



## Our Programs

**COMPOSTING** Local residents can recycle their kitchen scraps and organic waste at our composting site during our open hours April-October, Saturdays 10am-2pm, Sundays 4pm-8pm and Thursday 6pm-8pm or whenever the gate is open. Gardeners combine leaves, manure and hay from local stables with the kitchen scraps to produce a high nutrient soil. Our composting program is supported by the NYC Sierra Club and Bklyn GreenBridge.

**CHILDREN'S CREATIVE WORKSHOP** We use the garden to create and share stories and poetry. The children have collaborated with adults to create a publication about their neighborhood experiences. Workshops have been sponsored by ROSAS, Park Slope Civil Council and TPL.

**OPEN SPACE GALLERY** Explores the diversity of art forms of Brooklyn-based artists with the community and encourages the interaction of diverse ethnic & social groups.

**ALTERNATIVE ENERGY** One purpose of the series is to educate and empower people about the existence, viability, and use of renewable energy sources, particularly solar electricity, pond waterfalls, and human mechanical power.

**CHILDREN'S GARDEN** Each year we set aside a plot for children of the neighborhood and school groups to experiment and learn all about flowers and vegetables with a focus on partnership and cooperation.

**SOIL TESTING** In order to ensure the safety to all who enter the garden, we have an ongoing soil testing program, which monitors for lead and other toxic substances as well as for nutrients in the soil.

## Rules to observe while visiting the garden

Stay on paths

Don't pick flowers or vegetables

Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult

Dogs on lawn only—always on a leash



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## A Community Garden

at Sixth Avenue and 15th Street  
[www.615green.org](http://www.615green.org)





One of our Solar Powered Waterfalls

# Horticulture Ecology Community Education Culture

## Grants and rewards include:

*ROSAS - Recognition for Excellence in the South Slope Award; BEAUTIFY BROOKLYN CAMPAIGN - Borough Presidents Office; GREENEST BLOCK IN BROOKLYN Recognition Award/2nd Place Greenest City Scope; ROSAS – Grant for Children’s Workshop; BROOKLYN HARVEST FAIR –Brooklyn Botanical UP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD - Mollie Parnis Award; PARK SLOPE CIVIC COUNCIL – Grant for Children’s Workshop; THE GAP – Children’s Workshop Donation; NOSM - Grant for the Children’s Workshop and Compost Workshops; GREENTHUMB - Grant for Children’s Workshop, Compost Workshops, Solar Workshops and Artists in the Garden (now called Open Space Gallery); The Brooklyn Arts Council – Grant for the Open Space Gallery; INFORM, INC. – Contract for Waste Free NYC program as sponsored by the New York City Council and the Department of Sanitation of New York City – education on composting, compost memberships for community gardens, and stuff exchange education at the Block Association level; PARK SLOPE CIVIC COUNCIL – Grants for the Alternative Energy Site*

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## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

### How can I become a member of 6/15 Green?

**1. Read and become familiar with the garden Rules & Regulations and Bylaws by visiting [www.615green.org](http://www.615green.org)**

When you pay your dues, you are agreeing to abide by the rules and regulations.

**2. Attend a monthly meeting**

Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of every month between 7pm and 9pm at St. John St. Matthew Emmanuel Lutheran Church 238 Prospect Ave (between 5th and 6th Avenues) in the basement.

**3. Schedule a New Member Orientation when you attend your first monthly meeting.**

Orientations are on the Group Project day of each month - February through June. See the garden calendar on our website for the exact date and time. Orientations last approximately one hour.

**4. Schedule Open Hours and Community Assignments**

**5. Pay annual dues.**

Gardening membership \$15.00+ \$1.00 key deposit.  
Composting membership \$15.00+ \$1.00 key deposit  
RAY membership \$15.00 + \$1.00 key deposit  
Dues may be paid at the monthly meeting or on Group Project days, after fulfilling above requirements.

**6. New gardening membership is open between Jan. 1 and May 31st.**

**Compost and RAY memberships are available year round.**

### OPEN HOURS:

**The garden is open to the public**

**April—October**

**Tuesdays 3-5pm**

**Thursdays 6-8pm**

**Saturdays 10am—2 pm**

**Sundays 4pm—8pm**

## 6/15 Green’s mission

**6/15 Green** is a community garden in South Park Slope committed to promoting a cleaner and safer neighborhood through the creation and maintenance of a community open space for cultural, agricultural and educational purposes. As well as, to stimulate and encourage community participation in the planning, development, use & maintenance of other green spaces.

## How it all began

In 1987, concerned citizens began a cleanup campaign on an abandoned lot that had become a serious health hazard. An abandoned trailer on the lot had become a haven for drug use. By dragging the trailer into the streets, we gained the attention of the Sanitation Department who eventually removed the source of the drug problem. Over the next five years, we waged a war against illegal dumping and deteriorating conditions. Construction refuse, kitchen waste, furniture, automotive oil and an abandoned car were dumped at the site. Sidewalks were cracked and dangerous. Holes in the existing fence allowed vagrants to wander inside. Thanks to the efforts of neighbors, local politicians and the Sanitation Department, bulldozers and dump trucks were brought in to remove the waste and add clean top soil.

Today that abandoned lot has been transformed from an eyesore and public nuisance to an urban oasis and source of local civic pride. From five pioneering gardeners, the 6th Ave & 15th Street Community Garden was created. Renamed 6/15 Green in 2001, the garden has grown to become an incorporated organization with over one hundred members, composters and supporters with programs that reflect the diversity of our members as well as the needs of our community. Our efforts have not gone unnoticed.