

Press Release
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Neighbors meet your garden!

Tuesday night neighbors of the Boyd Community Garden at 11th and State Avenue are invited to a garden work/fun party to kick off the Valley Educational Gardens Initiative (VEGI) community garden nights which will take place every Tuesday night throughout the summer and early fall.

The event is hosted by the San Luis Valley Local Foods Coalition (LFC) and VEGI and is open to all from 5-7pm on Tuesday May 7th. The first hour will be a garden orientation session complete with kid's activities and the second hour will be celebrated with getting to know each other, finger food, crafts, music and community booths.

The goal is to build relationships with community members, so they feel welcome to be part of the garden. The garden has many uses including education, creating social connections and food production. All those who work in the garden are able to share in food that is grown there.

The garden is run by VEGI as a program of La Puente. VEGI works to promote community/school gardens and nutrition education throughout the Valley. The LFC fosters and equitable local food system in the SLV and is working to build relationships with Alamosa residents to better understand local food needs, food culture and barriers to healthy food access. During the event, there will be a board for participants and visitors to share their ideas.

Community groups such as Revitalize the Rio, the Alamosa Community Greenhouse, Master Gardeners, Cooking Matters and Sign-up-for-SNAP will have information at the event.

Acoustic music will be provided by 40 Below, meat and fruit empanadas will be provided by Ef's Restaurant with added finger potluck foods provided by the host team. AmeriCorp members from La Puente and VEGI will provide crafts for kids and a VEGI t-shirt printing station for all sizes. Please bring your own t-shirts for printing. Consider reusing an old shirt or purchasing a used one instead of buying a new one. All are welcome! Come by and get to know your neighbors!

Community Garden Nights will happen every Tuesday night from 5pm - 7pm at Boyd Community Garden (corner of State Ave and 12th) beginning May 7th through September 24th. Join us to share the work and share the harvest!

Questions call 719-539-5606.