A New Beginning for Sheboygan Avenue Community Garden in 2016

> City of Madison Parks Division Rennebohm Park 115 North Eau Claire Avenue Madison, WI

City of Madison Common Council approves new garden space in Rennebohm Park in March 2016. Site preparation begins in April 2016.





 Local farmer turns over sod
Truck loads of compost are delivered
Farmer distributes and tills compost into new garden soil A wonderful grant allows the perimeter fence purchase and installation to begin in May 2016 with all labor provided by volunteers.





# Work to install garden infrastructure begins in earnest at an early May work day.



# Installation of underground water distribution lines within the garden requires teamwork.





Garden paths are measured and staked. Gardeners work to place weed control barriers and wood chips on the garden paths.



## Perimeter fence installation continues followed by installation of Rabbit Guard base fencing.







Gardeners assist *Rennebohm Roots!* flower program at entrance to Rennebohm Park and under crabapple trees south of community garden.



The community garden equipment shed is delivered by Madison College from winter storage to new garden location in mid-May.





# Garden plots are measured and ready to go – Plot Monitor approved!





# Interim water tank installed and straw mulch distributed. Fifty-eight garden plots are assigned.



Gardeners begin to plant their plots in late May 2016 – less than ten weeks after new garden location is approved!





# Path of concrete pavers is constructed to improve accessibility to raised beds.





Summer arrives! Time to relax and enjoy. Volunteers provided more than 400 hours to construct the new community garden!





Community gardening provides recreational and social benefits to gardeners and area residents. All are welcome at the garden.





Interim water tank provides water to serve the lush garden. Grants to extend underground water service to the garden are approved in June 2016.



Thanks to the hard work of so many gardeners and the support of the community, 2016 will be remembered as a productive 1<sup>st</sup> year in Rennebohm Park.





Profound thanks and appreciation to all who made this new community garden a reality!

from the gardeners of Sheboygan
Avenue
Community
Garden

Celebrating our 36<sup>th</sup> year and 1<sup>st</sup> year in Rennebohm Park with special thanks to Mayor Soglin and the City of Madison.

Committee on Community Gardens

- Madison Food Policy Council
- Parks Commission and Parks Division
- Alder Tim Gruber, Alder Steve King, Past Alder Chris Schmidt
- City of Madison Streets Department

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#### See you at the garden!

