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Community Garden Opportunities Expanded for Township Residents Additional Gardens Added in 2016; Apply NOW; PLOT-tery on May 3rd

Twinsburg Township, Summit County, Ohio – **March 18, 2016** – The Board of Twinsburg Township Trustees at its March 16, 2016 regular meeting unanimously voted to re-authorize the Township Community Garden Program for 2016. New for 2016, is the addition of the Twinsburg Heights Community Park garden, with 22 additional plots, bringing the combined total available to nearly 60 plots, ranging from 10F X 10F to 20F X 20F in size. Residents will have their choice of gardening at the North Garden (Twinsburg Heights Community Park) or the South Garden (Twinsburg Road), with both located on Township-owned land providing green space for all residents. As in past years, plots will be assigned via a random plot lottery ("PLOTtery"), depending upon demand.

Community Gardens allow families and individuals the opportunity to grow nutritionally rich foods, and are a great way to bring neighbors together. "It really is a sense of community" said Township Trustee Jamey DeFabio. "You may say hello to neighbors in passing, but Community Gardens really have a way of bringing people together."

The 2016 Program will provide garden plot opportunities for Township residents, whereby the Township prepares the land, accepts and reviews applications, and assigns plots via a random plot lottery ("PLOT-tery"). The only Program requirement is Township residency, and a fee of

\$10.00 will be due only if an eligible applicant is assigned and accepts a plot and agrees to abide by Policies and Procedures. Applications and information can be found on the Township website, <u>www.twinsburgtwp.com</u>, under Departments, Parks, as well as under Document Library, Forms, at Township Hall at 1790 Enterprise Parkway, or by calling (330) 425-4497. This information can also be accessed by clicking on "Current Programs" on the Township website's home page. Program applications will be received on a rolling basis, with the PLOTtery to occur on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at Township Hall at 4:00 PM.

About Twinsburg Township

Twinsburg Township was founded in 1817, had a population of 2,828 in 2010, and will soon celebrate its bicentennial with great pride. The Township is home to an unparalleled combination of rich history, abundant natural resources, outstanding parks, well-planned neighborhoods, thriving businesses, and top-notch institutions. Whether you're looking for a great place to live or do business, or just a spot to spend a quiet afternoon, you'll find it all right here in Twinsburg Township. So stop by and see us sometime, and if you can't make it in person, please check out <u>www.twinsburgtwp.com</u> to get a glimpse of all that Twinsburg Township has to offer. For more information, contact Robert S. Kagler, Township Manager, via telephone at (330) 425-4497 or via e-mail at <u>rkagler@twinsburgtwp.com</u>.

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