

## 2021 BVGC Garden Walk

**Start:** Vets Park Community Pavilion, west end – walk towards the playground. The first garden on the tour is found in the stone semi-circle just outside the playground fence.

1. **Memorial Garden:** Janet Sturza, Garden Captain. *Our newest garden—2 years old—in the same location as Lina’s Garden (which honored the memory of Lina Wortman). It was totally redone & renamed to honor the memory of all BVGC members who have died.*

Turn toward Lake Charlevoix & walk to the Lighthouse Tower. The next garden is located among the buildings of the F. Grant Moore Municipal Marina.

2. **Marina Garden:** Wilma Tysse, Garden Captain. *This team plants & maintains 5 small gardens surrounding the lighthouse. A beautiful mix of annuals & perennials delights yachters each year.*

Follow the sidewalk along the water toward the river, passing parking spots, boat/kayak launch area, & green space. The next garden surrounds the public restrooms building located at the Shopper Dock.

3. **Restrooms Garden:** Char Wehner, Garden Chair. *Window boxes were the first flowers here; beds around the perimeter followed. Flowers here never fail to elicit ‘thank yous’ & supportive comments. Team members can & do provide city information on where to eat lunch & find ice cream. This year, the team found themselves ‘behind bars’ during a major restroom renovation but were able to plant the window boxes & beds in front; they look forward to ‘back to normal’ planting next year.*

Before leaving here, look across Lake Street to view the Eagle’s Garden from this side of the street.

4. **Eagle’s Garden:** Cyndy Tonkavich & Char Wehner, Garden Captains. *This is truly a ‘thank you’ garden, to show our appreciation to the Eagles for ‘loan’ of their community room 2 full days in November to assemble & distribute our holiday wreaths & garlands. Once planted, the Eagles take over maintaining the garden, hence, no BVGC signs there.*

Stay on this side of Lake Street & head toward the bridge. You can see the next garden (boxes) along the east side of Lake Street from here.

5. **Bridge Garden:** Sally VanDomelen & Anne Knutsen. *Due to a yet-to-be-started (!) road project that includes tearing out the west-side boxes, BVGC decided to plant only the east-side boxes this year; a ‘return’ to early years when only east-side boxes existed! An aging city irrigation system is in place but requires much attention; a new/revised system has been promised. Each year, the lovely “red, white, & blue, with a touch of sunshine” iconic city garden delights locals & visitors alike.*

Stay on the west side of Lake Street & walk toward downtown. Our next garden is located up ahead on the NW corner of Lake & Water Streets, surrounding the log cabin, which previously housed the BC Chamber of Commerce.

6. **Chamber Garden:** Nancy Szabo, Garden Captain. *This is our original club garden! This lovely garden has evolved from humble beginnings as a ‘country garden’ of perennials planted along the short, stocky fence. It includes a water feature & molded cement garden art by former member, Judy Shiotelis.*

Cross over to the Kilwin’s chocolate/ice cream shop & walk 2 blocks south, toward Freshwater Gallery. Turn east (left) at Main Street & walk 1 block to the Boyne District Library.

7. **Library Garden:** Cherri Anthony, Garden Captain. *This is one of our largest community gardens, with 3 sides (large side garden/sculpture, library entrance, parking lot/book drop entrance) tended by 10 wonderful & hard-working ladies. The large side garden has been used as photo backdrops for weddings.*

From the Library's main entrance on Park Street, walk north toward & across Ray Street (head for hardware store). The next garden is located on the NE corner of Ray & Park Streets.

8. **Co-op Garden:** Nancy Cunningham, Garden Captain. *This lovely little garden is a wonderful mix of perennials & annuals, many specially chosen for pollinators. Being so close to a main city thoroughfare, this faces a challenge from winter road salt, but continues to thrive with tender loving care.*

Continue walking north on Park Street, then turn east (right) on Water Street to the next block. The Boyne City Post Office is located on the NE corner of Water & East Streets.

9. **Post Office Garden:** Debbie Odette, Garden Captain. *Former BVGC President Betty Shaver was instrumental in getting the garden beds here started after hearing that other garden clubs had Post Office gardens. Keeping the beds & planters watered has always been & continues to be a challenge. This garden team follows a patriotic red-white-& blue plant color theme.*

Continue north on East Street, cross over the river, & turn left (west) at River Street—at Old City Park. As you walk over the bridge, look west (toward downtown) for a glimpse of Daffodil Hill. You will get a closer look after entering Old City Park—take the sidewalk that wanders along the river in the park, right through Daffodil Hill.

10. **Daffodil Hill:** *Not an 'official' BVGC garden, but the area planted along the east side of Old City Park between the sidewalk and the 'top of the hill' was designed by BVGC Advanced Master Gardener, Nancy Cunningham. BVGC splits the cost of maintaining this area with Boyne City Main Street, provided by Mark C's Trees.*

Our next garden is located in the SW corner of Old City Park, at the 'corner' of River Street & the Boyne River. To get there, continue on the river-side sidewalk, past The Last River Draw sculpture, until you get to River Street.

11. **Old City Park Garden:** Wendy Stadt, Garden Captain. *Always a work in progress, this team likes to experiment with lots of color in the riverside garden. In addition, the team tends the gazebo hostas & 2 large pots of geraniums. The team enjoys solving many problems—both gardening & world issues—over coffee after gardening chores are done!*

There's 1 more garden to see! From here, walk back to Water Street & head toward Veteran's Park. You can get another (closer) look at the Eagle's Garden at the SE corner of River & Lake Streets. Our last garden is located on the corner of Lake & State Streets.

12. **Veterans Park Garden:** Monica Ross, Garden Captain. *This garden team plants & maintains the annuals and planters at the park entrance—the Vets organization 'requests' a red, white, & blue flower theme; the perennials are maintained by the Vets. Planters are planted in time for Memorial Day Services, and sometimes get 'frosted' as a result! Because this is a Memorial, we are asked not to display BVGC signs.*

*We hope you've enjoyed this self-guided BVGC Garden Walk tour! Thanks to all our Garden Captains and to the members who volunteer their time and energy to care for these lovely spaces.*