VICTORIA, BC — Media are invited to attend the annual community planting of the Small Steps Edible Garden tomorrow at City Hall. For the third consecutive year, the edible, perennial demonstration garden will be home to close to 30 Mediterranean and Portuguese plants. The Small Steps Edible Garden promotes urban gardens, food security and regional agriculture.

What: Annual community planting of edible demonstration garden
When: Friday, April 29, 2011, from noon to 1 p.m.
Where: Victoria City Hall, Pandora Avenue Entrance

Designed by Geoff Johnson, a local expert in sustainable land use design, the edible garden features figs, blueberries and a variety of herbs which require little water and maintenance. New plantings this year will include annual greens, broccoli and cauliflower.

The event will include live music by Jennifer Louise Taylor and organic lemonade. The City of Victoria has again partnered with the LifeCycles Project Society, whose volunteers will help maintain and harvest the garden as part of their ongoing work to increase urban agriculture in the region. Harvested produce is donated to Our Place for use in their lunch program.

Urban gardening provides communities with a direct link to food production, empowers residents to produce fresh, local fruits and vegetables for their families and friends, promotes nutrition, and helps decrease our carbon footprint by reducing the fossil fuels used in the transportation of goods.

The City of Victoria supports the concept of urban agriculture as a valuable community resource and is working with the community to encourage urban agriculture where possible. Urban agriculture is a broad term that encompasses a wide range of activities involving the production, processing, marketing and distribution of food in urban areas.

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