



## COMMUNITY GARDENS

It's that time of year again and we look forward to seeing you! Community Garden registration opens to previous gardeners on March 8<sup>th</sup>, Mentor residents on March 15<sup>th</sup> and non-residents on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Garden plots measure 20'x 25'. Each section has 4 plots, allowing you to share two common sides with adjacent plots. Plots will be assigned on a first-come / first-serve basis. Gardeners will be given the option of retaining the same plot from year-to-year. Organic and non-organic plots are available. Gardeners can reserve up to two plots. The annual fee for a plot is \$35.00, payable to the *City of Mentor* (8500 Civic Center Blvd., Mentor, OH 44060). This fee is non-refundable and must be paid-in-full upon registration.

**SPACE IS LIMITED RESERVE YOUR PLOT NOW!**

### COMMUNITY GARDEN RULES AND GUIDELINES

- All new participants are required to pay a \$20 security deposit fee. This fee is to ensure plot(s) are kept maintained properly and cleaned up at the end of the 2021 gardening season. If plot(s) are put to bed by October 13<sup>th</sup>, deposits will be refunded to participants.
- A water source will be located close to your plot. Hoses will be provided but you will need to bring your own nozzle. Water use is limited to ½ hour if someone else is waiting to use water. Please use water responsibly. You must be present while using a hose or sprinkler. Water will be turned off on October 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Each gardener is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their plot during the garden season, from April 19<sup>th</sup> – October 13<sup>th</sup>. Watering, weeding, harvesting, and any other garden related maintenance are the responsibility of the gardener. It is also the responsibility of the gardener to keep walkways surrounding their plot clear and free of trash, plant materials, and supplies. No items shall impede on other gardeners' plots. No tripping hazards. Planting must commence by June 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Gardeners must provide their own gardening tools. No tools or supplies of any kind may be left unattended at the garden site.
- Weather permitting, the City of Mentor Parks Department tills all garden plots each fall and spring to turn over the soil. Fine tilling of plots will be required and is the responsibility of the gardener.
- Only non-invasive annual plants and seeds are permitted.
- Access to the Community Garden is available seven days a week during daylight hours with the exception of Saturday June 26<sup>th</sup>, due to the Fine Arts, Wine & Festival(6:00 AM – 6:00 PM)
- Your plot must be maintained during the growing season. Gardeners are expected to spend at least two hours per week (on average) tending the plot during the growing season. It is the gardener's responsibility to notify Wildwood Cultural Center (440)974-5735 if they are not able to care for their plot for an extended period of time. If any plot becomes neglected, the gardener will be given notice to clean it up. If clean-up does not occur within 10 days, your plot will be offered to the next person on the waiting list, your registration fee and deposit will be forfeited, and you will not be able to rent a plot the following year.
- Gardeners may only pick their own crops unless given permission by another gardener. Any gardener reported taking vegetables from another plot may have their privileges revoked. Gardeners are encouraged to harvest crops regularly.
- Please plant tall crops where they will have the least impact on neighboring gardens, at the south end of the plot only. Keep all plants within your plot boundaries.
- Never throw trash, weeds, plant material, or spoiled fruits or vegetables, in the field surrounding the garden. A compost pile is provided for fruits and vegetables. The compost pile is only for Community Garden material – not from your home. The Parks crew will be turning the compost pile and we hope to have healthy and useable compost.
- Please note the area in the center of the garden map marked – Seasonal dry ground grass parking. Do not drive in this area until ground is firm and dry. Barricades may be placed in this area so that cars cannot drive in this section until we feel the area is dry enough for cars to drive and park on grass.
- Children are welcome in the garden but must be accompanied by an adult and supervised at all time. No Alcohol is permitted in the park. No Pets are permitted in the park without a leash. Always clean up after your pet.

(Detach bottom portion and send to Wildwood Cultural Center c/o City of Mentor, 8500 Civic Center Blvd, Mentor Ohio 44060)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number:( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Plots(Please Circle):      1                      2                      Please Circle :      Organic                      Non Organic

(Organic plots are limited and plot placing is on a first come first serve basis)

Amount Total(Please include deposit amount):\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Fee Enclosed (Please circle):      CHECK      CASH      CREDIT

**Please send payment and application to: Wildwood Cultural Center c/o City of Mentor 8500 Civic Center Blvd, Mentor, Ohio 44060**

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date (MM/YY): \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ CVC Code: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, I have read and agree to comply with the City of Mentor Wildwood Community Garden Rules. I understand that noncompliance may result in expulsion. I agree to indemnify and hold without reprisal the City of Mentor for any damage, loss, or injury caused by any other person, fire, theft, water, or accident. This agreement is entered in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_