

## News Release

# Grand Opening for Riverside Community Garden

By Elizabeth Tollefson on Monday, May 18, 2015

It's a day for celebration! On Friday, May 22, at noon the community is invited to the grand



opening of the Riverside Community Garden and a birthday celebration for Crookston resident and local gardening expert Allen Pedersen (in photo) on his 99th birthday. The Riverside Community Garden is located in the 400 block of Riverside Drive near the Crookston Community Pool.

For audience comfort, there will be chairs with arm rests available as well as a sound system for easy listening. For information, contact DeAndra O'Connell in the Center for Sustainability at the University of Minnesota Crookston at 218-281-8128.

The community garden contains raised beds, wheelchair accessible beds, a butterfly garden, perennial garden, corn patch, and more.

The Riverside Community Garden project is part of Crookston's new designation as a Minnesota GreenStep City. Minnesota GreenStep Cities is a voluntary challenge, assistance and recognition program to help cities achieve their sustainability and quality-of-life goals. These actions are tailored to all Minnesota cities, focus on cost savings and energy use reduction, and encourage civic innovation.

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