



2021 GARDEN REGISTRATION

March 2021

Thank you for your interest in the Bismarck Community Gardens. The following information will assist you in learning more about our garden locations, season schedule, gardener obligations and registration process. Along with this letter you are receiving a copy of the Bismarck Community Gardens Rules and Obligations and a 2021 Garden Plot Registration Form for return.

Our 2021 garden sites have **one new site**. We have available 48 plots at the new Elk Ridge Park in NW Bismarck at 3620 Cogburn Road. Other plot locations will be the same as 2020 and are located at Municipal Ballpark on Hannifin Street, Tatley Park on Airport Road, GSI Park on E Calgary Ave and at Horizon Park on Medora Ave.

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

Bismarck Community Gardens continues to Support Organic/Sustainable Gardening at all garden sites with the following definition:

The growing of plants with methods that the garden can 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 is healthy enough to retain moisture and is rich in nutrients. Grass clippings, straw and fabric barriers are acceptable ground covers. Natural rather than chemical methods are used to adjust the pH, soil composition, and provide nutrients.

Fencing of your garden plot is allowed with seasonal fencing of mesh, rope or wire that can be removed at the end of the season. You may put a gate in the fence for access and lock the plot if you desire.

The schedule for the 2021 season, is as follows:

*All 2020 gardeners will again have first option to renew in 2021. Their option for renewal must be postmarked by April 9th. (Renewals will be accepted after the 9th with No guarantee of first request.)

***New 2021 Gardener plot registration will open to the general public on April 10th. New registrations may be mailed in prior to April 10th and will be registered by date postmarked after the 10th.**

Weather Dependent our 2021 site preparation schedule will be:

- *Spring tilling of gardens by the Park District will be completed on or about May 14th.
- *Garden plots will be marked by May 21st.
- *Gardens will open and be ready for planting May 22nd.
- *Planting deadline to avoid being considered an abandoned plot is June 11th.
- *October 11th - Garden Season Closes** and all clean-up of plots by gardeners is completed.



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The 2021 Fees are as follows:

- * All 10' x 10' plots at Hannifin, Tatley, GISI Park, Elk Ridge and Horizon Park are \$15.00 per plot with a maximum of 4 plots per person or organization. Two members of the same family may rent up to 8 single plots.
- * All designated 20'x20' plots at Tatley Park are \$60.00.

To register: *Complete the enclosed 2021 registration form, sign , indicate your location and number of plots desired and return with payment by cash or check to:

**Bismarck Community Gardens
PO Box 3116
Bismarck, ND. 58502-3116**

*Gardeners will be notified by mail with final registration and plot(s) assignment within 10 working days of receipt or by email if a location change is needed if a garden site is full.

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

"It's Gardening Time"!

Steven Neu
Bismarck Community Gardens Coordinator



2021 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, Elk Ridge and Horizon Park are awarded by registration only and with preference for 2021 plots given to prior year's participants first.** The 2021 priority date is April 10th. All plots after April 10th will be assigned on first come first serve as new gardener registrations.
3. Each gardener is responsible for the planting, maintenance, fencing, 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 11th, 2021 and keep maintained FOR THE SEASON. If plot(s) are not planted by June 11th, 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 and 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, 2021.
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 always followed. Neither Bismarck Community Garden, L.L.C., nor the Bismarck Park District is responsible for gardener or their guest's actions or injury.



Bismarck Community Gardens 2021 Garden Registration Form

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Contact Information: Phone: _____ E Mail: _____
(Please print clearly)

2021 Location Request:

My choice of garden location and number of plots for 2021 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 Horizon Park/Medora Ave Gardens
- * 1 __, 2 __, 3 __, 4 __ 10X10 Plot(s) at GISI Park Gardens
- * 1 __, 2 __, 3 __, 4 __ 10X10 Plot(s) at Elk Ridge Park

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 2021 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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