

# Dallas Youth Garden News

## June 2021

Wow, June was a very warm month. The month started with interns continuing to mulch their gardens. The warm weather brought on an early crop of cucumber bugs. These pesky bugs can quickly kill small squash and cucumber plants by completely eating their leaves. We have found that best way to control the pests is for me to spray an organic pyrethrin after everyone is gone for the day.

After spreading mulch, we put up tomato cages (thanks Dallas Rotary for new cages) and pole bean fences. This is our first year with pole beans so we are excited to see what the harvest will be.

In late June we got delivery of our t-shirts. This year interns worked in small teams to identify potential t-shirt slogans and then all voted to choose their favorite. As always Graphic Latitude of Dallas did a great job making the T-shirts.

One benefit of the hot weather is that we had an early harvest of summer squash to go with our radishes. All of our produce this year goes to the new food pantry at Polk County Family and Community Outreach.

June ended with our annual smelly fish fertilizer day. Each intern puts a "glug or two" of water mixed with fish fertilizer on each squash and tomato plant. This gives each plant a good boost for the summer. (We took no pictures of this smelly process).



**Early June – Starting To Mulch**



**Mid June – Mulching is Done**



**Mid June – Tomato Cages**



A big thanks to our garden supervisors Amanda, Amelia, Nan and our backup Abby. They do a great job working with interns and sharing garden skills and tasks. A special thanks to Amelia who brings a garden treat EVERY Saturday and takes great garden pictures.



**Late June – T-shirts Came**



**End Of June – First Squash Harvest**

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