

our mission

Established in 1978 to provide a place to garden for residents of Boston's Charlestown neighborhood, Gardens for Charlestown's three-fold mission is to:

- support the quality of life in our neighborhood by protecting and cultivating the parcel of urban green space entrusted to it,
- engage members of the community in activities that are uplifting and enjoyable in a beautiful and welcoming environment, and
- educate children and adults alike on the wonders of nature and the importance of environmental sustainability.



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2024
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a lasting contribution

Gardens for Charlestown has welcomed Members and the public to our urban oasis for over forty years. Although we are a community garden, our grounds are open from dawn to dusk 365 days a year. It is a priority that our property remains an inclusive and free green space for all to enjoy.

To that end, and thanks to the contributions of people like you, we self-funded the first phase of our major infrastructure project in the Fall of 2022. In 2023, we completed the second phase of that project to replace the deteriorating timbers on GfC's property. This second phase was made possible by grants we received from the Edward Ingersol Browne Fund and through the Community Preservation Act as well as contributions from our Members and friends like you.

donations to Gardens for Charlestown:

- ensure that we can continue to host free & educational community events
- allow us to provide pollinators (including our honey bees and monarch butterflies) a safe haven
- help us maintain our beautiful border gardens and common areas for the greater neighborhood to enjoy



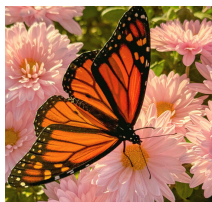
green space

We continue to invest in our property to keep our little corner of the neighborhood a welcoming place for all. In addition to keeping up with general maintenance, we recognize the need to explore ways to ensure the preservation of our green space so that future generations can enjoy it.



community engagement

We seek to find new and fun ways to engage a broad segment of our community. This year we welcomed the Mayor and our neighbors to celebrate the opening of the season with our new borders. We also hosted the first ever BBQ in the Gardens in June and then Oktoberfest in September. These events were in addition Halloween in the Gardens, which brought hundreds of children to our property. We look forward to 2025, which will include our bi-annual Garden Tour!



education

Educational activities are a critical part of our mission. Between welcoming the honey bees and our two free Story Hour programs, we seek to bring the wonders of nature and gardening to everyone.

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your donation matters

If Gardens for Charlestown has made you feel welcome, given you a moment of peace in the outdoors, or just put a smile on your face, please donate. Your tax-deductible donation is an investment in the preservation of our green space and our community.

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