



2020 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, 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.

The Hannifin Street-Municipal Ballpark Gardens was reduced to accommodate additional parking development in 2019. The good news is we are still gardening this year at Hannifin Street and no additional parking is planned in 2020. We are working with Bismarck Parks to add a few new plots in 2020 and, continue to support the Hunger Garden at Hannifin Street as well at other Community Garden locations.

Continued in 2020 will be:

- The designated Organic Garden will again be at Tatley Park on the east side North Garden C plots 1, 2, and 3 with expanded use for those both interested in organic and sustainable gardening practices. We encourage sustainable garden practices at all gardens and defined as follows:

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.

Garden weed barrier fabric available.

We have had conversations with Burleigh County Soil Conservation District and making available weed barrier fabric to interested gardeners as a pilot program for weed control and sustainable gardening method. Included in this program will be a workshop and demonstration site to learn implementation practices of fabric and soil health. More info will be forwarded to you as demonstration and location is developed.

Additional Resources:

Community Gardens: What are the Do's and Don'ts?

Google at: [The Farmer's Almanac Do's and Don'ts of Gardening.](#)

The Farmer's Almanac/Gardening section has many resources and great gardening tips.

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



The schedule for the 2020 season is as follows.

REGISTRATION:

- *All 2020 Gardener Registration “renewals” and change requests by 2019 gardeners will have first priority until April 12 with a postmark no later than April 12.
- *New garden registration is open to the general public and may be mailed in at any time. Final registration for new 2020 gardeners will begin on April 13th 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.

Weather dependent our site preparation schedule will be:

- *Spring tilling of gardens by the Park District will be completed by May 15th
- *Garden plots will be marked by May 22nd.
- *Garden will open and be ready for planting May 23rd.
- *Planting deadline to avoid being considered an abandoned plot is June 12th.
- ***October 11th - Garden Season Closes** and all clean-up of plots are completed by gardeners.

The 2020 Fees are as follow:

- * 10' x 10' plots at Hannifin, Tatley, GISI Park, and Horizon Park are \$15.00 per plot with 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 2020 registration form, sign and return with payment by cash or check to:
Bismarck Community Gardens
PO Box 3116
Bismarck, ND. 58502-3116

Thank you for your interest 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”!

Steven Neu
Bismarck Community Gardens Coordinator



2020 RULES AND OBLIGATIONS

These rules are intended for all gardeners' to enjoy the gardening opportunities we have in Bismarck and the spaces that are provided by the Bismarck Park District.

1. All gardeners are to be 18 years of age or older and must complete and sign a Community Garden Registration form, submit fees and receive plot(s) assignment before any gardening can begin.
2. **Assignment of garden plots at Hannifin St, at Tatley Park, GISI Park, and Horizon Park are awarded by registration only and with preference for 2020 plots given to prior year's participants first. The 2020 priority date is April 12. All open plots will be assigned after deadline for new garden registrations.**
3. Each gardener is responsible for the planting, maintenance, upkeep of their garden plot(s), harvesting their own plot(s), plot cleanup and any other garden related maintenance. Tall crops are not to be planted where they will shade neighboring plots.
4. Gardeners agree to have plot(s) planted by June 12, 2020 and keep maintained FOR THE SEASON. If plot(s) are not planted by June 10, the plot will be considered abandoned and subject to reassignment. No refunds will be made.
5. Tools are not provided by Bismarck Community Gardens. Hoses and watering faucets and some nozzles are available on site. To be assured of watering nozzles it is recommended that gardeners provide one for their use. After gardens will be tilled prior to the season by the Park District, gardeners at their own expense and equipment may till their plot(s) prior to planting.
6. Children and youth under 18 are welcome to participate in gardening but must be accompanied by an adult and supervised at all time.
7. It is recommended that dogs other pets are not brought to the gardens. If brought to the garden keep pets leashed at all times, out of neighboring gardens under your direct control and always clean up after them. This requirement is Subject to Park District Ordinance. Service animals are permitted.
8. It is recommended that plots are cared for at least once a week. If any plot remains unattended for more than three weeks that plot will be considered abandoned and subject to tilling or reassignment for care.
9. ALL gardeners are responsible to maintain their plots of weeds during the season.
10. The application of non-natural herbicides (weed killers) of any type to the garden plots is prohibited.
11. At the end of the growing season, gardeners are responsible for clearing their plot of all plant materials, markers, decorations, fencing and stakes. All material remaining after closing date will be discarded. The Park District will till the gardens in the fall as final cleanup on October 11, 2020.
12. The Bismarck Community Gardens LLC is responsible for the operation of the gardens by lease with the Bismarck Park District and that the rules are followed at all times. Neither Bismarck Community Garden, L.L.C., nor the Bismarck Park District is responsible for gardener or their guest's actions.



Bismarck Community Gardens 2020 Garden Plot Registration Form

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Contact Information: Phone: _____ E Mail: _____

(Please print clearly)

Did you have a garden plot last year? _____ Yes _____ No

Location _____ Hannifin St., _____ Tatley Park _____ GISI Park _____ Horizon _____

2020 Location Request:

I desire to stay at the same location as 2020: Yes _____ NO _____

My choice of garden location and plots for 2020 is:

- * 1____, 2____, 3____, 4____ 10X10 Plot(s) at Hannifin St Gardens
- * 1____, 2____, 3____, 4____ 10X10 Plot(s) Or 1 - 20x20 _____ Plot at Tatley Gardens
- * 1____, 2____, 3____, 4____ 10X10 Plot(s) at Tatley Organic/Sustainable Garden
- * 1____, 2____, 3____, 4____ 10X10 Plot(s) at Horizon Park/Medora Ave Gardens
- * 1____, 2____, 3____, 4____ 10X10 Plot(s) at GISI Park Gardens

My plot fee of _____ is enclosed for _____ plot(s).

The signed registration form and fee are required before the plot(s) can be assigned.

Please mark the areas that you would be interested in assisting with during the 2020 season.

____ Spring Site set up (marking garden plots)

____ Additional plots if abandoned plot is available for adoption

____ Serve on a Bismarck Community Garden Committee

I have read the Bismarck Community Garden Rules and understand my responsibilities and obligations to these guidelines, and I understand that neither the garden group nor owners of the land are responsible for my actions. I therefore agree to hold harmless the Bismarck Community Gardens LLC, and the Bismarck Park District owners of the land for any liability, damage, loss, injury or claim that occurs in connection with use of the garden or participation by me or any of my guests.

Signature _____ Date _____

Return Form with Registration Fee to:

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