

Dallas Youth Garden News

May 2021

We are having a great start to our garden season! We continue to be sponsored by the Polk County Family & Community Outreach and operate under last year's COVID-19 rules with interns wearing masks and social distancing.

Our ten interns quickly designed their gardens and each got right to planting their 25'x50' gardens on May 6th. Over the next few weeks they finished planting and have spent the past two weeks mulching. We mulch with a layer of recycled paper, put straw on top and wet it down. This keeps moisture in, reduces weeds and adds to the soil. We should finish mulching in the next week or two. Thanks to the clear weather and intern hard work, this will be the earliest the garden has been planted and mulched.

This year we do not have any senior interns. If you know of a college-age student who wants a part-time summer job spending time in the sun, please have them contact me via the email below. Hours are 4-5 Tues/Thurs and 9-11 Saturdays.

Below are our ten interns. When they finish planting, each intern has to paint their sign to identify their garden. I, of course, get to take pictures.



Getting the Garden Ready (May 2nd)



First Day of Planting (May 6th)



Interns Hard At Work (May 15th)



Mulching (May 20th)



Planting and Some Mulching Is Done!



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