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Woodbury Community Garden Association
Garden at: 317 E. Red Bank Ave.
Woodbury, NJ 08096

Gardener's Contract

March 1, 2023 to February 28, 2024

Mission:

The Woodbury Community Garden Association (WCGA) is a non-profit organization committed to creating and maintaining a shared space in which member gardeners can organically grow vegetables and flowers, enjoy nature, build relationships, and celebrate their community.

Another part of the mission of the WCGA is to contribute to efforts to alleviate food insecurity. Gardeners may grow crops for their own use, and through the WCGA's partnership with the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society or other organizations. Members are strongly encouraged to donate some or all of their harvest to the local food pantry or to neighbors who are experiencing food insecurity.

Partnerships

The WCGA is currently partnered with the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS) and their City Harvest Program. The City Harvest Program is dedicated to supporting community gardens in their efforts to donate fresh produce to food pantries or to communities that are experiencing food insecurity. Currently, two plots within the garden are dedicated to raising vegetables for the local food pantry.

Property:

The site of the garden is owned by the City of Woodbury. The WCGA leases it for a nominal sum. The City provides water, free of charge, to the garden. Maintenance of the property, such as mowing, weeding, and planting, is largely the responsibility of the WCGA and its members.

Responsibilities of the WCGA Board:

- Adhere to the mission of the WCGA.
- Hold monthly meetings of the Board and document the business of the WCGA. Create and administer a realistic budget annually.
- Collect fees, maintain records of member contracts, and disburse funds as stated in the annual budget.
- Communicate with and respond to members.
- Work to maintain the garden property through member efforts.
- Communicate with and respond to community organizations and allies.
- Communicate with the City of Woodbury.

Fees and Insurance

- Plot rental fees, per season, are \$.50 per square foot, rounded up to the nearest dollar amount. The range of fees is from \$22-\$50 depending on the size of the plot.
- Fees for the trug beds are \$30 for the 2023-24 season and the raised beds are \$25.
- Members will be expected to agree to and sign a Hold Harmless agreement with the City of Woodbury.
- The WCGA holds liability insurance and budgets funds for post office box rental, State fees for non-profit organizations, and other expenses.

Responsibilities of Members:

Members are expected to:

- Participate in maintenance of the garden as a whole through regular and appropriate care of chosen plots by:
 - Amending the soil in plots using **only** organic fertilizers, compost, or other organic materials.

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- Maintaining the borders of plots by using lumber, bricks, edging, or other materials to define growing and grassy areas, and by using surveyed landmarks to determine plot borders so as to maintain adequate distance between plots, and to allow lawnmowers and wheelbarrows to pass.
- Weeding, mulching, and watering their plot(s), removing dead or diseased plants, and disposing of spent plant materials appropriately.
 - The Executive Board reserves the right to withhold ongoing membership in the garden from individual gardeners who do not adhere to this practice throughout the growing season.
- Participating in a standing Work Group(s) for a required minimum of 10 hours per season.
 - Members or members' families may contribute to the minimum number of hours contributed.
 - The Executive Board reserves the right to withhold ongoing membership in the garden from individual gardeners who do not contribute the minimum number of hours to a Work Group each year.
- Removing perennials, herbs, and shrubs from the plot at the end of the growing season, by March 1, if the gardener is not returning for the next season.
- Clearing one's plot(s) of weeds and dead plant material at the end of each season, by March 1, and removing plot furnishings such as fencing, plant supports, stakes, and plant cages. Some exceptions may be made with permission of the Executive Board.
 - The Executive Board reserves the right to withhold ongoing membership in the garden from individual gardeners who do not maintain their plots in this way.
- Participate in efforts to donate all or some of their harvest to the local food pantry (Greater Woodbury Cooperative Ministries) or to persons experiencing food insecurity within the community through the City Harvest program.
- Maintain the good condition of the tools and equipment at the garden including:
 - Locks, gates, hoses and all of the watering system components.
 - Wheelbarrows, wagons, weed buckets, watering cans and other items meant for general use.
 - Tools in the toolshed.
- Maintain contact with the Executive Board through email, text, telephone, or in-person methods.

The WCGA Board is NOT responsible

- For planting, watering, weeding, fertilizing, or tending to rented plots throughout the season.
 - Harvesting of ripe produce may only be done by a fellow member for donation to the food pantry, as permitted by the gardener.
- For damage to plants, plot furnishings, equipment, tools, or other items left in any plots, from animals, vandalism, or unwanted visitors to the garden.
- For theft, by persons or pests, of vegetables, plants, plot furnishings pots, tools, or other items in garden plots.
- For clearing or weeding any plots or maintaining the borders of any plots used by returning gardeners, or plots left by departing gardeners, or plots rented to new members.
- For cultivating or amending the soil in any plots, or fertilizing specific plantings within the plots.
- For any individual's bodily reactions to plantings, fertilizers, mulches, insecticides or insects within the garden.

WCGA Board Members

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