



March 2023

2023 Community Gardener,

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 2022 Garden Plot Registration Form for return.

Our 2023 garden sites are at **Elk Ridge Park** in NW Bismarck at 3620 Cogburn Road, at **Hannifin St** west of the **Municipal Ballpark**, **Tatley Eagles Park** on Airport Road, **Johnny GISI Park** on E Calgary Ave and at **Horizon Park** on Medora Ave.

**Garden site maps can be found at [bisparks.org/parks-trails/community-gardens/](https://bisparks.org/parks-trails/community-gardens/).**

**Bismarck Community Gardens Supports 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.

**Bismarck Community Gardens also supports the efforts of Hunger Free Gardens** and encourages participation by donating your excess produce and fruit to the local community food pantries or food programs of your choice.

A listing of the Bismarck/Mandan Food Pantry locations and hunger programs can be found at:  
**[bisparks.org/parks-trails/community-gardens](https://bisparks.org/parks-trails/community-gardens)**

**The schedule for the 2023 season, is as follows:**

\*All 2022 gardeners will again have first option to renew in 2023. Their option for renewal must be postmarked by April 8th. (Renewals will be accepted after the 9th with No guarantee of first request.)

**\* 2023 gardener plot registration will open to the general public on April 10th. New registrations may be mailed in prior to April 8<sup>th</sup> and will be registered by their date of postmark.**

**Weather Dependent our 2023 site preparation schedule will be:**

\*Spring tilling of gardens by the Park District will be completed on or before May 14th.

\*Garden plots will be marked by May 19th.

\*Garden will open and be ready for planting May 20th.

\*Planting deadline to avoid being considered an abandoned plot is June 10th.

**\*Garden Season Closes and all clean-up of plots must be completed by gardeners by October 8th.**

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- \* 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.

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.

**To register:**

**\*Complete the enclosed 2023 registration form, sign, indicate your location and number of plots desired and return with payment by cash or check to:**

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**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.

If I have any questions or need additional information, please contact me by email at [bismarckgardens@gmail.com](mailto:bismarckgardens@gmail.com).

**Thank you for your participation in community gardening  
"It's Gardening Time"!**

Steven Neu  
Bismarck Community Gardens Coordinator



## 2023 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, GSI Park, Elk Ridge and Horizon Park are awarded by registration only and with preference for 2023 plots given to 2022 gardeners first.** The 2023 priority date is April 9th. All plots after April 9th will be assigned on first come first serve including 2022 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 that gardening is for personal use (**NO Commercial Gardening**) and to have plot(s) planted by June 11th, 2023, and maintain the plot 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. ALL gardeners are responsible to maintain their plots of weeds during the season and 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, mowing and or reassignment for care.
9. The application of non-natural herbicides (weed killers) of any type to the garden plots is prohibited.
10. 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 of OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup> will be discarded. The Park District will till the gardens in the fall as final cleanup ON OCTOBER 9, 2023.
11. The Bismarck Community Gardens are operated by the Bismarck Farwest Rotary Club and is responsible for the operation of the gardens by lease with the Bismarck Park District and that the rules are always followed. Neither Bismarck Farwest rotary, nor the Bismarck Park District is responsible for gardener or their guest's actions or injury.





## 2023 New Gardener Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information: Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print clearly)

### 2023 Location Request:

My choice of garden location and number of plots for 2023 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 (\$15 for each 10x10 plot or \$60 for each 20x02 plot) is enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
This 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 2023 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 Bismarck Farwest Rotary nor owners of the land are responsible for my actions. I therefore agree to hold harmless the Bismarck Farwest Rotary Club, 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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