



## NEWSLETTER SPRING 2021



### Welcome to our 2021 Blocks

Bock St. \* Cutler St. \* Edgeland St \* Evergreen/Conkey \*  
Garson Ave. \* Indiana St. \* Isabelle St. \* Lewis St. Child Care  
Center \* Oakland St. \* Pershing Dr. \* Rocket/Winteroth \*  
Sherman St.

90 Households! Happy Planting, weeding and watering!

We also share our extra plants with blocks from prior years. We received 1,300 donated perennial plants and many annuals.

### Blocks in Bloom Receives National Award

Last year we won the "Community Greening Award" from the prestigious American Horticultural Society. There is only one such award given each year for the whole country. We are excited and honored that Blocks in Bloom was chosen.



### Watch for our September Shared Supper Celebration

We will get together to meet each other and share stories about our Blocks in Bloom gardens.

We were not able to hold this event last year due to COVID. This year we are looking to hold it in an open-air park shelter.

Everyone brings a dish to share, and goes home with a plant or two & a door prize. Lots of fun! Bring the family.

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### Garden Tip

Water, Water, Water!! The weather in summer is hot and dry. And new plants need extra water. Be sure to keep your plants watered.

Watering in the morning is best, but you can water even in the hot afternoons if you need to.

Water deeply—not just a quick spray to the leaves.

You can make a watering can out of a plastic milk jug or kitty litter container—just poke holes in the lid.



### Gardening Help Line

The Cooperative Extension of Monroe County runs a free Gardening Help Line. You can call or e-mail with any question about gardening. Master Gardeners answer the phones between 9 a.m. and noon, Mondays through Fridays during the growing season (and shorter hours during the rest of the year). You can even e-mail them a picture to help them answer (“is this a weed or a plant?” “what is causing the leaves to turn yellow?”



### Block Mentor Training Coming this Fall

Would you like to volunteer with Blocks in Bloom working with other blocks?

This fall we'll hold our 2nd training class. You will learn how to be a Block Mentor to another block. The training is held on four Saturday mornings, 3 hours each.

Afterwards you will work with a more experienced Block Mentor to help a new block get started. Interested? Contact Kathy Lewis, [kLewis6550@gmail.com](mailto:kLewis6550@gmail.com). Picture above is our 2018 graduates and teachers.



*Happy  
Gardening!*