

Community garden looks to grow in second year

In its second year, the Greene Acres Community Garden hopes to add more plots, including handicap-accessible gardening areas. Organizers will also add a storage shed and compost bins. Gardeners can reserve a plot now for the 2014 growing season.

Fifty-six raised garden plots were built in 2013 at the garden on Towpath Road in Broadview Heights. The land is adjacent to Air Control Products Inc., whose chief executive officer, Robert Greene, made the 120-foot-by-120-foot parcel of land available.

At least two to three handicap-accessible plots, which are raised 36 inches off the ground, are in the works for this year, according to Garden Coordinator John Hernandis. In addition, the site has enough room to double the number of regular plots that were gardened last year.

In the Greene Acres' inaugural year, organizers and the city fenced the entire site and installed a water line. In 2014, Scout Patrick Doyle will build three com-

post bins for his Eagle project. Plans also include a storage shed and bulletin board.

Solicitation for plot rentals for 2014 is under way. Anyone who lives in or works for a business located in Broadview Heights, or is a member of the Chippewa Garden Club, is eligible. Each 4-by-10-foot garden plot rents for \$30 annually; each additional plot costs \$20. Email m.nolan@csuohio.edu for instructions on becoming a member.

Organizers of the Broadview Heights community garden recently elected a board of directors and drew up governing by-laws. The board of directors for 2014 are: Hernandis, garden coordinator; Marianne Nolan, assistant garden coordinator; Mandy Pajerski, secretary; Noreen Butano, treasurer; JoAnn Bartsch, Chippewa Garden Club representative; Audrey Javor Kickham, Broadview Heights City representative; and Janet Heuser, Air Control Products representative.

For more information visit, broadview-heights.org/357/community-garden. ∞

Yuletide Hunger helps 138 families

The 31st annual Yuletide Hunger Program and its companion program, Adopt-A-Family, distributed food and gifts to 138 families, totaling 390 people in need, in Brecksville, Broadview Heights, Seven Hills and Independence on Dec. 14. Of the 138 families, 54 were "adopted" for gifts for the children.

The Yuletide Hunger Program was founded by Brecksville resident Dave Mansbery, a lifetime honorary member and past president of the advisory board to the Brecksville Department of Human Services. Yuletide Week Coordinators are Ken Orchard and Judy Lewis.

The Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools are the primary collection points for the food. Students, faculty and administrators donated time and money to the program. ∞

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