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## YOUR COMMUNITY: ALWAYS GROWING

Food sustainability initiatives continue to be the focus for Wildsight Kimberley Cranbrook in the upcoming months. The amazing community drive to eat local, decrease our carbon footprint, and sustain a local economy motivates all of our efforts and actions.

### **Kimberley Farmers' Market**

The Kimberley Farmers Market is enjoying its third season connecting the community with local food producers and artisans. Every Thursday evening from 5pm - 7:30pm, Howard Street in the city centre comes alive with local vendors from all over the East Kootenay.

This year we are proud to announce that we will be offering the BC Association of Farmers' Markets Coupon Program for lower income families at the Kimberley Farmers' Market. This program will allow local families to access weekly coupons for

meat, cheese, vegetables and fruit to be redeemed at the Market. Bringing local flavor to everyone's tables!

### **Kimberley Open Gate Garden**

This free to use, free to harvest public garden has experienced some major growth over the last year. For those unfamiliar with the garden, it is located on Rotary Drive behind the Kimberley Aquatic Centre, and it is never locked. The installation of a path and gazebo has transformed it into a gathering place in addition to a public garden. We're adding new beds as the season progresses and compost bins are ready and waiting for use.

Come get introduced to the garden by joining us at one of our bi-weekly work bees! They are a great chance to meet other people, get your hands dirty and learn a skill or concept that can be transferred to your own garden.

## WILD IDEAS SESSIONS - COMING THIS SUMMER



The community is invited to the Open Gate Garden this summer for two Wild Ideas sessions. The concept of Wild Ideas stems from “green drinks” get-togethers, which were created to discuss environmental issues within the community. Each session is based around a theme and takes place on the second last Friday of the month in July and August at 6:30pm. Everyone is encouraged to bring a friend, potluck item to share, and open minds and opinions to share with everyone in attendance.

Friday July 22nd 6:30pm – Commodity Chain with Kristine Solum

Friday August 19th 6:30pm – Topic TBD with Dirk de Geus

## ANNUAL HARVEST PARTY - SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH



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Following Wildsight tradition, we are excited to invite you to attend the Open Gate Garden Harvest Party on Saturday, September 17th starting at 2pm. This afternoon of festivities is a great opportunity to celebrate the bountiful harvest and enjoy food, music, games, and apple juice (of course). Don't forget about those zucchini races!

We will be rallying a group of volunteers to pick apples and press juice on the morning of the party. Stay tuned for information regarding times and let us know if you have a tree available for picking.

## MARYSVILLE ECO PARK WORK BEES



The Marysville Eco Park turned a brownfield site into a beautiful native plant park that celebrates the cleaning up of Mark Creek and return of fish to the once polluted waters.

In order to keep the Eco Park maintained and happy there are two opportunities to come out and help. On Monday, July 25th, we'll focus on weed removal in an effort to give the native plants a better chance of survival. The Wednesday, September 14th work bee will focus on infrastructure, staining and updates. Both work bees start at 6:30pm in the evening. We are striving to host four work bees a year so stay posted for more opportunities to come out and help.

## CONTACT US

Would you like to get involved with these or other activities? Please contact 250-427-9325 x 221, visit our office at 2-495 Wallinger Ave in Kimberley or join us online through website and Facebook.

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