

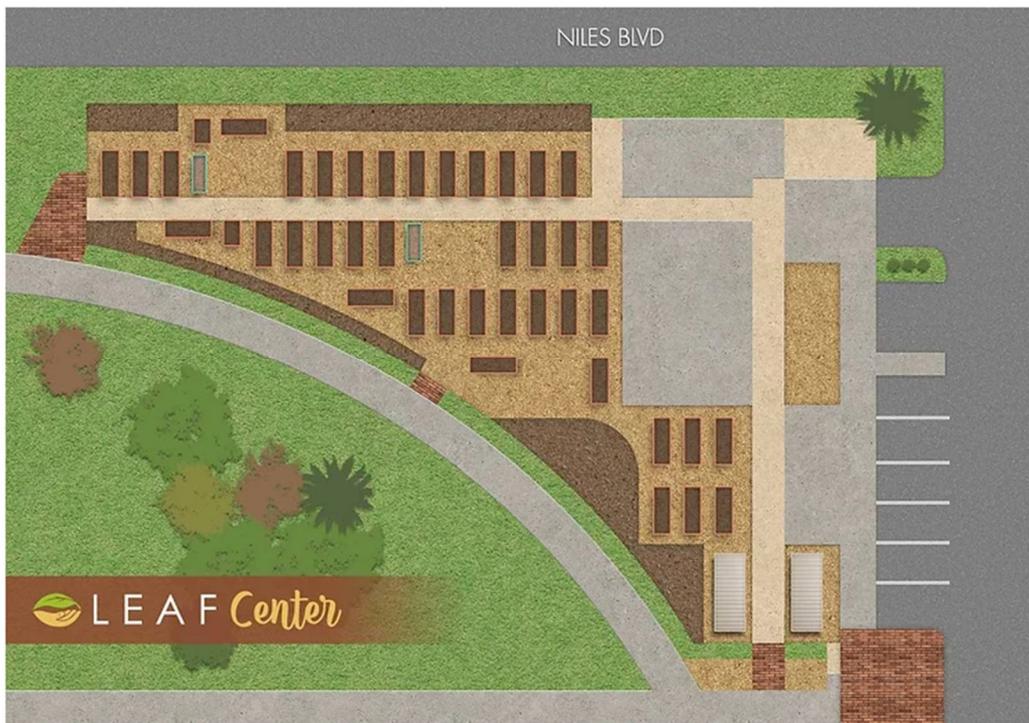


I am happy to share with you that the highly anticipated move from the old LEAF Center site to our new location on the northeastern corner of the California Nursery Historical Park will soon be announced by the City of Fremont. The new planters are in place and filled with fresh nutrient-rich soil that is a biologically diverse media composed of an organic blend of compost, coir, vermicompost and fertilizers. What more could an edible plant want! The next major tasks will be hooking up the irrigation and electrical systems. We will do the walk through with the City of Fremont and then be given the 'keys' to our new LEAF Center.



# LEAF Center

COMMUNITY GARDEN



Over the last few months, LEAF Founder Bruce Cates, along with Tom Browne, Jerry Kuhlmann, Mark Aragon and Richard Godfrey, has taken on the arduous task of dismantling all of the structures from the old site, including many of the old planters, and transferring them to our LEAF Urban Garden location. Here, many of them will be reused to make double-decker hugel planters for our gardens. They will be continuing this effort until the old LEAF Center site is but a memory. Thank you to Bruce and his demolition team for creating new opportunities from old memories. If you are interested in getting a workout and building your muscles, we could sure use your help!



We are also working with Boy Scouts to build animal proof cages to sit on top of the new planters for their Eagle Scout projects. These cages are needed to stop all those plant loving critters from eating our precious edibles. If you'd like to give us a hand building the cages or clearing the old LEAF Center, please contact us at [volunteer@fremontleaf.org](mailto:volunteer@fremontleaf.org).

# Students FOR LEAF



Last year, we launched our [Students for LEAF](#) program to teach student volunteers about building healthy productive ecosystems and soil while working in our gardens. This was a huge success! Not only did students learn and accomplish much, they also made some new friends. This summer, our Students for LEAF program will be in full swing once again for those interested in gardening, agriculture, biological sciences and/or living sustainably on our planet earth. Here's what's to come!

## Program Overview

- Work in the garden Monday and Thursday from June 13 - August 1 from 9:00-12:30. (No sessions on July 4 or 7.)
- Small class size for optimal one-on-one interaction. Max of 8 students per summer session.
- Community service of up to 40 hours can be fulfilled since we are a non-profit 501(c).

## Activities

- Learn about the ebb and flow of working in nature by working in a food garden with a team of seasoned gardeners
- Learn about regenerative agricultural practices by helping us build healthy edible ecosystems both above and below ground
- Learn about the lifecycle of edible plants by propagating seed to harvesting for the food banks
- Learn about our garden friends by helping us with our worm composting bins, checking our honeybee hives and finding our new friends in toad hollow
- Learn about some of our least favorite insect herbivores by helping us manage them with more natural ways with less chemicals
- Learn about the benefits of pollinator insects and plants by assisting us with the California Bumble Bee Atlas, a community science project.
- Learn about filming nature videos from Valli, the filmmaker of SunGanges, to create outreach videos and blogs to promote LEAF

## Student Requirements

- Middle or High School Students
- Sign a volunteer agreement including your parents signature
- Abide by COVID protocols; COVID vaccines/boosters are required, masking when appropriate
- Students for LEAF membership is \$150 for 13 sessions (No refunds for missed session(s))
- Student for LEAF sessions are cell phone free zones
- Best to wear a hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, snack and bring lots of water

If you are interested in having the student(s) in your family join us this summer, please contact us at [info@fremontleaf.org](mailto:info@fremontleaf.org).



LEAF and Eeviee are extending our campaign through the end of June to allow for even more new and used bras, socks, denim, and crayons items to be collected. Here's what you've brought us so far.

**123 BRAS**  
**86 LBS SOCKS**  
**87 LBS DENIM**  
**47 LBS CRAYONS**

Keep it up! The metal collection bin is at the entrance to **LEAF Urban Garden** located near the Mission Valley Vet Clinic at **55 Mowry Ave** in Fremont. Just look for the bright blue Earth Day Recycling Poster on the metal collection bin. Drop off is available during the daylight hours, any day of the week.



## When life gives you lemons, bring them to LEAF!

Join us in our effort to eliminate local hunger by gleaning fresh fruit from your trees. (Please no spoiled or damaged fruit.) Each Monday and Thursday mornings from 9 am to 10:30 am, LEAF volunteers will accept your fruit at our LEAF C.R. Stone Garden located behind the Mission Valley Veterinary Clinic at 55 Mowry Ave near Mission Blvd. Your donations of fruit will in turn be delivered and donated to our Food Banks. If you need assistance with gathering your fruit, contact us at [info@fremontleaf.org](mailto:info@fremontleaf.org).



**Talkin' DIRT** LEAF

**WED  
JUN  
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7PM  
TO  
8PM**

AN ONLINE GATHERING OF GARDENERS

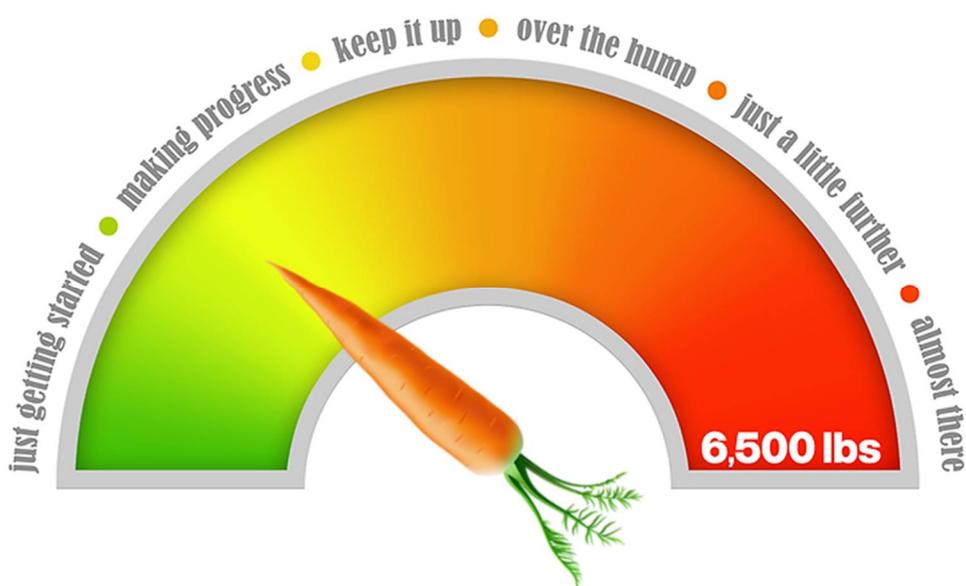
register at [fremontleaf.org/talkindirt](https://fremontleaf.org/talkindirt)



# Donations

Having exceeded our goal of donating 6,000 pounds of produce in 2021, we decided to up the stakes bit. This year, we've raised to bar to 6,500 pounds! Are we crazy? Did we get a hold of some magic beans or something? Not at all. Our confidence level takes your own contributions into account. Giving generously is a collaborative effort. And last year's fruit tree gleaning campaign showed us that you're more than willing to help provide for the families in our area who experience food insecurity. LET'S DO THIS!!!

**2022 YTD: 1,429 lbs.**



Make a donation that will  
impact an **entire community.**

