Canyon Rim Garden Group

**Background rationale:**

We have many in the Canyon Rim area that enjoy gardening. The Canyon Rim Garden Group proposes a forum for gardeners to build connections and friendship, share information, and share harvests and surplus plants with others in our community

**Purposes of the group:**

* To foster friendship as we share gardening knowledge, plants, and produce.
* To be of service to our friends and neighbors in the Canyon Rim area.
* To share produce with organizations that provide food to in-need populations including food banks, and/or organizations serving homeless and refugee populations.

**Functions of the group:**

The Canyon Rim Garden Group will:

* provide a clearing house for gardening information in the Canyon Rim neighborhood;
* provide opportunities to network with fellow gardeners;
* provide opportunities to learn from and share knowledge with others in the group;
* allow members of the group to share fresh produce to seniors and others in need in our neighborhood, and to community organizations serving food in-need populations.

**Participation in the group:**

Participation in the group is wholly voluntary. No one in the group receives remuneration. Communication within the group will be done by group emails and/or text messages. To participate, provide an email address and phone number to Coy Clawson who will coordinate communication.

Delivery of surplus produce to community organizations will be coordinated by Bonnie Hooper.

**Group communication:**

Messages may include:

* offers to share seeds/plants/produce;
* notification of upcoming events/service opportunities;
* questions about garden related issues, which others in the group may be able to answer.

Messages may not include:

* solicitations to sell or purchase goods or services.
* personal attacks.

**Garden group plan:**

* Volunteers, including some with gardening experience and/or equipment such as tillers, prepare and enrich the soil. Trees/bushes are pruned for optimal fruit production. Other volunteers, including children and youth plant seeds.
* We encourage gardeners to share with others i.e. knowledge, plants, friendship and connections and surplus produce.
* The group contributes to our community in a meaningful way as gardeners enjoy friendship and collaborative effort, interact with members of the community and those with surplus produce share the harvest.