

**Housing  
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Billings (HAB)**

# HAB Community Gardens Project News

**Get-A-Plot Issue**

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## Volunteer Opportunities!

HAB Community Gardens is always in need of help from our Billings community, from basic garden care to teaching classes about gardening, nutrition, and cooking. If you have skills, knowledge and time to share, come join us to help grow gardeners!



### Did you know?

- The herb cilantro and the spice coriander come from the same plant: cilantro is from the leaves, and coriander from the seeds.
- Studies show that kids who grow their own veggies are more likely to eat them.
- Billings falls into Zone 4 on the USDA Hardiness Zone map. You want to keep this in mind when choosing plants for your garden. You can find out more about what this means at the USDA website or by asking us.

## Get Your Plot Today!

HAB community gardens are heading into their THIRD year of offering gardening opportunities to HAB tenants and the general public. We are excited to begin another year of gardening at the Whitetail Run Apartments in the heights and at the midtown apartments of Pleasantview and St. Johns. We will continue offering bucket gardens, which were a success last year at various sites on the South Side. We also hope to start gardens at several new sites this year.

We welcome new and former plot owners to get back to their roots and help grow a sustainable future!

Join us at our **Gardener Orientation and Information Meeting on Thursday, March 27th at 6pm** at the HAB Conference room at 2415 1st Ave N.

Please contact us for an application or for more information.

**Let's get GROWING!**



**Your 2014 VISTA: Bridget**

Bridget Johnson is the new 2014 AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteer In Service To America) serving HAB's gardens project. She will be helping to manage and support our gardens. You can feel free to contact her with questions, concerns, and ideas.

**Let's have a great season!**

## Let's Start Some Seeds!

After you sign up for a plot, it'll be time to start thinking about what you want to grow. We are in the process of preparing those tasty cold weather transplants, like broccoli and cauliflower. Please plan early and remember we are here to help you. So do give us a call or send us an email with any questions!



## We are accepting TOOL DONATIONS

for the success of our gardens. If you are interested in donating any used or new gardening tools, please get in touch with us. And a **BIG THANK YOU** in advance!

