

NHCA Garden Committee - Summer Newsletter 2023

Neighborhood Garden Happenings

NHCA supports and maintains two community gardens - the **Gateway Garden and Pavilion** and the **Firestorm Memorial Garden** - located at opposite ends of Hiller Drive, adjacent to Hiller Highlands. These are the entrances to the hills area.

The NHCA's Garden Committee has embarked on Year 2 of the two-year 'hybrid' garden maintenance strategy that relies on hands-on volunteers from the North Hills community, as well as volunteers from corporate, civic and spiritual organizations, and professional landscapers to clean up/refresh the Gateway Garden & Pavilion and the Firestorm Memorial Garden.



The multiyear effort is well underway and involves removing invasive grasses and plants, performing mechanical hard pruning, repairing and adjusting irrigation, plus developing site and maintenance plans to

maintain and allow the gardens to flourish for the benefit of the entire NHCA community.

These gardens would not thrive without our dedicated care and attention as they are not maintained by either Caltrans or the City of Oakland.



If you have never visited these lovely spaces, summer is a great time to view the blooming wildflowers and succulents. These are true community gems and gathering spaces that were created in response to the 1991 Oakland Hills fire.

To learn more about our gardens, visit the NHCA website at www.northhillscommunity.org or click the QR links below.

Gateway Garden & Pavilion



Firestorm Memorial Garden



Gardens & Ice Cream? Yes!

Please join the NHCA's Garden Committee for the **2nd ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL & PLANT SALE FUNDRAISER** at the Gateway Garden & Pavilion on **Saturday, August 19th, from 1- 4 p.m.** This event is a great way to meet your NHCA neighbors, learn more about the Garden Committee's efforts, and enjoy the beauty of this lovely neighborhood garden and event space.

We Need Your Help!

Maintaining our community gardens properly takes both **TIME & MONEY**.



Last year, the NHCA hired a well-known landscape contractor, **BrightView Landscaping**, to

partner with us to get our gardens back into shape and to prepare for our Garden volunteers and partners to continue with ongoing maintenance. BrightView has donated many hours of labor and supplies to our efforts, and we are grateful for their support.

Please check out the NHCA web site at www.northhillscommunity.org and click on the 'DONATE' link in the upper right-hand corner to see how you can help contribute to the garden effort.

Thank you for your ongoing support and assistance, and we look forward to seeing you at the **Ice Cream Social & Plant Sale Fundraiser** Saturday August 19th.

Vicki Oliveira
Garden and Event Committee Chair