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**FAIRPORT HARBOR PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS
LET'S TALK COMPOST WITH PHYLLIS HARBOR**

On July 25th, as part of its Casual Conversations series, the Fairport Harbor Public Library will host “Let’s Talk Compost,” a presentation by Master Gardener Volunteer Phyllis Harbor. The event is sponsored by Lake County Grow Ohio Master Gardener Volunteers, part of the Ohio State University Extension.

Composting is good for the soil and good for the environment but for first-timers not familiar with how to start composting, it can seem daunting. This presentation will teach you the basic steps that will make the process seem relatively easy. Attendees will learn about the different types of compost piles, what to put in them (and what *not* to put in them) and what you can do with the finished product. A question and answer session will follow.

The Master Gardener Volunteer program originated in Seattle, Washington in 1972. Washington State University Extension Service began to train and utilize the expertise of volunteers to more effectively reach the gardening public with research-based educational information. The concept has now spread across the United States, to Canada and other countries. The Master Gardener Volunteer program in Ohio has existed since the late 1970s and has grown steadily. There are now more than 3,000 active Master Gardener Volunteers in more than 62 urban, suburban, and rural Ohio counties.

The Ohio State University Extension Master Gardener Volunteer (MGV) program provides intensive training in horticulture to interested Ohio residents who then volunteer their time assisting with educational programs and activities for Ohio residents through their local OSU Extension county office. Volunteers are not required to have gardening skills or knowledge, just a passion for learning about gardening and sharing this knowledge with others. Working with county Extension personnel, Master Gardener Volunteers provide educational services to their communities such as answering gardening questions from the public; conducting plant clinics; gardening activities with children, senior citizens, or disabled persons; beautifying the community; developing community or demonstration gardens; and other horticultural activities.

The talk will take place on Saturday, July 25, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the library conference room. This event is free and open to the public, but seating is limited so reservations are suggested. For more information, call the library at 440-354-8191.