



CITY OF COLUMBIA

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City of Columbia Presents ‘A Taste of Fall’ Community Garden Event

Enjoy the “FEAST” out of our Gardens

Who: The City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department, Gordon’s Garden, The Platinum Pomegranate, the Orangeburg County Young Farmers and HighHeel HomeMaker.

What: The City of Columbia will host an event to thank neighborhood gardeners for making the Community Gardens initiative a huge success. Gardeners and local residents are invited to the inaugural ‘A Taste of Fall’ event.

‘A Taste of Fall’ invites all community gardeners and local residents to stroll the North Main (NOMA) Garden and enjoy fresh vegetables, apple cider, desserts, and specialty foods. Local farmers and vendors will have fresh collards, yams and other harvest items on sale. The event will allow participants to eat, meet and greet while catching a glimpse of the fresh fruit and vegetables growing in the garden plots.

This is a free, family-friendly event.

On March 14, 2011, the City included community gardens as a part of its open green space network. They are strategically located throughout Columbia on land owned and/or controlled by the City. These gardens provide additional healthy food options, strengthen community bonds and create recreational and therapeutic opportunities for the citizens. The gardens also promote environmental awareness, community education, and contribute to the preservation of open green space and sustainable uses of those spaces across the City.

As a part of the citywide Let’s Move Columbia campaign, the Community Gardens program is playing a vital role in strengthening our communities.

When: **Sunday, November 20th, 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Where: NOMA Community Garden, 2700 River Drive, Columbia, SC 29201

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