

An invitation to bring healing and community change in response to tragedy

Making the Dream a Reality



It's Earth Month—the perfect time to appreciate that public gardens are fundamental for the health of the environment and its visitors. Gardens in general draw crowds. This could be pollenating bees, curious people, or those wanting a quiet place to sit and think.

Public gardens in urban areas—like the Philando Castile Peace Garden—have many benefits for communities, our mental health, and physical well-being. Research shows that spending even a small amount of time in a green space area can have many benefits for our happiness. Taking a walk in your neighborhood or to a public park or garden during your lunch break is like a reset for the mind. It's free of the distractions of social media, email notifications, and other pressing responsibilities.

Because the Peace Garden is in memory of Philando Castile, it allows for opportunities for healing through reflection. This can be a form of meditation for some. Reflecting on past or current experiences and events can help us make sense of what we're going through individually or as a community.

Finally, public gardens represent their local environment and community in a unique way. The Philando Castile Peace Garden serves as an example and inspiration for peace and reflection and is a beacon of community pride to visitors and community members alike. It's important that we sustain the Philando Castile Peace Garden and keep it beautiful for all visitors.



In honor of springtime, renew your commitment to keeping the Philando Castile Peace Garden beautiful. Please consider making your first donation (or another one!) to support the garden. And please encourage your friends and family members to do the same. Even though the Peace Garden has been constructed, there is still much to do. We will plant flowers, install lighting along the paths and signage, and create a virtual tour of the Peace Garden to increase its accessibility.

A sincere thank you to our monthly donors and all who have already donated. We could not have made it to where we are today without your support! Please continue to support our community.



Celebrate Earth Day!

Celebrate Earth Day on Friday, April 22! The theme of Earth Day 2022 is "Invest in Our Planet." Earth is the only home we have, and everyone—individuals, companies, and governmental policies—needs to work together to make change while there is still time to combat climate change, pollution, and global warming. As individuals, we have the power to make change through our choices, like who we vote for, which businesses we support, and basic daily decisions. For example, making the choice to walk when your destination is close, using reusable bags when you go shopping, and shopping local rather than ordering from large companies.

Twin Cities Earth Day Happenings

Roseville Earth Day Celebration
When: Saturday, April 23, 10 am – 2pm
Where: Harriet Alexander Nature Center, 2520 Dale St N, Roseville, MN 55113
Head to the Harriet Alexander Nature Center for entertainment, activity stations, guided nature walks, and cake. This is an Earth Day event and also the 32nd birthday celebration of the nature center. Click here for more details to be posted a couple days before the event. Register for the event here.

2022 Earth Day Clean Up
When: Saturday, April 23, 9:30 am – Noon
Where: View participating locations here.
The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) along with the City of Minneapolis announce the annual Minneapolis Earth Day Clean-Up encourages everyone to participate by volunteering to help pick up trash in parks, neighborhoods, and watersheds. Bags and gloves will be provided and available on a first come, first serve basis. No registration needed, just show up.

Second Annual Earth Day Clothing Swap
When: Saturday, April 23, 1 – 6pm
Where: 218 7th Street E, St. Paul, MN 55101
URL to participate: https://www.facebook.com/events/576379247491523

Swap don't shop at this city-wide clothing exchange! Share with community to give clothes a second life. Share locally to reduce fast fashion. All left over clothes will be donated to shelters or programs that provide those in need with clothes free of charge.



Peace—what the Philando Castile Peace Garden is all about! Make sure to follow our Instagram page @PhilandoCastilePeaceGarden for more content like this.



Want to volunteer for Seeds of Peace? Fill out this form and let us know what you'd like to help with. We will need help with garden clean-up after the long winter and fundraising. Thank you to all of our volunteers! Your hard work keeps the garden blooming.

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