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Baltimore Woman Wins Custom Vegetable Garden



BALTIMORE (WJZ) —

A new garden is going into a North Baltimore neighborhood. It's a prize awarded by a national gardening center.

Andrea Fujii reports on how the garden's new caretaker hopes this addition will encourage the community.

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Eleanor Justice dreamed a little green, and now she's getting an entire garden for her cement backyard.

"It's one more patch of green in a neighborhood that's in need of green," said Justice.

Out of dozens of entries, Justice won an essay contest from Burpee Home Gardens. They awarded her new vegetables and herbs.

Justice was inspired by her neighbor who passed away a couple of years ago. She called him the gardening whiz. Writing about him won her the garden.

"This idea that one person who had a passion in the community could really inspire others and Eleanor has taken up that torch," said Jessie Atchison, Burpee Home Gardens.

Justice is no stranger to gardening, but recently some of her plants were stolen. She says despite all the crime she still wants to bring the neighborhood together through plants.

"I'll have enough vegetables to share with some folks or still have some after people share with themselves," said Justice.

Contest organizers say that's the whole point of gardening--doing something that's good for the soul.

"Every little bit makes a big difference," said Justice.

This is the first year for the contest. The new garden is worth about \$1,000.

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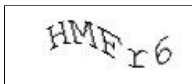
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