



2019 Bismarck Community Garden Season

Registration is now open.

Thank you for your interest in the Bismarck Community Garden Program. The following information will assist you in learning more about our garden locations, changes from previous seasons, additions in 2019, season schedule, gardener obligations and registration process.

Our garden sites and plots are located at Hannifin Street west of the Municipal Ballpark, Tatley Park on Airport Road, GISI Park on E Calgary Ave and at Horizon Park on Medora Ave north of Horizon Middle School.

Although the same locations we do have some changes for 2019. They are;

The Hannifin Street-Municipal Ballpark Gardens will begin a reduction plan to accommodate additional parking development in 2019 by the Park District. This means that we have about 80 less plots than in 2018. (See all garden maps at bisparks.org/facilities/communitygardens.) We will still have 157 plots for 2019 and will accommodate as many as we can at the site by relocating the Organic Garden to a new garden site at Tatley for long term stability and incorporating support of the Hunger Garden within all the Community Garden locations. This will allow for what was the organic area and Hunger Garden in past years to be opened up for general gardener reservations.

We will have the Hannifin Gardens as outlined on the maps for the 2019 season with plans by the Park District to close the Hannifin Street Gardens at the end of the season. With that consideration we have begun looking for new locations in south Bismarck for garden plots...replacing the Hannifin Street location in 2020.

Other changes for 2019 are:

- The Organic Garden from Hannifin Street will be re-established on the east side of Tatley Park as North Garden C plots 1, 2, and 3 with expanded use for those interested in organic and sustainable gardening practices.

Generally Organic/Sustainable Gardening is:

A method of growing plants such that the garden is able to successfully sustain itself without requiring many outside resources, pesticides, or herbicides. Sustainable gardening is always organic. A sustainable garden is grown using soil amendments such as compost or other organic matter by using plants and methods that work harmoniously together to minimize weed growth, and provide a soil that's healthy enough to retain moisture and is rich in nutrients. Natural rather than chemical methods are used to adjust the pH, soil composition, and provide nutrients.

- Tatley Park Gardens have also expanded South Garden F with an additional 6-20x20 plots.
- Tatley North Gardens A and B are new for 2019 and will provide 68 new 10 x 10 plots.
- The Horizon Park Gardens will add 16 additional 10 x 10 plots
- Both Tatley and Horizon expansions will allow for gardeners at the Hannifin Street Gardens to relocate and for new gardeners in 2019.

Garden site maps can be found at bisparks.org/facilities/communitygardensandorchards.



The 2019 schedule and season is as follows.

REGISTRATION:

- *All 2019 Garden Registration “renewals” and change requests by 2018 gardeners will have first priority until April 14 with a postmark no later than April 14.
- ***New garden registration is also open to the general public and may be mailed in at any time. Final registration for new 2019 gardeners will begin on April 15th and be completed in the order they are received by mail.**
- * **All gardeners will receive a postcard with final garden and plot location confirming registration.**

GARDENING SCHEDULE: PLEASE keep in mind that all dates are weather dependent.

- *Spring tilling of gardens by the Park District will be completed by May 13th
- *Garden plots will be marked by May 20th.
- *Garden will open and be ready for planting May 24th.
- *Planting deadline to avoid being considered an abandoned plot is June 10th.
- *October 13th - **Garden Season Closes** and all clean-up of plots are completed by gardeners.

The 2019 Fees are as follow:

- * 10’ x 10’ plots at Hannifin, Tatley, GISI Park, and Horizon Park are \$15.00 per plot.
A maximum of 4 plots per person or organization may be reserved.
Two members of the same family or from an organization may rent up to 8 single plots.
- * Tatley North Organic/Sustainable Garden C are available either as single 10x10 plots up to 4 plots.
- * All designated 20’x20’ plots at Tatley Park are \$60.00.

**To register: *Complete the enclosed 2019 registration form, sign and return with payment by cash or check to: Bismarck Community Gardens
PO Box 3116
Bismarck, ND. 58502-3116**

Bismarck Community Gardens is now a member of the American Community Gardening Association a national organization of community garden groups, individuals and supporting organizations. Please visit their website at communitygarden.org for great resources, gardening insights and networks on community gardening.

Thank you for your participation in community gardening. If you have any questions or are in need of additional information, please contact me by email at bismarckgardens@gmail.com.

“It’s Gardening Time”!

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