

Creston Community Gardens

FIRST NAME _____

LAST NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

GARDEN PLOT APPLICATION 2014 Carrier Street Community Garden

CHECK IF APPLICABLE:

Yes, I am interested in renting a raised bed

Yes, I am interested in renting a second plot, if one is available

FEE RENTAL PER 10X20 PLOT IS \$20/YEAR (+\$10 DEPOSIT)

**\$10 deposit can be refunded when you clean up your plot at the end of the season per the garden agreement contract*

**Following our Fall clean up you can use your \$10 deposit to reserve your plot for the next growing season*

**\$20 plot fee received will help pay for garden expenses and coordinator stipend (this is an annual fee)*

CHECK PAYMENT TYPE: Cash Check

*Make check's payable to: Creston Neighborhood Association
Include in Memo Line: Community Garden Plot Fee*

CHECK IF YOU REQUEST FINANCIAL AID TO HELP PAY THE \$30 FEE:

Payment Plan

Reduced Fee

Scholarship

WE ENCOURAGE EACH GARDENER TO CONTRIBUTE AT LEAST 5 VOLUNTEER HOURS ANNUALLY TO MAINTAIN THE COMMON AREAS OF THE GARDEN OR ASSIST WITH ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES.

CHECK OR DESCRIBE YOUR AREA(S) OF INTEREST:

Garden committee

Path maintenance

Shed tidying and cleanup

Perimeter garden care

Fall cleanup

Compost maintenance

Organizing social events

Other (describe) _____

COMMUNITY GARDEN AGREEMENT CONTRACT
Creston Community Gardens, Grand Rapids, Michigan

- I will pay a membership fee of \$20 for a garden plot, plus a refundable \$10 deposit. Total cost is \$30.
- I will request that my \$10 deposit be refunded to me upon exiting the garden community, otherwise I allow it to be absorbed into the garden budget.
- I will have something planted in my garden plot by June 1, 2012 otherwise my garden plot will be considered abandoned.
- I will respect the gardening hours established by the garden coordinators.
- I will respect the surrounding residential neighbors.
- If I must abandon my plot for any reason, I will notify the garden coordinators.
- I will keep weeds down and maintain the areas immediately surrounding my plot.
- As much as is possible I will participate in the life of the garden *community*.
- If my plot becomes unkempt, I understand that I will be given a week's notice to clean it up.
- After that time, it will be reassigned and any produce will be donated to the local food pantry.
- If I borrow the tools provided by the garden, I will return them to their proper storage.
- If I notice any damage to the property, or witness any theft, I will inform the garden coordinators.
- I will clean up litter any time I see it on or near the community garden.
- If possible I will participate in garden volunteer days, including spring digging and fall clean-up of the garden.
- I will plant tall crops only where they do not shade neighboring plots.
- I will conscientiously use the water supplies, recognizing that there is no municipal water running to the site.
- I will pick only my own crops unless given permission by another plot's gardener.
- I will use organic gardening methods and materials, avoiding synthetic fertilizers, pesticides, and weed repellents. (If you are struggling with invasive plants/pests/disease, please contact the garden committee for recommendations on how to treat them in an organic manner).
- If able, I agree to volunteer at least 5 hours annually toward community garden efforts such as weeding, picking up garbage, welcoming garden guests, participating in garden committee meetings, etc.
- I will not share the lock code for the tool shed with anyone who is not a registered gardener. If I think the code has been given to non-members, I will inform the garden coordinators immediately.
- I understand that I am responsible for my guests and myself as outlined in the Garden Liability Waiver that I included with my registration.

Signature: _____ Date _____

LIABILITY WAIVER, RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

Creston Community Gardens, Grand Rapids, Michigan Carrier Street Community Garden

Liability Waiver

I, _____ have reviewed, understand, and agree to abide by the policies of the Creston Community Gardens and understand that use of any one of the Creston Community Gardens may be denied if policies or rules are not followed.

I assume full responsibility for myself, my property, and my guests while participating in the Creston Community Gardens and I hereby agree to expressly assume and accept all risks associated with gardening and the use of the Creston Community Gardens including, but not limited to, those caused by terrain, facilities, soil conditions, temperature, physical exertion, insect/rodent exposure, chemical exposure and actions of other people.

I understand that my use of the Creston Community Gardens is voluntary and I do so at my own risk. In consideration of being allowed to use one or both of the Creston Community Gardens, I hereby agree on behalf of myself and my executor's, etc. to waive, release, and forever discharge Creston Community Gardens, St. Alphonsus Catholic Parish, Creston Christian Reformed Church, Plainfield United Methodist Church, Creston Neighborhood Association and all other participating partners' officers, agents, employees, representatives, the garden team leaders, and all others from any and all responsibilities or liability for injuries (including death), damages or loss including claims or causes of action, including those caused by the negligent acts or omissions of any of the above mentioned, resulting from my use of the Creston Community Garden or any activities connected with the community garden.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(if two people share a plot, both should sign)

Gardener Information

Emergency Contact Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone: _____

PHOTO RELEASE: **CHECK**

Yes. I grant Creston Community Gardens permission to use my image.

No. I deny permission to use my image at all, and will express this preference when photo documenting takes place.

PLEASE DROP OFF, MAIL, OR EMAIL COMPLETED REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS (GARDEN APPLICATION FORM, SIGNED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COMMUNITY GARDEN AGREEMENT CONTRACT AND WIAVER OF LIABILITY) AND PAYMENT TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES:

Creston Neighborhood Association

205 Carrier Street NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49505

More Information:

Website – www.crestoncommunitygardens.org

Facebook Page - Creston Community Gardens (shared by Carman and Carrier)

Questions or Concerns:

Email – mbrown@crestongr.com

Telephone - (616)-454-7900

Carrier St. Garden Coordinator: Mac Brown

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

DATE RECEIVED: _____

PROCESSED BY: _____

____ *SIGNED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GARDEN AGREEMENT CONTRACT*

____ *SIGNED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GARDEN WAIVER OF LIABILITY*

____ *\$30 PAYMENT (\$20 APPLICATION FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE TO SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS)*

FINANCIAL AID – REDUCED DUES APPROVED

(ADVISORY COMMITTEE SIGNATURE)

GARDEN PLOT NUMBER _____ *DATE ASSIGNED* _____

PLACED ON WAITING LIST (DATE) _____

**Residents living within the Creston neighborhood will be given preference for plot availability*