

River Valley Area Community Gardens, Inc.
900 N. Westmor St
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Dear Parents, Students, Teachers,

*The River Valley Area Community Gardens Inc. located in the 900 block of North Westmor, Spring Green, sponsors a summer gardening program for students residing in the River Valley School district. The program is divided by age. The **Busy Bees Garden Club** is open to children age 3 through Grade 4 and the **Junior Gardener** program is open to students Grades 5 through 12..*

*Participants in the **Busy Bees Garden Club** will plant their own 2 x 4 foot raised bed garden with veggies and/or flowers of their choice either selected from plants and seeds provided or bring their own. They will learn to care for their gardens as well as the importance of soil, pollinators, weather and other aspects of gardening. They will taste-test various veggies and fruits. Story time, games and craft activities are included. The children are required to be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or sitter to help with gardening activities and supervision.*

The club will meet weekly on Tuesday mornings from June 7 to August 9 from 9 am to 10:30 am with a Meet and Greet event on Sunday, May 15 from 3:30 – 4:30 at the Gardens. Once gardens are planted, families should plan on visiting the garden between club dates to water and care for plants and harvest produce.

*Participation in the club is limited to 24 children due to space. A donation of \$5 per child to help defray the cost of materials is suggested. If a family with a child under the age of 3 registers, that child may participate with their sibling on some activities. A Busy Bees Garden Club registration form should be returned **on or before May 1, 2022***

*The **Junior Gardener** program is an independent gardening opportunity for students from Grades 5 through Grade 12. Each student will receive a free 10 x 10 ft. plot in which to plant vegetables and/or flowers of their choice. Each student is assigned a mentor to guide their gardening experience. Parents are encouraged to participate with their child. Registration forms for the **Junior Gardener** program should be returned on or before **June 1, 2022**. Junior Gardeners may start their gardens after meeting with their mentors.*

*The **Registration Form** for both the Busy Bees Garden Club and the Junior Gardeners Program is available on our website <https://www.rvacg.org/students.html> or may be requested via email at info@rvacg.org or via phone at 608-588-6040*

For more information on the RVACG student gardening program, please visit our website

*Sincerely,
Busy Bees Committee,
Amy Thompson, Laura Druckrey, Doug Rouse, Rose Ellen Schneider, Wid Yarnall*