



# City of High Point

Municipal Office Building  
211 S. Hamilton Street  
High Point, NC 27260

## Meeting Agenda

### Community Development Committee

*Tyrone Johnson, Chair*

*Tim Andrew*

*Amanda Cook*

*Vickie M. McKiver*

*Mayor Cyril Jefferson (Alternate)*

*Mayor Pro Tempore Michael Holmes (Alternate)*

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Tuesday, March 5, 2024

4:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **Community Development Committee - Council Member Johnson, Chair**

### **PRESENTATION OF ITEMS**

1.     [2024-089](#)     Consideration of the 2024 Annual Action Plan  
City Council requested to set a Public Hearing on the 2024 Annual Action Plan for Monday, April 1, 2024  
**Attachments:** [2024 Annual Action Plan](#)
  
2.     [2024-090](#)     Community Development and Housing Updates  
Staff will provide updates on Affordable Housing, Homelessness Initiatives, and Local Codes. Bernita Sims, Guilford County Continuum of Care Board Chair, will provide a Continuum of Care Update.  
**Attachments:** [Community Development and Housing Updates](#)
  
3.     [2024-091](#)     Community & School Gardens Update  
Crystal Mercer, County Extension Agent for Community and School Gardens, will provide an update on the Community and School Gardens Program.  
**Attachments:** [Community & School Gardens Update](#)

### **ADJOURNMENT**

# CITY OF HIGH POINT

## AGENDA ITEM



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| <b>TITLE:</b> Community Development and Housing Updates                 |                                    |
| <b>FROM:</b> Thanena Wilson, Director Community Development and Housing | <b>MEETING DATE:</b> March 5, 2024 |
| <b>PUBLIC HEARING:</b> n/a                                              | <b>ADVERTISED DATE/BY:</b> n/a     |
| <b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> None                                                |                                    |

### PURPOSE:

Staff will provide updates on the following:

- 1) Affordable Housing
- 2) Homeless Initiatives/Continuum of Care
- 3) Local Codes

### BACKGROUND:

Information regarding a housing assessment, housing fund, winter shelter/emergency hotel assistance, and local codes case numbers will be shared. Bernita Sims, Guilford County Continuum of Care Board Chair, will provide a Continuum of Care Update.

### BUDGET IMPACT:

None.

### RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

None



# CITY OF HIGH POINT

## AGENDA ITEM



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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>TITLE:</b> Community & School Gardens Update                                |                                    |
| <b>FROM:</b> Thanena Wilson, Director<br>Community Development and Housing     | <b>MEETING DATE:</b> March 5, 2024 |
| <b>PUBLIC HEARING:</b> n/a                                                     | <b>ADVERTISED DATE/BY:</b> n/a     |
| <b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> High Point Community Extension Agent Advisory Presentation |                                    |

### **PURPOSE:**

Crystal Mercer, County Extension Agent for Community and School Gardens, will provide an update on the Community and School Gardens Program in High Point for the period July 1, 2023-December 31, 2023.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The role of the Community and School Garden Agent is to assist individuals, communities, agencies and schools with establishing and sustaining community and school gardens through an asset-based community development model.

### **BUDGET IMPACT:**

None

### **RECOMENDATION /ACTION REQUESTED:**

No action to be taken.



# Community & School Gardens Program High Point Community Extension Agent Advisory Update

July 1 – December 31, 2023

# 50 Community Gardens in High Point

- **7 Neighborhood Gardens:** Bountiful Harvest (West End Ministries), Burns Hill, Cedar St, East Ave, Gatewood, Howard Pl, Southside Garden
- **17 School Gardens:** Allen Jay, Andrews HS, Fairview Elem, Ferndale MS, Florence Elem, High Point Central, Johnson Street Global, Kirkman Park Elem, Montlieu Academy, Northwood Elem, Oak Hill Elem, Oak View Elem, Penn Griffin MS, Shadybrook Elem, Southwest Guilford MS, Triangle Lake Montessori, Union Hill Elem
- **3 Youth Gardens:** Bailey's Enrichment ECE, D-Up, Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club
- **12 Community Organizations:** Covenant UMC, High Point Kiwanis, High Point Library Teaching Garden, Morehead Recreation, Oakview Recreation, The Arc of High Point, Pennybyrn, People of God, Salvation Army Hope Center, Tumani-Hope (World Relief), Southside Orchard, Village Life Cathedral, Mosaic Community Garden
- **11 Urban Agriculture:** Beeson, Deacon Davis Growing High Point (White Oak/Walnut, Thissell Grow, Pershing, East Green, Hopyard, Drozik's Produce, Eat & Beet, Furlough, Ridge Berry )



2023  
City of High  
Point  
Community  
Garden  
Assistance  
APPROVED

**Neighborhood Gardens, Urban Agriculture, Community Organizations:**

- Burns Hill
- Cedar Street
- Deacon Davis @ Heroes Center
- East Avenue
- Howard Place
- Ridge Berry Farm
- Southside Community Orchard
- Southside Community Garden
- The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club
- Village Life Cathedral Legacy Garden

**School:**

- Fairview Elementary



# Support for New and Existing Gardens



City of High Point 2023

## COMMUNITY GARDEN ASSISTANCE APPLICATION



11 Grants Received Totaling \$942.54  
(City of High Point spent between Jan-June)

- 1.5 tons of wood mulch
- 61 tons of topsoil
- 33 tons of compost
- 6 tons of leaf mulch

Fair Market Value: \$2,208.80

- \$17/ton – mulch
- \$22/ton – everything else

**SAVINGS - \$1,266.26**

# New & Re-Start Gardens

## High Point:

- High Point Friends School
- Shadybrook Elementary
- Fairview Elementary (adding additional beds)

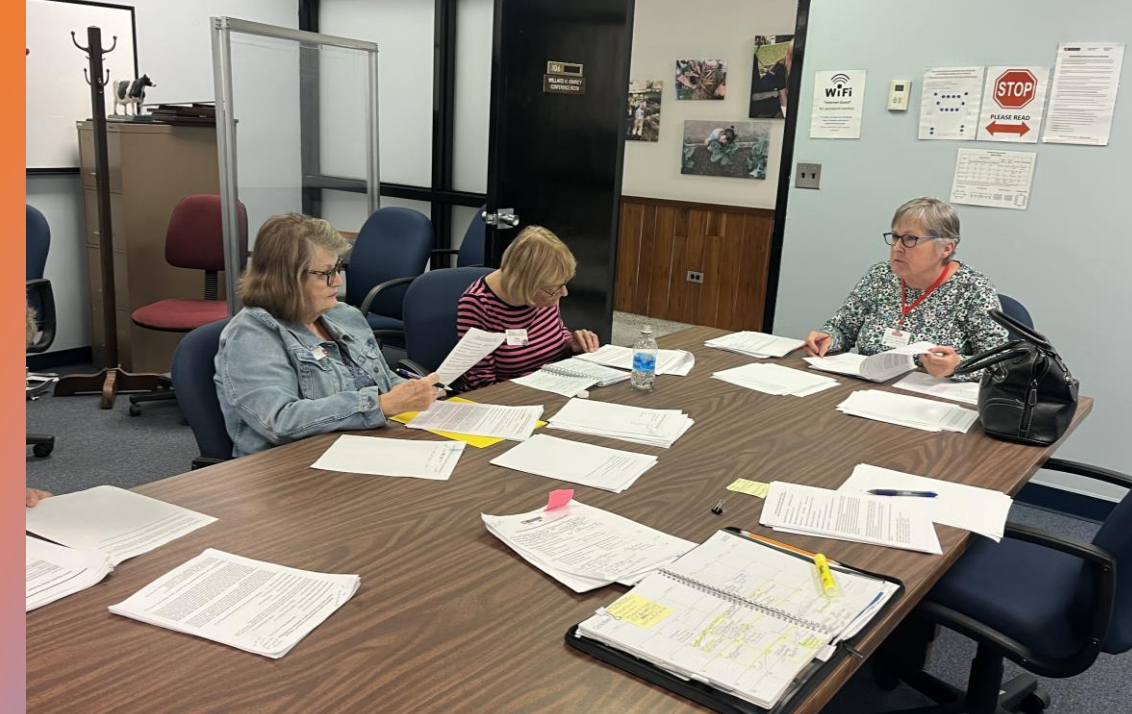
## Greensboro:

- New Hope Community Garden
- Gibsonville Community Garden
- Christ Cathedral of the Triad

# EMGV School Garden Micro-Grant Committee (\$300)

## Micro-Grants Awards:

- Fairview Elementary
- Oak Hill Elementary
- High Point Friends School
- TW Andrews High School
- Sylvia Mendez Newcomers School
- Shadybrook Elementary
- Union Hill Elementary





High Point  
Friends School





Shadybrook  
Elementary



# The Arc of High Point Open House

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Highland Mills Neighborhood Assoc. Meeting



Urban Agriculture Committee  
Free Plant Giveaway



# Integrated Pest Management Workshop

# Urban Ag Committee Presents High Point Community Garden Contest Winners

- **Best Overall Community Garden:**  
Bountiful Harvest (Kevin Warden)
- **Best Use of Output Materials:**  
The Arc of High Point (Wendy Brosnan)
- **Best Sustainable Community Garden:**  
Southside Community Garden  
(Johnny Horne)
- **Best New Community Garden:**  
Village Life Cathedral Legacy Garden  
(Jocelyn Anderson)



# Upcoming Events 2024

- Seeds to Share – February 10
- Spring Gardening – March 16
- Summer Gardening – May 18
- Fall Gardening – August 17
- Free Plant Giveaway - TBA

## Seeds to Share

Free Seeds for Community & School Gardens in Guilford County

veggies / flowers / herbs / heirlooms

### GREENSBORO

SAT 3 FEB

9AM - 12PM

N.C. Cooperative Extension  
3309 Burlington Rd  
Greensboro, NC



### HIGH POINT

SAT 10 FEB

9AM - 12PM

High Point Public Library  
901 N Main Street  
High Point, NC

Seeds have been generously donated by garden centers and seed companies. Garden experts will be available to answer questions. Contact Crystal Mercer at [crystal\\_mercer@ncsu.edu](mailto:crystal_mercer@ncsu.edu)





# Soviero's Tri-County Garden Center