

Thank you to those of you who volunteered to support the Crocker Park Farmers Market in 2024. We had a great year and I look forward to an even better one in 2025. This year we have a new group of Interns who will be assisting at the booth. As in the past we will pair up one intern with two experienced MGs to provide guidance and support.

The market is located by the Fidelity Investments parking lot on the southwest corner of Crocker and Detroit. Our booth location tends to vary each week depending on the number of vendors, so when you arrive look for our booth or just ask at the Farmers Market Booth. There is ample parking so getting access will not be a problem.

We plan on staffing the booth with 3 (including an intern) people each Saturday from 9AM until 1pm. If you can please come a little early and help set up the booth I would appreciate it, so we can make sure we are ready to go by 9AM. I will bring in the set-up materials each week around 8:30AM and pick them up at 1pm, along with our own chairs.

Remember to wear your MG name badge each week so we all look official!

Should an emergency come up where you cannot make your scheduled date, please let me know as I may have other people wanting to work the booth and can contact them to see if they can fill in. If you know someone who can take your spot that will work also, just remember to let me know so I am aware of any changes.

Each week we set up a focus for our booth and I have listed below the various topics we have used in the past. We try to schedule the topics according to the calendar. **Waking Up Your Garden** tends to always be our first focus, while **Putting Your Garden to Bed** is our final topic for the year. In between, we focus on the growing season and topics that should of interest during the current time frame. We always have support materials available but feel free to bring your own each week should you want to add value to the booth and our patrons.

As for the topic of the week, please feel free to suggest a topic you feel would be good to focus on in the booth for a particular date or in general please feel free to add it to your response to me. Also, if you feel a particular topic is not good for the booth please indicate it also. If you have a topic you have a special interest in or knowledge of, let me know and I will try to schedule it as the topic for one of the Saturdays you are working.

As always, ideas and suggestions are welcome so please do not hesitate to let me know how we can make our offering better than ever. If you know of someone who is interested in volunteering for the Crocker Park booth please have them send me an email so I can get them into the scheduling queue.

Last year's topics were, in no particular order:

1. You Say Tomato We Say When and Where...
2. PH is the important to more than your hair! Why soil testing is important to have a healthy yard and garden.
3. Give your Garden a Wake-Up Call: What does it take to ensure your garden grows?

4. Pollinators Welcome! Flowers and feeders that attract bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds.
5. Do you Prune the Right Way with the Correct Tools?
6. Your garden and yard cannot live on sun and water alone: The care and feeding of your lawns, plants and trees.
7. Some guests will never leave: How to handle weeds and invasive plants.
8. Lasagna (garden plot) Is Not Just for Dinner Anymore.
9. Every flower has its time and place: Annuals and perennials that work and fit in your environment.
10. Healthy caring and feeding of your yard and garden! Tree, grass, and shrub care and feeding.
11. Endless Blooms! Care and Feeding of Hydrangeas.
12. Those pesky rabbits, deer, and insects: Critter, insect, and disease treatment and control.
13. Late Summer/Fall Garden and Yard Maintenance.
14. Brighten your garden and yard with shade plants : What shade plants are best for your yard and conditions.
15. Mid-summer garden and yard maintenance considerations.
16. Planning for next year's harvest: What to plant, when, to support next year's harvest desires.
17. Think outside the bed: Creative gardening ideas.
18. Summer may be ending but that doesn't mean the end of planting opportunities! Planning for fall flowers.
19. Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County - who we are, what we do, and how to become part of the family.
20. New Life to Summer Plants: Pruning tips.
21. Putting your Garden to Bed: How to prepare your garden for winter hibernation.
22. Planning, growing and maintaining your lawn

The above topics were well received and we probably will repeat them, but if you have any additional ideas please let me know and we will work them into our schedule.