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Mayor Announces First Urban Garden Contest and Showcase

RICHMOND, Calif. – Mayor Tom Butt has announced the launch of his first Urban Garden Contest and Showcase. The Urban Garden Contest and Showcase is a city-wide home garden event in which Richmond and North Richmond residents have an opportunity to show off their edible gardens for a chance to win gardening prizes and the title of “Best Edible Garden in Richmond 2016.”

The contest includes a garden showcase day on July 2, 2016 to allow community members to tour participating gardens and receive gardening tips from the city’s top amateur gardeners.

“There’s a great tradition of edible gardens in Richmond. They are fun to grow, they improve the health of a household, and this event is a great way to show off and encourage more people to grow their own food,” Mayor Butt stated. “Urban Gardens can become the new Victory Gardens, which were a symbol of the Home Front in World War II.”

The submission deadline for the Urban Garden Contest participants is Saturday, June 25, 2016. Community members interested in touring or participating in the showcase day must register for attendance by June 25, 2016. Full details are available at: www.RichmondCaMayor.org

The winner of the Urban Garden Contest will receive a prize package of gifts from Annie’s Annuals and Perennials, Acapulco Rock and Soil, The Urban Farmer Store, and The Watershed Nursery. All contest participants will also receive compost provided by Republic Services and mulch provided by the City of Richmond.

“We want to encourage more residents to grow home gardens, connect with other gardeners, and learn about local gardening resources. These are all wins for the City of Richmond and our residents,” said Mayor Butt.

Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia will join a panel of judges to determine the winners and award a home garden the title of “Best Edible Garden in Richmond 2016”.

Interested residents should visit www.RichmondCaMayor.org for complete contest details and a timeline, and follow the Urban Garden Contest on Facebook and Twitter using the hashtag, #RichmondCAUrbanGarden.

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