

## Happy Spring All!

We took a vote and the chickens have it! Our partnership with Providence Hospital diverting pre-consumer food waste from the landfill continues, but with a shift in focus from [composting to feeding animals](#). Veggies are available out of Nick's driveway. Join the group text chain to get updates on availability.

Another highlight from last month was the invitation to speak with Jennifer Sharrock (Seeds and Soil Farm out in Palmer) on her podcast 'In the Garden'. Our conversation focused on the relationship between health, gardens, and community. [You can listen to the conversation here](#).

Onto this summer - Dont let the *For Sale* sign fool ya, the [Midtown Garden Depot](#) has thawed and is ready for you to visit all summer long. Piles of wood chips, bagged leaves, pots and trays, manure, and soil await. I'm hosting a few 'office hours' at the Depot this spring to encourage folks to use the space, so if you want to tour the lot together, a hand loading or unloading, or want to chat about garden projects in person, stop on by on May 10 @ 6-7 pm / May 16 @ Noon-1 / May 24 @ 7-8 pm. The lot is open every day as well, so keep using it at your convenience.

Our latest edition of our [Currant Affairs newsletter and calendar](#) is live as of May 5, and filled with amazing opportunities hosted by ACAT, our partners (like [Anchor Gardens!](#)) and other amazing organizations. These are the events ACAT is involved in and hosting this next month:

- Building Healthy Soils in Alaska panel discussion hosted by RurAL CAP - Tuesday, May 9 @ Noon
- Spring Composting - Thursday, May 11 @ 6 - 7 pm
- Midtown Community Garden Bed Building and Sign Ups - Sunday, May 14 @ 10 am - 1 pm
- Spenard Community Garden Clean Up - Sunday, May 14 @ 2 - 5 pm
- Backyard Chicken Basics - Wednesday, May 17 @ 6 - 7 pm
- Spring Composting - Thursday, May 18 @ 6 - 7 pm
- Seedling Exchange - Sunday, June 4 - More details to come

Email [garden@akaction.org](mailto:garden@akaction.org) for more details and to register for these events!

One more update - we've been working hard this winter to design a manure composting project at Ruth Arcand Park's horse facility. Our goals are to reduce manure disposal costs for the facility, keep manure out of the landfill, producing good quality compost, and document the findings for use by local horse owners if they're interested. A huge thank you to everyone who has and continues to contribute to this effort. If you'd like to learn more or get involved, don't hesitate to reach out.

Wishing you all warm soils and sunshine and hope to see you in the gardens!

Nick and the ACAT Team