

2017 Growing Season



Cottage City Community Garden



The Cottage City Community Garden is an important neighborhood asset that provides local organic food to our community. The garden provides critical community networking, neighbor-to-neighbor interactions and team spirit that help to build strong and vibrant communities.

Garden Application

Garden Payment

☐ \$10 Application Fee

☐ _____ Donation

Name: _____ Application Date: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____ Birthday _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

GARDEN PARTICIPATION

Please select three areas that you would be interested in volunteering with during the season. Each gardener is expected to help during the season with general chores and committee projects.

☐ Fundraising

☐ Construction Projects

☐ Annual Planting

☐ Social Events

☐ Composting

☐ Fall/Spring Cleanup (planning)

☐ Garden Work Sessions (planning)

☐ Website/Communications

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name of Relative: _____

Relationship _____

Address: _____ Phone _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

PHOTO & VIDEO CONSENT

At various times during the season we will photograph and video We will be using the photos to document the Community Garden participation on our website and in print materials. If you consent to our requests, please sign in the appropriate space below. If you do not consent, please indicate that also.

I ☐ DO ☐ DON'T (Please check) consent to the taking and use of pictures as set forth above.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

SIGNATURE

I have read the Community Garden Rules and agree to comply with the rules established by the Cottage City Community Garden. I understand that failure to meet the guidelines will result in loss of gardening privileges.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

About the Garden

The Cottage City Community Garden opened in March 2010 as the first community garden in the Port Towns of Prince George's County. The garden is supported through partnerships with the Anacostia Watershed Society, Community Forklift, ECO City Farms, Port Towns Community Health Partnership, the Port Towns Youth Council and Cottage City Residents.

We see the importance of a 'community asset' like the garden in providing local organic food to our community and providing critical community networking and the type of neighbor-to-neighbor interaction and team spirit that helps to build strong communities.

As in any garden, there are many challenges – but in the midst of these challenges amazing signs of resiliency and neighborhood sustainability are taking root! The Cottage City Community Garden is an important part of making our community stronger and more resilient!

The Cottage City Community Garden operates from April until October each year.

The garden
is located

4222

Cottage
Terrace

Everyday,
Sunrise –
Sunset

Gatherings
are held
every **2nd**
Saturday in
the Garden
from March
- October



Visit the Garden online at
cottagecitygarden.com

CommunityGarden rules



Our main goal for the garden is to work together or next to each other in relative harmony while also sharing more in each other's culture and life experience. We hope that you will treat one another with respect, be courteous in all interactions, and work together to resolve any disagreements.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or complaints, please contact one of the Garden representatives at **cottagecitygarden@gmail.com**.

GARDEN ELIGIBILITY & RULES

The Cottage City Community Garden is open to all; however priority will be given to Cottage City residents. Raised Garden Beds will be allocated on a first come first served (based on the date the application is received) beginning on the second Saturday of March each year. In order to rent a bed, gardeners agree to:

- Sign and return rental contracts with **\$10 mandatory non-refundable annual fee**. The Cottage City Community Garden strives to make our garden accessible to residents of all backgrounds and income levels. **Please consider making an additional \$10 donation to support ongoing garden maintenance.**
- Grow food in garden plots for personal consumption. Food may not be grown for commercial purposes. Illegal crops may not be grown. Maintain garden beds and plants using organic materials and sustainable techniques.
- Keep the Garden Committee advised of your current address, email address, and telephone number; notify the Garden Committee of any change to your contact information.
- If a garden bed is unattended for up to 4 weeks during a growing season and the participant failed to notify a Garden Committee representative prior to his/her absence, the Garden Committee will consider the garden bed abandoned and it will be reassigned.
- Keep their garden plot and paths adjacent to their plot garden edges free of weeds, diseased plants, insect-infested plants and over-ripe vegetables. Please prevent vegetation from attacking paths and adjacent plots.
- All Community Garden participants are expected to join in the general clean-up, replanting and beautification of the Community Garden at the beginning and end of each growing season,
- Gardeners are encouraged to participate fully in the Cottage City Community Garden operations by attending meetings, volunteering for committees and participating in community workdays. A minimum of four (4) hours of communal labor and attendance in at least two (2) general membership meetings is required. Gardeners are responsible for their beds and the communal areas. All gardeners will be asked to sign-up for the monthly watering schedule.