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“Voices” from the Gardens”

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## SPRING ARRIVES IN THE GARDENS...

**For postings on garden “open Hours”, water turn on/off, wood chip and supplies available....**

Check here for updates in months of February, April, July and October.

Observe the Pussy Willow tree loaded with buds! Spring is on its way.

The Gardens will be opening their gates in the month of March. There will be groups of gardeners clearing the dead foliage that the dormant plants shed. Paths will be weeded and cleared to refurbish with fresh wood chips and other pavements. The water systems will be turned on to restart the new growing season. Visit: [www.bqlt.org/calendar](http://www.bqlt.org/calendar)

The Open Space Gallery Project will be installed at BQLT Member Gardens; Visit: [www.brooklynartscouncil.org/calendar](http://www.brooklynartscouncil.org/calendar) “Images of the Gardens” for locations and exhibit dates.

The Communications Committee Review is a committee newsletter to keep all sister gardens informed of the activities taking place in the gardens. This vehicle is designed for the gardeners and garden members to have their “Voices” heard.

Share an experience, call to schedule a photo shoot of a work day or celebration. You can also share a favorite recipe or article of interest with the community on urban gardening.

Committee Reports from Operations, Events, Nominations, and Executive’s reports on issues of interest are welcome; This will help gardens stay up-to-date with daily curriculum in the gardens: Please send all submissions to email: [ninosgpro@verizon.net](mailto:ninosgpro@verizon.net).

All contributions will be reviewed. You will be contacted if your contribution is to be included .

Let your “Voice” be heard.

## Gardens sustain community

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## SPOTLIGHT...



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EVENTS.

## COMMITTEE CORNER...

### What is sustainability?

by Cecile Charles-King

Many people use the word sustainability but often, if you ask them to explain what they mean...well, you might want to check around for answers. Recently, I found a website that shows how EVERYTHING is inter-connected. We do not exist in a vacuum and what is done in one area, affects another area.

We are a nation of many people with different needs, wants and ideas. According to some philosophers, the concept of a common good is not consistent with the kind of pluralistic society that the United States has become.

Our traditions place great value on individual freedom and rights. Within our culture, society is viewed as comprising independent individuals free to pursue individual goals and interests without interference from others. In this individualistic culture people tend to place pursuit of individual wants and needs above efforts to work toward the common good.

Sustainability means working towards the common good of all - present and future generations. Sustainability means preserving what we have for future use. For environmentalists, that means the earth's resources. For those connected to the earth, this means preserving the life force that is in the earth.

Check out the website(s) and the definition(s) for yourself:

<http://www.sustainablemeasures.com/Sustainability/Definitions.html>

