

Eastern Passage Community Garden Opening
Saturday, June 14, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Tallahassee Community Centre

Good morning, and Welcome,

I delighted to see such a great turnout this morning for the official opening of our Community Garden and the beginning of what I hope will be many events here that will be enjoyed by the entire community.

Today is a celebration of numerous dedicated volunteers who had a vision for this area, and through hard work and perseverance, made that vision a reality. The beds have been replanted, and perennials that have survived years of neglect, are being nursed back to health.

I can't underestimate the importance of community gardens to our neighbourhoods.

They contribute to the health and well-being of their users, and promote social interaction, community building, and a connection to nature. As well, physical change takes place within the community landscape.

Unsafe, unsightly abandoned lots are turned into safe and vibrant community gathering places. Neighbourhoods are greener, and have better weed and litter control. Pride in the community grows.

We hope our garden will be a great spot to enjoy a picnic with friends and family, or to sit quietly and relax. We envision a beautiful spot to take pictures and to enjoy children's parties. It will be an area for all seasons and we look forward to flowers, pumpkin carving, hay bale mazes and Christmas carols being sung under the stars.

I want to take a moment to extend a sincere thank you to all those who volunteered, and to HRM staff, for making this day a tremendous success.

Enjoy!

