

2023 Wappinger Senior Garden Club 2022 Accomplishments & Moving Forward

TOW Building Beautification Projects

4/24/2023 Update

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Senior Garden Club 2022 Review 2022 First Priority Beautification Project

Initial view of Gazebo with proposed Schematic for Updates

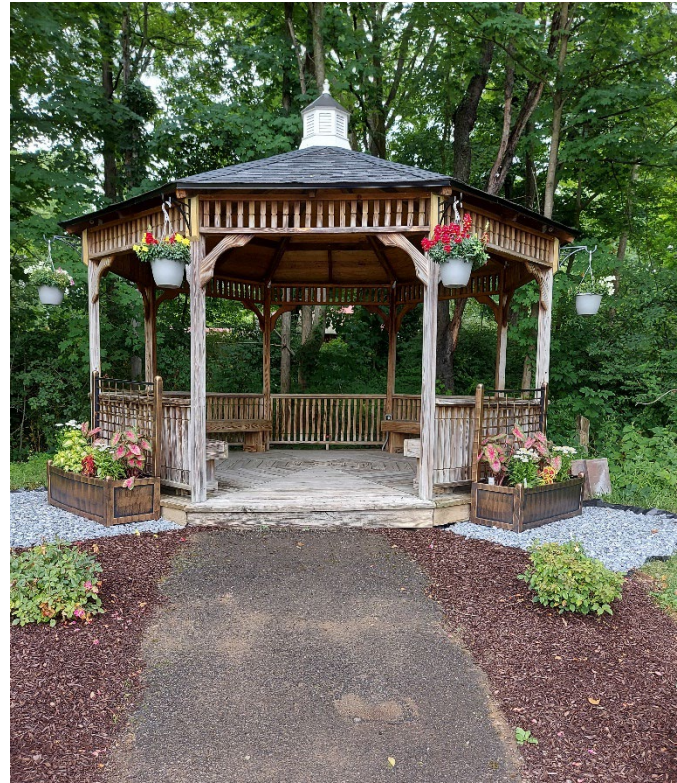


Senior Garden Club 2022 Review

2022 First Priority Beautification Project

Post SGC initial 2022 activity:

- + Installation of 4 plant hangers including support brackets w/snap dragon hanging pots
- + Installation of raised-bed Trellis planters populated with daises, rex begonia and English ivy



Senior Garden Club 2022 Review

2nd Priority; Eastern (Senior) Entrance - Original View

Initial Status : Left Side

- + Featureless muddy area dominated by little-used picnic table



Initial Status : Right Side

- + Houses Food Drive Storage Box
 - Sits in direct sun for several hours per day



Senior Garden Club 2022 Review

2nd Priority; Eastern (Senior) Entrance - Post 2022 Initial SCG Activity

Updated Status : Left Side

- + Double raised beds installed on 16" pavers w/river rock edging
 - Planted various annuals including rex begonia, depladenia, white & pink Vinca and purple cuphea



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Updated Status : Right Side

- + Single raised bed installed on 16" pavers
 - Planted tomatoes, various herbs, soybeans and sweet red peppers



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2022 Ongoing Beautification efforts

SGC Continued decorating efforts for eastern TOW entrance area:

- + Seasonal planters and decorations installed and maintained throughout the year



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Veterans Bell Memorial; Front of Town Hall

SGC also assumed care of memorial beautification

- + Apparent absence of routine, systematic effort to maintain memorial accoutrements
 - SCG Obtained and set-up weather tolerant containers & plants
 - Assumed systematic care/watering of flora
 - Decorated site w/seasonal appropriate themes



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Veterans Bell Memorial; Front of Town Hall

SGC assumed care of memorial beautification (cont.)
+ Seasonal appropriate decoration themes (cont.)



Senior Garden Club 2022 Review

Current Status - 2023

- + Early spring bulbs (planted last fall) are flowering!!!
- + 2023 Earth Day activities:
 - Raised beds re-opened & readied for planting
 - Completed paver installation around single raised planter
 - + Installed weed block, stone & edging as needed
 - Set-up new permanent planters in TOW Memorial plaza (front of building)



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Current Status - 2023 Earth Day (cont.)

- Paver work completed
- Wind chime/hanger installed
- New permanent planters installed
- 9/11 memorial included in activity



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2023 Plans/ Ideas

Thank you for your HELP thus far!

- Food Drive Storage box relocated
- Picnic table moved to far side of building (outside Senior Center)
- Water spigot installed on NE side of building
- Special THANKS to Supervisor Thurston for following up on my idea to contact the former Plant Depot property owner, re: pergola availability.
 - I understand the Town has obtained approval to acquire all 3 pergolas from their property - GREAT NEWS!!
 - SGC would like to verify the accuracy of this information as well as possible status of this effort moving forward

Is it true?! Wish list:

- Installation of 1 of the 3 pergolas (per above) near Senior bocce/shuffleboard courts
 - Will provide needed mid-day shade for Seniors to hopefully expand/extend outdoor game playing time into afternoon hours
 - Plant appropriate climbing foliage at base of legs (wisteria, clematis, honeysuckle, etc.) to improve shading and overall aesthetics of entire area
 - Multi-year plan; Any plants will take 3-6 years minimum to mature

Senior Garden Club 2022 Review

2023 Plans/Ideas (cont.) -

Looking forward:

2023 Continuing Effort Agenda =>

- Add plantings, including perennials, to trellis planters (shade tolerant plants)
- Propagate new planters in TOW Memorial plaza
- Place shade-friendly hangers around gazebo
- Replant raised beds on East side of building;
 - Target: week after Mother's day

Senior Garden Club 2022 Review 2023 Plans - (cont.)

Looking forward:

2023 Major Project Idea =>

- Install multi level raised bed planter in sunny location of TOW grounds
 - Searching for an “Eco Friendly” company; perhaps one utilizing recycled materials
 - Pictured bed dimensions are 8’x 6’ x 22”
 - Discussed plan with Recreation Director
 - Asking for approval to move forward with this proposal
 - Status of water access in front of building?
- Long term plan would include installation of rock or mulch border around planters
 - Minimize impact to TOW grounds crews
 - Increased planter height will help to facilitate access to mobility challenged Seniors



Senior Garden Club 2022 Review Current Status - 2023 (cont.)

The TOW Senior Garden Club is still growing

- We added two new members to our budding crop
 - Welcome; D. Bizzoco, R. Competiello
- We're very excited about proposed changes to Senior Center and would request being kept in the loop with regard to activity that would directly impact the SCG (eg; water access)

In Closing =>

- Thanks, again, to all the Board Members, Supervisor Thurston and Director Fulton for your continued support of the T.O.W. Senior Garden Club!