Yarducopia Newsletter 4.1.2023

Hi all,

Like many of you, we're gearing up for a fun growing season in the garden. Check out our list of projects below, click the links to learn more about each one, and reach out if it looks like something you'd like to get involved in.

Gardening Projects for 2023

- Helping Build Neighborhood Gardens
- Spenard Community Garden & 'Share Table' \
- Midtown Garden Depot & Community Garden
- Composting & Waste Diversion
- Currant Affairs Newsletter Local Growers, Garden Events, and Food
- Yarducopia Bike Tours Gardens & Compost & Chickens, Oh My!
- Online Gardening Resources
- Promoting Alternatives to Pesticides & Pollinator-Friendly Gardens (Under construction)

There will be an outdoor, informal get-together to discuss plans for the summer (suggestions, offers of support, requests for assistance) on Monday, April 10 at 3740 Williams Street, starting at 7 pm. Some things are just easier to talk about in person, so pop on by. Alternatively, feel free to connect by phone or email. We're looking forward to hearing from you.

Speaking of seeing each other, the <u>Alaska Master Gardeners conference</u> (Register here) is Friday night and all Saturday next week (April 7 & 8). Scholarships available for students. Looking forward to seeing some of you there!

Lastly, ACAT released a new investigative report last month entitled, 'Alaska Community Water Quality Report: PFAS Contamination of Municipality of Anchorage and Fairbanks North Star Borough Waters'. This report contains the results of an investigation into the PFAS contamination of lakes, streams, and drinking-water wells in South Anchorage and parts of Fairbanks. This issue affects us all, and I strongly encourage you to contact your state representatives and tell them you support Senate Bill 67 and would like to see similar legislation in the state house. Our state government, if they enact appropriate policy, needs to get to work protecting Alaskans from PFAS and avoiding future PFAS contamination of environment and bodies.