

Last week was a school holiday and as such there was no student gardening. That's not to say the garden didn't need attention! With the weather being predicted to have below freezing temperatures for a number of days our gardens will be subject to significant damage due to the freezing of our nice green plants. So on this past Friday, after most of the rain had past the garden volunteers gathered in the gardens to try to protect those plants that were most susceptible to cold temperature conditions. The onions were our biggest worry as they were just planted recently and their beautiful green stems/leaves will be very much exposed to the cold temperatures. So to try to protect the newly planted onions, fine mulch was spread across the ground surface of the planted onions to protect the bulbs in the ground. The upper part of the onion was protected by covering the plants with frost cloth meant to hold the ground temperature in the igloo-like structures – at least for a while (see below).



There are a number of additional pictures of the gardens on our website in the *current month* pictures if you would like to see the impressive attempt by our gardeners to protect what we could. In a couple of days we will see how much of the garden escaped the projected low temperatures, which as of this writing is 18 degrees Fahrenheit .

Also due to the weather, our Arbor day has been moved to February 25th instead of the 18th. We are all looking forward to planting our new tree *Quercus canbyi* together.

Stay safe and dress warmly for our gardening session on the 18th as it still will be cold outside .