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City of Palmdale's Community Gardeners Harvest Inaugural Crop

PALMDALE – Cherry tomatoes, peppers, sunflower seeds, asparagus, basil, zucchini and cantaloupe were just some of the items harvested last Saturday, Sept. 12 at the City of Palmdale's first Community Garden, located at the Yucca Neighborhood House, 503 E. Ave. Q-3.

"We've had a very successful first planting," said Palmdale Housing Coordinator Terri-Lei Wheeler. "Everyone has had fun with this project and now we're seeing the fruits, vegetables and flowers of their labors."

Among the gardeners are Palmdale residents, Elizabeth Santa, Lorraine Seiler, Al Burrola, Samira Mujahid-Burrola (Master Gardener), Ian Grant, Garlenia Davis, Linda Seiler, Mary Settle.

There are currently two open plots for the upcoming fall/winter planting at the Q3 Garden and there are six open plot at the Q5 Garden located at 1012 East Avenue Q5.

"It's absolutely free to use the plots," Wheeler said. "The only cost is your time, labor and commitment in planting and tending to your plants."

To reserve a plot, interested gardeners should contact Wheeler at 661/ 267-5126 or by email at twheeler@cityofpalmdale.org

All levels of gardening experience are welcome. "There has been great camaraderie among the gardeners," Wheeler added. "Everyone shares gardening tips and helps each other out." The Gardens are fortunate to have several master gardeners to help anyone who would like tips or guidance with their plants.

“Community gardening has many positive benefits,” Wheeler said. “Not only can you grow nutritious food, but you can build good relationships and beautify the neighborhood at the same time.

For more information, please call the Neighborhood Services Department at 661/267-5126.

Photo caption; Front L/R: Elizabeth Santa, Lorraine Seiler, Al Burrola, Samira Mujahid-Burrola, Ian Grant. Back L/R: Garlenia Davis, Linda Seiler, Mary Settle.