

Wright Library hosting fall gardening program

On Sunday Oct. 18, at 2 p.m., Dick Amann and Kathy Matousch from Siebenthaler's will be at Wright Library to present Put Your Bulbs to Bed, a program about preparing your garden for winter. Learn how to make your garden beds ready for the

cold months, how to select and plant bulbs in the fall that will provide beautiful color in the spring, and how to turn garden debris into compost. After the hour-long presentation they will be available to take questions from the audience.

The program will be

held in the Wright Library meeting room. No advance registration is necessary. Anyone with questions can contact the library at 294-7171. Wright Memorial Public Library is located at 1776 Far Hills Avenue in Oakwood. The web site is www.WrightLibrary.org.

Organizing your garage



After a long summer your garage probably is a mess! If you're like most homeowners, your garage has become a "catch all" for things that don't have places in the house. And now that it's time to put away lawn toys, outdoor furniture and sports equipment, the garage can get even more cluttered. Pretty quickly you have a real mess -- difficulty finding tools, no place to park your car, and a potential safety hazard. It's time to get that garage organized to make it safer and more efficient for your family. Conventional wisdom for garage storage is broken into three simple steps to remove clutter and ensure safety:

- **Keep Only What You Need:** Get rid of what you don't need. If you're undecided about something, you probably can live without it. If something is of sentimental value, box and store it in a less traf-

ficked area, such as the attic. If you haven't used something for more than two years, consider donating it to charity or throwing it away. The garage should be a place of utility, not a museum.

- **Plan Where It Goes:** Once you've determined what you need, map out where things will go. For instance, if you have kids, create a designated area to store sports equipment, lawn toys, and other play items. To maximize space, use the walls as "vertical storage" for your things.

- **Get It Off The Floor:** Floor space is critical. It's safer without clutter to trip over or get in the way when parking your car. Use heavy-duty hooks, such as Tornado Hooks by E-Z Ancor, to hang garden tools, sports equipment, lawn chairs, and more. Organizing items on the walls keeps them accessible, while helping to prevent accidents.

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