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Community Garden Meeting and Workshop “Getting Ready for the Gardening Season”

Gary, Indiana-Urban Agriculture and Community Gardening activities have become more popular in inner cities serving as alternative healthy foods grown locally. Each year the City of Gary Department of Commerce Green Urbanism and Environmental Affairs Division hosts a series of urban agriculture activities. The first Community Garden Meeting and Workshop of this year is occurring on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., 1st Floor Conference Room, 839 Broadway, Gary, IN 46402.

Mayor Karen Freeman Wilson states, “Such efforts support neighborhood revitalization and sustainable practices to provide opportunities for local residents to re-purpose vacant land, and enhances development of local food systems.” Additionally, urban agriculture activities provide different forms of positive community engagement while addressing access to healthy food choices and economic development.”

The topic for the Community Garden Meeting & Workshop is “Getting Ready for the Gardening Season”. Special Guest: Julie Duttlinger from the Lake County Soil & Water Conservation District...“We invite residents to come, learn, share and enjoy the art of gardening!” Those attending are asked to come ready to share a couple of your tried-and-true gardening practices with the group and tell us about your 2016 growing experiences.

Schools, religious organizations, parent groups, community organizations, individuals, beginners, intermediate and advance gardeners are all invited to attend this exciting event. For those who want to garden but don’t want to do it solo, we can direct you to an existing gardening group or we can venture out and form some new gardening groups.

If you are looking for accessible gardening options, come join us. We are here to help and encourage you to take that leap! Participants will also become aware of free technical assistance and opportunities for

additional resources. Reserve your seat or make inquiries by contacting the Green Urbanism Division at 219-882-3000. This is a meeting and workshop that you don't want to miss.

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