

# Community Garden Frequently Asked Questions 2019

Administered by the Bloomfield Township Community Garden Committee



## What is required of a member?

To grow flowers or produce for home consumption. Must have his/her own garden tools, methods of harvesting upon maturity and transportation of crops and waste and maintain a clean environment including keeping the plots from weeds and pests and disease. The garden committee will visit the garden regularly to ensure members are maintaining their plots. If members do not maintain the plot, plots will be returned to the Garden Committee.

Only temporary structures such as plant trellises will be allowed. Use of non-organic fertilizer, fungicides and herbicides or illegal crops or invasive are not permitted.

At the end of the season members must return the plots back to the GC way it was originally provided over. The plots are not transferable.

No illegal and invasive plants may be planted in the garden. Not pets, smoking alcoholic beverages, gambling, or use of illegal drugs allowed in the garden.

## Who is eligible for a plot of land? How is it decided? What does it cost?

Garden plots are available only to Bloomfield residents. Applicants must complete the required application form. The non-refundable fee is \$50.00 per plot per season. Payment must be made in cash or checks made payable to the Township of Bloomfield. The fee is waived for veterans, but they must still sign a contract.

Available plots will be allocated on a first come first served basis. A waitlist will be started if there are more gardeners than plots.

Applicants must be over the age of 18 years. Family members with the written permission of the plot assignee can use the plot. Gardeners must provide proof of residency. In all matters the decision of the Garden Committee will be final.

## What is a Community Garden?

A community garden is a single piece of land gardened by a group of people. We are providing garden plots (raised beds) which people rent to grow their own plants. It is a project managed by Bloomfield Township Garden Committee.

A goal of a community garden is to encourage a group of people to work together in harmony and friendship. Hence there will be community workdays and meetings to both maintain the garden and to connect gardeners.

The long-term goal is to both develop community gardens throughout the township and develop a network of gardens and gardeners.

## Composting

The garden includes a composting center, so gardeners can compost garden as well as kitchen waste.

## Where is the Pulaski Park Community Garden located?

At the corner of Mt. Vernon & Howard (off Broughton) inside Pulaski Park. The parking lot is located on Mt. Vernon Avenue. Please Note: Parking is NOT ALLOWED inside the park, on the grass, or alongside the fence on Howard Street. Beware these rules are strictly enforced.

## Assistance

The Garden Committee will assist gardeners and ensure that the goals of the garden are achieved. The Committee will work with the gardeners to not only grow plants but also help create a community of gardeners.

## What will be provided? When is the commencement date?

27 4'x8' raised beds are available for seasonal renting (one plot per family, first come, first serve) each filled with topsoil recommended for planting. Gardeners in good standing will be able to renew their plots. The obligations and rules may change with each season. The official garden season begins the first of April.

## Liability

The Township, Community Garden Committee, and/or any of its members/volunteers are not liable and will not be responsible for any theft, loss, injury or failure of crops.