Congratulations to Valeria Pasuizaca and her father Luis (LRP Staff) and mother Lilliam, for winning our GrowTogether T-Shirt design contest. Pictured here on left with First Deputy Commissioner Liam Kavanagh and on right, Deputy Commissioner for Community Outreach, Larry Scott Blackmon.

Does your garden need any of the following supplies? Look inside for details...

- Garbage Cans
- Gloves
- Pathmark Vouchers
- Brass Nozzles
- Hoses
- Graffiti Removal
- Clear Bags
- Garbage Bags
- Adapters

Please note that garden members must attend workshops to receive supplies. All workshops are free and open to the public, with no pre-registration (unless otherwise noted). Workshops are rain or shine, canceled only in the event of lightning or other dangerous conditions. All supplies are for registered gardens only and are available first come, first served, while supplies last.

WWW.GREENTHUMBNYC.ORG
Summer Supply Giveaway
GreenThumb Staff

Pick up basic gardening and maintenance supplies for your garden. One pickup per garden group. Please carpool with other garden groups that may not have access to transportation.

If another garden group is picking up for your group, please call the GreenThumb office beforehand to confirm details. No one will be allowed to pick up for two groups unless it is arranged with GreenThumb.

Supplies: garbage bags, gloves, adapters, garbage cans, graffiti removal, hoses, brass nozzles

Saturday, June 1st 10am - 2pm
Queens
GreenThumb / LRP Compound
Queens Plaza South and 10th street

Grow Your Garden Group
Karen Washington, Just Food Trainer

Since the weather is nice and the garden is looking lush with greenery, you must be getting a lot of visitors inquiring about becoming a member or getting a box to grow. By having a membership procedures and agreements in place, it will be very easy to welcome new folks. If you are having trouble getting folks to visit or stop by, what better way to draw them in than an exciting event or two. In this workshop, we will discuss the necessity of drafting membership procedures and agreements. We will go over successful event planning tips. We encourage groups to share their challenges and successes so we can learn from each other.

Supplies: Pathmark vouchers

Tuesday, June 4th 5pm - 6:30pm
Brooklyn
Bushwick Campus Farm 400 Irving Ave.

Thursday, August 1st 5pm - 6:30pm
Manhattan
El Jardin del Paraiso 706-718 East 5th St.

Garden Quiz:
Can you name all the White House Gardens? (answer on pg. 7)

Directions to the
GreenThumb/LRP Compound

Remember to check MTA weekend work schedules

By Subway
F TRAIN: to 21st St/Queensbridge. Walk south on 21st St. towards Queens Plaza South. Make right onto QPS. Walk 4 blocks to 10th St. Compound is on your right.

N, 7 TRAINS: to Queensboro Plaza/Bridge Plaza. Walk along Queens Plaza South, towards the East River, to 10th St. Compound is on your right.

By Bus
Q19A, Q32, Q60, Q66, Q101, Q101R, Q102 and Q103 all run along or intersect with Queens Plaza South (QPS). Exit closest to 10th St. and QPS. Compound is across from 10th St.

By Car
FROM MANHATTAN & THE BRONX: Take FDR to 61st St exit. Follow signs to Queensboro Bridge. Staying in the right-hand lane of the bridge, exit to local streets. Continue straight to Northern Blvd/Jackson Avenue intersection. Make a right onto Jackson Ave (Northern Blvd). Make a right onto 21st St and then a left onto Queens Plaza South (QPS). Continue on QPS until 10th St. Compound is on your right, across from 10th St.

FROM BROOKLYN, QUEENS & STATEN ISLAND: Take the BQE to the McGuiness Blvd exit. Make a left onto McGuiness Blvd. Continue straight into Queens (over the Pulaski Skyway Bridge). McGuiness Blvd becomes 11th St. Stay straight on 11th St. Make left onto Queens Plaza South. Go 1 block to 10th St. Compound is on your right.
Companion Planting
Lillian Reyes, GreenThumb
Sara Katz, Bronx Green-Up

Companion planting is the growing together of plants with complementary traits. Marigolds and basil will help keep the bugs off your tomato plants, for example. Join us as we share companion planting techniques. Please come prepared to show what methods have worked well in your garden.

Supplies: Perennials and Annuals

Wednesday, August 7th 3pm - 5pm
Queens
GreenThumb / LRP Compound

Saturday, August 10th 10am - 11:30am
Bronx
Melrose New Generation
E. 160th & Melrose Ave.

Planting with Herbs
Sara Katz, Bronx Green-Up
Michelle Brown, Community Gardener

Explore the many uses of herbs. We’ll cover some of the culinary and healing properties of herbs commonly cultivated in NYC. We will show you how to make some simple products with the herbs you grow, from sun tea to salve.

Supplies: Nettles, Lavender, Calendula, Thyme, Chamomile, Onion sets, Rosemary, Lemongrass

Wednesday, June 5th 3pm - 5pm
Bronx
Latinos Unidos 427 East 157th Street

Easy Lawn Care
Lillian Reyes, GreenThumb

Maintaining a quality lawn area involves more than irrigation, fertilization and pesticide applications. Healthy grass demands proper mowing techniques, occasional de-thatching, and aeration. Knowing when and how to apply these practices will lead to a dense, vigorous grassy area.

Supplies: Lawn Handout, Lawn seeds, (raffle for two hand held Lawn mowers!)

Wednesday, July 24th 3pm - 5pm
Queens
GreenThumb / LRP Compound

Saturday, July 27th 10am - 11am
Bronx
Bronx Sunshine Garden 1768 Bryant Avenue

Ten Tips for Rodent Control

- Store garbage in metal or heavy plastic containers with tight lids.
- Place trash outside shortly before pickup; don’t leave plastic garbage bags out overnight.
- Remove weeds and debris near buildings and in yards; don’t give rats a place to hide.
- Store opened food in metal or glass containers with tight lids.
- Don’t leave extra pet food out; store it in a secure container.
- Sweep up food remains, litter, and trash inside and outside your home.
- Inspect your basement and house for cracks and holes; seal them with mortar.
- Make sure you have screens on windows; inspect windows and screens for holes.
- Keep outside doors closed; use metal trim to prevent rodents from gnawing and entering underneath.
- Don’t provide hiding places for rodents; store materials such as lumber and boxes on a rack with a clean, open area underneath. Get rid of unused materials and junk.

GreenThumb is happy to announce that we will be co-hosting a Seed Swap with the Weeksville Heritage Center this Fall.

Seed saving is a timeless way to keep food traditions alive, reduce materials costs, and to promote and protect biodiversity and food sovereignty. Participants will leave the workshop with a tool kit with information on how to build their own basic seed saving equipment and how to save and distribute seeds on a community scale. In preparation, we invite you all to save your seeds and catalogue them. This will be an opportunity to meet farmers and gardeners from all over the city to share knowledge and resources.

We will present a workshop on How to Build and Manage Seed Libraries facilitated by Eric-Michael Rodriguez, Curator of Living Cultivations and Farm Manager at Weeksville Heritage Center.

“We While farmers continue to have their seeds in their hands, there will never be poverty, never be hunger.” Dr. Vandana Shiva
Community Garden Mapping Update

Since 1999 GrowNYC has worked with GreenThumb to update the database of community gardens on OASIS. The last update was in 2010. In order to do this we ask that you complete the online questionnaire below. Your garden is extraordinarily important to the city’s environment, beauty, and to its people, communities and schools. We will use the information you provide us to update the community garden layer on OASIS to highlight the various roles community gardens and urban farms play in NYC. This database will help everyone to locate gardens and farms throughout NYC, understand how gardens are used, what they grow and how they contribute to the fabric of the community. Access is free. The questionnaire should take approximately 20-30 minutes to complete. www.surveymonkey.com/s/OSGSurvey2013

http://oasisnyc.net/map.aspx

Please save the date!

GreenThumb Harvest Fair

Saturday September 7th
1pm-5pm
Bronx
Wanaqua Community Garden

GreenThumb and Bronx Green-Up/The New York Botanical Garden celebrate the efforts of community gardeners citywide with our annual Harvest Fair. This year we will feature a healthy food demonstration; activities for kids, including face painting and potato sack races; our annual Harvest Contest; a domino tournament; and live music. If you want more information and/or wish to table at this event, please contact Lillian Reyes at 212.788.8070 or Lillian.reyes@parks.nyc.gov
**GreenThumb Summer Festival 2013**

“Harlem has a green thumb”

Come to Harlem and join thousands of community gardeners and greening professionals across New York City to celebrate gardening in the city! It will be a day filled with fun activities, food, performances, gardening demonstrations and raffle prizes. It’s a celebration for all ages! Location to be determined. To be eligible for garden raffle prizes make sure that you’re on the updated garden membership list. If you want more information or wish to table at this event, please contact Kenneth Williams at 212.788.8062 or K.Williams@parks.nyc.gov

Please visit our website for more information:  [www.greenthumbnyc.org](http://www.greenthumbnyc.org)

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**Bronx Urban Farms Trolley Tours 2013**

Proudly presented by the Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., the Bronx Tourism Council, the Bronx Green-Up of The New York Botanical Garden and NYC Parks/GreenThumb.

- May 11  City of Immigrants
- June 8  Caribbean Culture / Annual Puerto Rican Day Parade Festivities
- July 13  African-American Food and Culture
- Aug. 3  The Youth Tour
- Sept. 7  The Italian Culinary Tour
- Oct. 12  Healthy Community: Food and Farms

Tickets are $30, children 12 & under ride free! Cash or check payable to GreenThumb Community Fund. Proceeds go directly to support the Bronx community gardens you visit. Please RSVP at Bronx Tourism Council, 718.590.3518 or email: bronxfoodsummit@gmail.com
MillionTreesNYC offers free tree care workshop that are open to the public. At a tree care workshop you will learn the basics of tree care: weeding, watering, removing litter, spreading mulch, and what makes a good or bad tree guard. You will also learn about the benefits trees provide for our neighborhoods, and what makes life hard for a street tree. Participants who sign a tree care pledge will receive a free tree care toolkit and watering bucket.

Our Outreach Coordinators work in all five boroughs and schedule workshops throughout the city to ensure the health of our street trees. If you are interested in requesting or hosting a workshop, or you are already trained in tree stewardship, and interested in teaching your neighbors how to care for trees. Attend a Care Captain training to learn how to run your own tree care workshop, and you will be able to sign up for a mulch delivery in your neighborhood to support your tree care efforts. Contact stewards@milliontreesnyc.org or call MillionTreesNYC at 212-360-8237 to learn more, or visit our website, www.milliontreesnyc.org/care.
Quiz answer: The White House has had multiple vegetable gardens since its completion in 1800. Eleanor Roosevelt planted the first White House victory garden during World War II and as of this date, the White House now has four gardens: the Jacqueline Kennedy Garden, South Lawn of the White House, Rose Garden and the White House Kitchen Garden.
Be Greener!

Sign up to get the GreenThumb Program by email instead of postal mail and you'll save trees AND get it up to a month sooner!