

2017 Redeemer Community Garden: Registration Form, Rules and Information

Dates to remember:

April 8 - Clean up meeting and registration: 10:30am to Noon Garden Registration opens after an informal meeting. This is the first chance to register for a garden plot (sorry, no early bird registrations).

May 6- Projected opening of garden weekend of May 6th. This opening date is an educated guess and is determined by the weather as we generally require 7 consecutive days of no rainfall in order to have land tilled properly. You will be notified by email of the opening.

May 30- Plots unworked or unclaimed by June 4th will be reassigned.

Water is scheduled to be shut off this sometime during the first week of September.

October 14 - Closing Date. All Garden plots should be completely dismantled by this date. This includes the removal of fencing, decorations, weed blocking liners, tools and other items you placed on your plot or brought to the garden. If you have extenuating circumstances as to why your plot cannot be cleared by October 14th you must contact us at info@redeemermoravian.org for an extension. If we have to dismantle your plot for you, we will not be responsible for lost or damaged items. We must adhere closely to this guideline in order to be a good neighbor to those whose homes border the garden. Those who comply with the closing date requirements, will be given priority for plot assignments for the following year. Those who do not comply will be placed at the end of next year's garden registrants list. So depending on the length of that list, those folks may not receive a plot at all.

Fees:

\$25.00 optional plot donation is requested for each plot (non-refundable). The cost of tilling the soil each spring alone is hundreds of dollars. Then there is the cost of water for your plants, mowing/maintenance of the space to keep it useable and looking nice, etc. The money donated helps cover the garden's expenses, ensuring its continued existence. We thank you for your financial help to make this beautiful space of nutritious food available to so many in our community.

Note: Please check the Community Garden Bulletin Board, Facebook page, or webpage www.redeemermoravian.org regularly, along with your email, for important updates and announcements.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Please supervise children at all times. We want everyone to have a fun and safe garden experience.
- Dogs must be leashed and under your control at all times. Pet waste must not be left in the garden, but cleaned up as with any public space or park.
- Vandalism and theft of an individual's property, this includes picking plants without permission, will not be tolerated. If caught you will be vacated from your plot.
- Pesticide, herbicide, & synthetic fertilizer use in the garden are not to be excessive. Gardeners are encouraged to use products that are as natural as possible.
- Keep all plants within your plot boundaries. Long vines that grow beyond your plot's boundaries will likely be cut by the lawn mower.
- Weeds can be thrown into a walkway to be chopped up by the lawn mower. Just please shake out as much dirt from their roots as possible. Mowing over large dirt balls can quickly dull a mower's blade, cause damage to the mower itself and create lots of flying debris (like rocks) which is hazardous to anyone nearby.
- Fencing is permitted to be used around plots. But please make sure fencing is secure and does not hang outside of your plot. Fencing should look presentable and not be heavily rusted or painted bright colors. Your fence must not hang out in garden walkway as this could damage our mower.
- If an adjacent plot's gardener complains of excessive shading by anything on your plot, you must come to an agreement or remove the offending plant/object. It may also be removed for you.
- Please respect your neighbors.
- A plot must be planted by June 8th at the latest. If we see no activity, a courtesy call will be made. If still no action is taken, your plot might be given to someone else on the list, or failing that, come to be tended by Ken and Trent who will plant flowers, corn etc. in abandoned plots.
- We want to reduce the number of weed infested-over grown plots this year.
- Plots that are "squatted" or planted without permission are subject to removal of plants and/or mowing at any time with or without notice. Even if a plot is vacant, please request permission prior to planting with Ken or Trent so we can update the plot assignment map and prevent your new plot and your hard work from being mulched up by a mower.

Water use policy:

Church of the Redeemer does not have a well so we have to pay for water just as you would in your home. It becomes costly.

To help us conserve water please follow these guidelines:

- **Do not water during the middle of a hot day. This wastes water due to rapid evaporation and can even damage your plants.** The best time to water is in the early morning or in the evening as the sun is about to set.
- **No one is permitted to run a hose directly to their plot. If you are unable to carry enough water for your plot, please consider a smaller garden. The preference for getting a plot close to the water source is given to those who have worked a plot here before and have complied with the Garden closing/tear-down date (see "Dates to Remember" above), or have documented health issues.**

By submitting this form, I signify that I have read and understood all the rules and regulations for the Redeemer Community Garden, and agree to follow said rules and regulations. I also understand that use of the garden by myself, family members, friends and everyone else, is done so at one's own risk. The use of garden tools, being in the presence of those using garden tools and the physically intense work involved with gardening, can sometimes lead to injury or other health issues. Neither I nor my guest(s) will hold Church of the Redeemer Moravian Church liable for any injuries sustained while on Church of the Redeemer's property, except in cases of severe negligence by church staff or church volunteers. I will not hold Church of the Redeemer Moravian Church liable for any other damages or loss of property. I also understand that it is my responsibility as plot registrant, to make all of my guests to my garden plot(s) aware of this limited liability and of the Gardens other rules and regulations.

Name of Gardener: _____ Date: _____

Check the method of communication by which you'd prefer to be contacted if we need to reach you.

Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Enclosed Donation Amount _____

Home address where tax receipt can be sent at year end: _____

Requesting: 1 or 2 plots (Please circle/check one)