

**From:** [Briar Chapel Garden Club](#)  
**To:** [David Whitehouse](#)  
**Subject:** Weekly Update - this is a long one folks!! Please read  
**Date:** Monday, April 13, 2020 10:02:50 AM  
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First, let me welcome six new members to the club, which brings us up to 56 families in the club. New members, the way we are operating and these weekly updates are way out of the ordinary, considering the social distancing we are having to work with to avoid the spread of the corona virus. We would normally be having a club meeting this week, on the second Tuesday of the month. Those have been cancelled for the foreseeable future so that we do not have a crowd of folks in one place. There is nothing major to report for the club in general. Expenses for various items have included seeds for planting, repair items for the gardens and compost repair. We have an order standing at Country Farm and Ranch in Pittsboro, and they will contact us when the rest of our order is ready for pickup. We have the majority of our seeds already in hand. More on planting below.

Larry has started replacing the irrigation lines in the gardens, so when you are working in either garden, please be cautious and do not damage the lines.

The sugar snap peas in both gardens are coming on strong. See attached images. We should have peas, radishes and lettuce varieties available for picking soon.

More on the gate and lock situation. I think by now, everyone knows the combination to both gates is 0202. We are having frequent issues with folks not locking the gates when leaving the gardens. Please understand that closing the gate, and having the button on top drop down does NOT mean the gate is locked. You have to reinsert the key and turn it back to the original position. THEN you can put the keys back in the lockbox and close it. I attached a couple of videos that may help.

Row assignments for weeding. I have attached the most recent updates for weeding in the gardens. Please let me know if I can add your name to any of the blank rows in the gardens.

Planting changes. Everyone should have seen the comments from the BC board, indicating the clubhouse, tennis and pickleball court closures. We want to avoid having the board close down the garden club as well and have made changes to the way we are going to plant this year. Under normal circumstances, we would have work days with all folks in the gardens that show up. These have been great ways to meet other members and get in a lot of social interaction, especially for new members and children. We cannot do that this year and are going to be setting up days to plant with teams of no more than four people in the garden at one time. It may take several days to get everything done. We will need to be flexible so that we can move in when the weather is good, and things are ready to go in. Some of our experts are going to be planting on their own. In addition, we will have the teams led by me, Sue, Marci and Liz. We have set up the following strict parameters for planting this year

- teams of 4, spread throughout the garden
- everyone is encouraged to wear masks
- one leader to direct all activities
- bring your own hand tools, or

- bring disinfectant wipes to clean club tools
- social distancing necessary
- Sorry, no children that require supervision allowed for planting this year

I would like to propose April 30 and May 1,2,3 for planting. I wanted to make sure the folks that are still working have a chance to get involved, hence Thursday through Sunday. Of course, these may have to be adjusted, depending on plant availability, weather, etc. We don't have any tomatoes or peppers from the Farm & Ranch store in hand yet, and those will be big days.

If you have ANY hesitancy in working in even a small group, that is OK. This is the one time when we do NOT need any large groups. I will take volunteers for the planting teams, and will develop a list in the coming week or so of who will work where and when, with alternates. Please send me an email, letting me know your phone number and preferable days of availability. I will assign everyone to a team soon based on a first come first served basis. If you do not get a chance to help plant this year, I apologize now. You will still have the opportunity to reap the benefits from the gardens, AND can continue to work on your own in either garden any time you like. Our goal is to keep you safe!!

Thank you  
David  
Briar Chapel Garden Club

# BRIAR PATCH Maintenance, MARCH 25, 2020



# BOULDER PARK. Garden Maintenance

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2 David & Linda W

3 Cindy M

Shed

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| Flower Team                                    | Steve & Joanna K | Steve & Joanna K | Phil C  | Phil C | Mike G |
| Herbs<br>Marcia R,<br>Keith K<br>Need one more |                  |                  | Lisa W and<br>child – st<br>berries<br>need more<br>folks |        |        |

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