

## Guns to Gardens

**October 19 | 11:00am (Parking Lot)**

*Isaiah 2:4* tells us to beat swords into ploughshares and spears into pruning hooks. Guns to Gardens is a program that does just that, and you can help. Montview and Temple Micah will co-host a safe-surrender program from 11:00am-1:00pm on **Saturday, October 19**, in which gun owners can voluntarily surrender their firearms to be destroyed on Montview's south parking lot. Pieces from the firearms can be forged into garden tools, jewelry and art objects.

We have a goal of collecting 75 weapons, which would push the total collected in Metro Denver in the past two years to more than 500.

We need your help in two ways:

First, **we still need money** to buy grocery gift certificates as a thank you to those surrendering their firearms. \$50 for a rifle, \$150 for a handgun, \$250 for an assault weapon. With the help of two grants and some generous Montview donors, we are closing in on 75 percent of our target budget. You can donate using [Montview's online form](#), selecting Guns to Gardens from the dropdown fund menu. Or bring cash or a check to the Commons on Sunday. \$50 covers the cost of one long gun.

Second, **we need help spreading the word**. You may have noticed the yard signs or door hangers promoting the event throughout Park Hill. But we want to reach people throughout Metro Denver. Help us by telling your friends, coworkers and neighbors about this event. We will have flyers in the Commons on Sunday. Take one or five to post at your favorite coffee shop, rec center or library. Or you can help us share the flyers in digital form on social media; contact Jan Paul at [janpaul@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janpaul@sbcglobal.net) for an easy way to do that.

Thankfully, we have all the **volunteers** we need and they will be trained in a Zoom call next week. Please note that only registered volunteers wearing recognizable vests will be allowed on site for the two hours of the safe-surrender event, so we kindly ask others to please not come by.