have been cheerfully digging out the culvert leading through a soon-to-be-rebuilt rain garden on the west side of the Park. Their efforts are essential to keeping the Park beautiful!

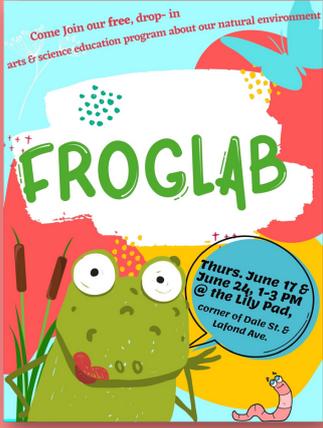
Frogtown Park & Farm Stewards will be continuing their work in August and September. You can join them August 14 & 28 from 9 - 11 AM. No expertise necessary, (just a willingness to pray for rain if all else fails.)

This Summer's Crop

Meet Frogtown Green's contractors for the 2021 season: (clockwise from top left) Daniel, Christina, Marisa, and Miranda! Over the summer they have made improvements to the Lily Pad environmental commons, compiled a report on household level climate change actions; managed social media and website communications, and run our children's environmental education program, FrogLab.



FrogLab's Finale



FrogLab, our free science and art workshop for kids, is hopping into its final month. In free weekly sessions, kids at West Minne Rec Center and Frogtown Community Center learn about clouds, bees, soil, water and—of course—frogs!

Save the Date! Sept 16

Are you curious about what's going on at the Lily Pad, our environmental commons at Dale and Lafond? Come to an "open pad" next month to find out about our efforts to demonstrate sustainability, at neighborhood and household scale. Tour the newly built rain harvester and composting station, meet our partners, check out our gardens and tuck into delicious barbecue!

Resident Perspectives



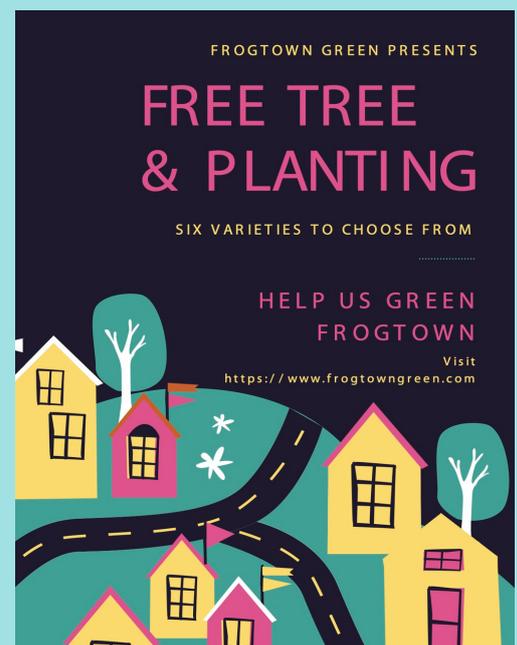
The summer, students at Macalester College compiled a report on environmental perspectives in Frogtown. They asked neighborhood residents their thoughts on sustainability and recommended actions Frogtown Green could take to support sustainable behavior in the neighborhood. Juan Bates and Kathy Donovan (above) were among the longtime Frogtowners who participated. The interviews explored attitudes related to actions we can all take to address climate change, including composting and growing more food. Results will inform our forthcoming "Lily Pad Agenda" report. Many thanks to all involved in the project, including Macalester professor Christie Manning and her students!

GRATEFUL THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS, FUNDERS, SUMMER STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS!

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Tree Giveaways Continue

Free fruit and shade trees for residents of Frogtown and two adjacent neighborhoods are going fast, but lilac, ironwood, pear, cherry and plane trees are still available! Thanks to a grant from the US Forest Service and the hard work of AmeriCorps member Rennie Gaither, tree planting groups like Frogtown Green's celebrated Tree Frogs have taken root in Summit-U and Hamline Midway neighborhoods as well. Each of these communities has developed their own approach to "re-treeing" yards that could use the shade, beauty and pollution control benefits that trees provide. But all of them rely on the simple gravel bed technology that has allowed the Tree Frogs to plant over 500 free trees in Frogtown. For more on gravel beds and trees in Frogtown, check out the July 29 show on Minnesota Public Radio, "Why We Need Urban Trees."



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