

## ~Press Release~

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### Building Community, One Garden at a Time

The Park Street School Community Garden welcomes new community gardeners for the 2014 growing season. With the addition of the PSS site in 2013, Kennebunk now has two community gardens. The West Kennebunk site at the end of Holland Road is already filled for the 2014 growing season and maintains a waiting list. While the two gardens are very different, both are dedicated to offering new or experienced gardeners opportunities to grow fresh produce for their families. A portion of each garden is dedicated to the Maine Harvest for Hunger program. Produce grown in the MHH gardens is harvested and delivered to our local food banks by our garden volunteers.

At the Park Street School site we have 4'x4' and 4'x8' raised beds available for \$15.00 and \$30.00 per season, respectively. Each renter/gardener is expected to nurture their own plot and to volunteer a small amount of their time (6 hours per 4x8 bed) to overall garden maintenance, such as planting, weeding, and harvesting in the MHH garden. Last year, Kennebunk's community gardens contributed over 2046 pounds of fresh vegetables and herbs to our local food banks! The Park Street School garden is designed to enable gardeners of all ages and abilities, with wheelchair access and help for anyone who needs assistance.

Both community gardens are administered by the Town of Kennebunk Community Garden Committee. To join, go to [www.kennebunkme.us/communitygarden](http://www.kennebunkme.us/communitygarden) to download the application kit. Fill out the forms and bring them to the Town Clerk's office for enrollment. There, you will pay your annual fee and receive a copy of the garden guidelines. After you have visited our Town Clerk, you will be contacted by one of the garden coordinators who will help you choose your raised bed and answer any questions you may have.

Come join us at Park Street School Community Garden and help grow with us! Kids and adults alike can grow!