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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Parks & Recreation Commission Seeks Citizen Response to Community Garden Proposal**

The Town of Windsor's Parks & Recreation Commission is seeking community response to a proposal to re-establish a community garden in Windsor. Windsor residents wishing to participate in the process are directed to the Town's website where they may sign up to be notified of future community workshops. Residents wishing to provide feedback on the community garden concept are invited to participate in an interest survey also posted on the Town's website: [www.townofwindsor.com](http://www.townofwindsor.com). (For meeting notification, click on "Notify Me"; for the survey, click on "Community Garden Survey.")

When the Town of Windsor incorporated in 1992, it inherited from the County a community garden plot in Keiser Park which was operational until 2005. Growth of the heritage oaks in Keiser Park made the former garden plot space unfeasible for growing. Depending on community interest, the Town plans to pursue re-establishing and re-locating a public plot.

A Community Garden is defined by the American Community Gardening Association as any piece of land gardened by a group of people. This can take the shape of vegetable plots individually tended in a small town to flowers grown from seedlings in an urban setting to fruit trees located on the fringe of an elementary school playground.

"We see the possibility of establishing a community garden in Windsor as fulfilling many positive purposes for our residents," said Community Services Manager Patricia Morandi. "Such gardens promote a sense of community, foster healthy and active lifestyles, conserve green spaces for all to enjoy and educate participants and visitors about nutrition and the benefits of fresh food." Those seeking further information may contact Ms. Morandi at [pmorandi@townofwindsor.com](mailto:pmorandi@townofwindsor.com) or (707) 838-1268.

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