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**You can have fresh veggies for FREE this summer!**

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Okmulgee Community Garden founded by Dr. Ed Osborn and the Healthy Lifestyles Committee of the Okmulgee County Wellness Coalition is now in its third year. Okmulgee Community Garden Committee Chair- Bob Seebeck now organizes the garden, along with many other volunteers.

The garden is located at 1202 S. Belmont in Okmulgee west of the Okmulgee Memorial Hospital. Anyone can make application to use a plot throughout the Spring and Summer, no matter what your income is. The goal of the project is for supporting a healthier lifestyle by eating more fruits and vegetables. The garden also has a dual purpose as the overflow is used to donate to other worthy organizations such as the Okmulgee Homeless Shelter and Opengate.

This year they anticipate installing 33 garden plots on the property and each plot will be 4' wide X 32" long. The committee is also working on a grant in hopes that they can build a green house on the west side of the property. This will allow seeds to be started and growing new plants before each season.

There is water available on the property and the garden will be supervised somewhat throughout the week. The Old Tyme Village donated the use of a storage shed where some gardening tools are available when someone is on site.

Anyone interested in having a plot can contact Bobby Howard 918-756-1883 x140. The plots are free and some seeds are available. If you don't have time to garden your own plot, you can think about helping out in the community plot. All of the produce there will be donated.

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