Marshall Square Garden Appreciation Tour

Garden for a Changing Climate

Esperanza Health Center
Garden at Telpochcalli School and Hammond Elementary

A city-wide public art project co-created by Chicago communities and artist Jenny Kendler

July 14
11 AM – 3 PM
Marshall Square Garden Appreciation Tour

Little Village’s Marshall Square is home to many community gardens that bring neighbors together in green spaces where they cultivate plants, share food, and nourish their namesake. The Marshall Square Garden Appreciation Tour is a traveling event that celebrates two of the many garden hubs in Marshall Square, Esperanza Health Center and Telpochcalli School’s garden and the garden at Hammond Elementary. Participants will visit the Esperanza Health Center and Telpochcalli School garden, where they can learn healthy recipes from renowned Marjorie Karsten, participate in the Telpochcalli Community Education Project (TCEP) project, and create butterfly-shaped homes for attractive butterflies. Just a 10-minute walk away, participants will follow a procession bringing tomatoes plants to Hammond Elementary. In Hammond’s Garden First Street Theater facilities, storytelling workshops, participants will create monarch-themed butterflies, and enjoy gardens snacks inspired by the plants present in the garden.

Hammond Elementary School Garden
Hammond Elementary School’s Community Garden is a safe place for students and families to gather and relax. It is created with the help of Lincoln Park Zoo and the University of Illinois. Families plant, tend, and harvest vegetables and herbs in the garden throughout the growing season. Chicago mural artist Glen is working with Hammond students to create a mural that will cover the garden fence. Chicago metal artist Omar Magana is designing and building a metal shelf to store garden tools. The Lincoln Park Zoo helps with a “Nursing Bunk Camp” in the garden, and Bailey 405 is continuing to beautify the garden with handmade planters that double as evolution benches.

Telpochcalli Garden
Rakis de Esperanza is a community garden in Marshall Square managed by Esperanza Health Centers in partnership with Telpochcalli Elementary and Telpochcalli Community Education Project and surrounding neighbors. The garden is small but a bright spot of food is grown as a reminder of food and community building. The garden organizes food events and workshops centered around growing and cooking healthy food, learning about our local environment, and creating a safe space to make connections and work together as a community.

EVENT SCHEDULE
11am – 1pm
Participants are led at Esperanza Health Center and Telpochcalli School Garden located at the corner of California Ave and Marshall Boulevard. Telpochcalli School’s garden is located at 5855 W. 35th Blvd.

12:45pm – 1:15pm
Procession begins traveling North up California Avenue S rocks turning left at 35th Place. Proceed on block west of Hammond Elementary to the garden. Hammond Elementary is located at 3050 W 26th Pl.

1pm – 3pm
Activities at Hammond Elementary garden will take place.

At Esperanza Health Center and Telpochcalli School Garden
11am – 1pm
Healthy Nutrition Demonstrations by Marjorie Karsten
Marjorie Karsten presents cooking demonstrations on how to make healthy foods and provides recipe booklets to take home.

Telpochcalli Community Education Project Potluck (TCEP)
Members of TCEP have a potluck, sharing favorite dishes cooked within the Telpochcalli community.

Flower Foods
Artist and botanist Thadeus Hayes leads an activity that uses edible flowers to make floral prints.

Butterfly Seed-Bombing
Participants are invited to transform Chicago gardens into hospitable areas for butterflies through the planting of seed bombs, balls made of clay, soil, and seeds that can be tossed into gardens to grow plants.

PRO-Test Poster Booth
Artist Jenny Kendler facilitates dialogue about the issues we as individuals are PRO for. What are the things we support? What are the things we want to fight? Participants are invited to make posters in support of their causes.

PLANT PROCESSION TO HAMMOND ELEMENTARY GARDEN
At Hammond Elementary Garden
1pm – 3pm
Flower Foods
Butterfly Seed-Bombing

UPCOMING GARDEN PROGRAMS

Garden for a Changing Climate Street Fair
Saturday, July 21, 10 am – 4 pm
American Indian Center

Freedom Camp Community Celebration with Garden for a Changing Climate
Wednesday, August 8
390 North at Charles Gummer Math & Science Community Academy