

HARVEST FARM COMMUNITY GARDEN

Don't Miss Out!! Apply Now for a 2012 Harvest Farm Plot!



Don't miss your chance to be part of one of the country's hottest—and healthiest—trends by applying for a plot next year at Suwanee's Harvest Farm community garden. Applications will be accepted beginning on Wednesday, October 5th from 6:30-7:30 pm at the Harvest Farm barn, located in White Street Park. Any plots available after that time will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. Harvest Farm is Georgia's largest organic community garden and located in Suwanee's White Street Park. The garden features 76 plots, ranging in size from 5'x5' to 5'x14'. Annual fees are \$50-\$100, depending on the plot size; City residents receive a 25% discount. Fees cover one year's use of the plot, soil, water, and access to community tools, as well as social and educational programs.

HARVEST FARM COMMUNITY GARDEN

White Street Park
752 White Street
Suwanee, GA 30024

For more information:
Jessica Roth
jroth@suwanee.com ~ 770.945.8996

www.facebook.com/harvestfarmsuwanee



HARVEST FARM... GROWING A HEALTHIER SUWANEE

Harvest Farm Community Garden at White Street Park Guidelines and Policy Agreement



Harvest Farm is a City-owned suburban community garden in Suwanee, Georgia. In the spirit of the community garden movement, it is our wish to offer this green space as an educational component to promote natural and organic gardening practices. We'd like to welcome you and thank you for your interest in the garden! We look forward to growing with you. In order to obtain a plot, members must agree to the requirements below:

1. This is an annual contract commencing Jan. 1, 2012 through Dec. 31, 2012. The community garden is intended for the use of growing vegetables, fruit, flowers, and herbs (the legal ones).
2. A non-refundable, nontransferable annual membership fee is required for each plot, limit one plot per address. Plots are assigned on a first-come first-serve basis with priority given to City residents/property owners/taxpayers. City of Suwanee residents/property owners/taxpayers receive a 25% discount on the plot rental fee. Annual fees include use of land, utilities, basic community garden owned tools, and, when available, compost and mulch. Plot members will incur some personal expenses for their choice of seeds, plants, amendments, tools, etc.
3. Since the success of the garden depends upon the support of its gardeners, each plot member(s) must participate in at least 12 hours of community garden service a year for cleaning and general upkeep.
4. During the year, you will be responsible for keeping your plot planted, watered, harvested, weeded/mulched (including pathways around your plot), staked/pruned to prevent excess growth outside of plots, cleared of any dying or dead plants, and any other garden related maintenance, as all of these provide for a neat, attractive, cared-for appearance in the garden plot areas.
5. Please do not harvest, water, or tend to another plot member's garden unless given permission. For example, if another plot member goes on vacation and asks you to do so, this would be acceptable in order to prevent their plot from being reclaimed.
6. If your plot goes unattended for more than 2 continuous weeks of time, or is not planted by May 1, you will be notified by phone and/or email. You will have 1 week to resolve the situation or the Managing Board will reclaim the plot. No refunds will be given. The Managing Board reserves the right to give the plot to the next person on the waiting list.
7. Since weed seeds germinate and spread quickly, we ask that you be diligent in keeping your plot weed free. Remove and dispose of weeds properly in the appropriate designated place. Chemical herbicides are prohibited in this garden. Organic solutions are acceptable. *Please note:* For help with weed identification visit: University of Georgia : Weed Science @ <http://mulch.cropsoil.uga.edu/weedsci/> or noxious weeds visit: GA-EPPC - Georgia Exotic Plant Pest Council @ <http://www.gaepc.org/index.cfm>
8. Plot member(s) will agree to garden organically by refraining from using synthetic chemical fertilizers, pesticides, fungicides, and herbicides. In the spirit of promoting organic gardening practices in a shared environment, we ask that you seek the help of more experienced gardeners, if need be. See: http://www.georgiaorganics.org/growing/pests_diseases.php, for some examples of acceptable pest and disease controls like insecticidal soap, pyrethrum, neem oil, etc.
9. Water conservation will be practiced whenever possible by turning hoses off when not needed and mulching beds to hold moisture. For conservation resources visit: Gwinnett County, GA: Water Resources @ <http://www.gwinnettcounty.com/cgi-bin/gwincity/egov/ep/gcbrowse.do?channelId=-536881961&pageTypeId=536880236>
10. For the consideration, enjoyment, and safety of others in the garden, we ask that members be mindful of where tall crops are planted in plots to prevent shading neighboring gardens; recoil/remove/return hoses from pathways for safety; place trash and unwanted plant materials in their designated areas; and clean and return tools. Smoking, chewing tobacco and alcoholic beverages are not allowed. Children 12 years and younger must be accompanied and supervised by an adult in the garden. Keep pets out of the fenced garden area, and keep loud noise to a minimum.
11. Rules and policies are subject to change at any time. Please note, the Harvest Farm Managing Board, rather than the City of Suwanee, enforces these rules and policies and handles any disputes.
12. The City and Managing Board reserve the right to revoke plot membership and access for a failure to comply with the above-stated rules.
13. Happy harvesting!

By signing below, I agree to comply with the policies and guidelines of Harvest Farm at White Street Park. I understand that failure to abide by these guidelines and policies could result in forfeiture of my garden plot or other privileges. I understand this is a community garden and commit to its success by supporting and working with my fellow gardeners. I also understand and acknowledge that the City and Managing Board cannot warrant the viability or performance of my crops or plantings. Further, I understand and acknowledge that in the case of damage or destruction to any part of the garden and/or plots, the City or Managing Board are not obligated to restore same or to refund any membership fees or incurred costs. No insurance or guaranty is being provided for crops or plantings. I also understand that the City and/or Managing Board may take photographs and/or video recordings of my plot and/or my family and me participating in the garden. I hereby consent to the use of said images and recordings for the purposes of promoting the garden. Please make a copy of this agreement and keep for your records. If you have any concerns, questions or comments please contact: HarvestFarmCG@gmail.com. **Completed applications, with payment, may be turned in on Wednesday, October 5, 6:30-7:30 pm at the White Street Park barn. After that time, return to City of Suwanee City Hall, 330 Town Center Avenue, Suwanee, GA 30024, Attn: Harvest Farm Plot Applications.**

Please circle your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice for plot size. Please note, sizes are approximate.

1 2 3 Small (5' x 6'), fee = \$50 plot rental + \$15 application fee* = \$65 (\$52.50 if a City resident)

1 2 3 Medium (5' x 9'), fee = \$75 plot rental + \$15 application fee* = \$90 (\$71.25 if a City resident)

1 2 3 Large (5' x 12'), fee = \$100 plot rental + \$15 application fee* = \$115 (\$90.00 if a City resident)

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Print Name(s) _____

Street Address _____

City/Zip _____

Home Phone _____ **Mobile Phone** _____

Email _____

Please note, e-mail is the primary form of communication used so please ensure we have the best e-mail address for contacting you year-round. E-mail addresses are for the sole purpose of the community garden.

City of Suwanee Resident/Property Owner/Taxpayer (circle): yes no

Employee of a business in the City limits of Suwanee (circle): yes no **Location** _____

***\$15 Application Fee includes one adult-sized t-shirt per plot. Please circle the desired size. Additional shirts may be purchased for \$15.**

Adult: Small Medium Large X-Large

If you will be sharing a plot with other gardeners, please provide their name(s) and e-mail address(es):

Name	E-mail
_____	_____
_____	_____

Please list your name(s) as you would like it to appear in the Harvest Farm directory, i.e. The Smith and Davis Families, Linda Smith, Linda Smith and John Davis, L. Smith, etc.

I am interested in helping with the following committee(s):

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animals | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Social |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Charitable Giving | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> I am unable to help at this time |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Projects/Maintenance | |

What is your occupation or profession? Also, please share any special skills, interests, hobbies, talents or knowledge you have that may assist us with any educational sessions or special projects/events we might hold in the future.

Release and Waiver of Liability



This Release and Waiver of Liability (the "Release") executed on this _____ day of _____, 20____, by (the "Gardener") in favor of the City of Suwanee, GA., a Georgia Municipal Corporation, and its elected officials, employees, committee members, the Harvest Farm Managing Board, and citizens (collectively, "the City").

The Gardener desires to participate in the City's Harvest Farm Community Garden and engage in the activities related to being a gardener or volunteer (the "Activities") at Harvest Farm at White Street Park. The Gardener understands that the Activities may include, but are not limited to, tending garden plots, maintenance of the garden area, cutting grass, and other outdoor activities.

The Gardener hereby freely, voluntarily, and without duress executes this Release under the following terms:

Release and Waiver. Gardener does hereby release and forever discharge and hold harmless the City and its successors and assigns from any and all liability, claims, and demands of whatever kind or nature, either in law or in equity, which arise or may hereafter arise from Gardener's Activities with the City. Gardener understands that this Release discharges the City from any liability or claim that the Gardener may have against the City with respect to any bodily injury, personal injury, illness, death, or property damage that may result from Gardener's Activities with the City, whether caused by the negligence of the City or its elected officials, employees, committee members, or otherwise. Gardener also understands that the City does not assume any responsibility for or obligation to provide financial assistance or other assistance, including but not limited to medical, health, or disability insurance in the event of injury or illness.

Medical Treatment. Gardener does hereby release and forever discharge the City from any claim whatsoever which arises or may hereafter arise on account of any first aid, treatment, or service rendered in connection with the Gardener's Activities with the City.

Assumption of the Risk. The Gardener understands that the Activities include work that may be hazardous to the Gardener, including, but not limited to, lifting, use of machinery, and exposure to allergens. Gardener hereby expressly and specifically assumes the risk of injury or harm in the Activities and releases the City from all liability for injury, illness, death, or property damage resulting from the Activities.

Insurance. The Gardener understands that the City does not carry or maintain health, medical, or disability insurance coverage for any Gardener. **Each Gardener is expected and encouraged to obtain his or her own medical or health insurance coverage.**

Photographic Release. Gardener does hereby grant and convey unto the City all right, title, and interest in any and all photographic images and video or audio recordings made by the City during the Gardener's Activities with the City, including, but not limited to, any royalties, proceeds, or other benefits derived from such photographs or recordings and consents to the unrestricted use by the City of said images and recordings.

Other. Gardener expressly agrees that this Release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Georgia, and that this Release shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia. Gardener agrees that in the event that any clause or provision of this Release shall be held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such clause or provision shall not otherwise affect the remaining provisions of this Release which shall continue to be enforceable.

Gardener has executed this Release as of the day and year first above written. This release shall be executed by each person over the age of 18 who is participating in the Harvest Farm Community Garden.

Gardener #1 Signature: _____

Gardener #1 Printed Name: _____

Gardener #2 Signature: _____

Gardener #2 Printed Name: _____

Gardener #3 Signature: _____

Gardener #3 Printed Name: _____

Gardener #4 Signature: _____

Gardener #4 Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Release and Waiver of Liability for Minors



This Release and Waiver of Liability (the "Release") executed on this _____ day of _____, 20____, by (the "Gardener") in favor of the City of Suwanee, GA., a Georgia Municipal Corporation, and its elected officials, employees, committee members, the Harvest Farm Managing Board, and citizens (collectively, "the City").

The Minor desires to participate in the City's Harvest Farm Community Garden and engage in the activities related to being a Gardener or Volunteer (the "Activities") at White Street Park. The Guardian and Minor understand that the Activities may include, but are not limited to, tending garden plots, maintenance of the garden area, and other outdoor activities.

I, the legal guardian of this Minor, hereby freely, voluntarily, and without duress execute this Release under the following terms:

Release and Waiver. Guardian and Minor do hereby release and forever discharge and hold harmless the City and its successors and assigns from any and all liability, claims, and demands of whatever kind or nature, either in law or in equity, which arise or may hereafter arise from Minor's Activities with the City. Guardian and Minor understand that this Release discharges the City from any liability or claim that the Guardian and Minor may have against the City with respect to any bodily injury, personal injury, illness, death, or property damage that may result from Minor's Activities with the City, whether caused by the negligence of the City or its elected officials, employees, committee members, or otherwise. Guardian and Minor also understand that the City does not assume any responsibility for or obligation to provide financial assistance or other assistance, including but not limited to medical, health, or disability insurance in the event of injury or illness.

Medical Treatment. Guardian and Minor do hereby release and forever discharge the City from any claim whatsoever which arises or may hereafter arise on account of any first aid, treatment, or service rendered in connection with the Minor's Activities with the City.

Assumption of the Risk. The Guardian and Minor understands that the Activities include work that may be hazardous to the Minor, including, but not limited to, lifting, use of machinery, and exposure to allergens. Guardian and Minor hereby expressly and specifically assumes the risk of injury or harm in the Activities and releases the City from all liability for injury, illness, death, or property damage resulting from the Activities.

Insurance. The Guardian and Minor understand that the City does not carry or maintain health, medical, or disability insurance coverage for any Volunteer. **Each Parent/Legal Guardian is expected and encouraged to obtain his or her own medical or health insurance coverage for the Minor Volunteer.**

Photographic Release. Guardian and Minor do hereby grant and convey unto the City all right, title, and interest in any and all photographic images and video or audio recordings made by the City during the Minor's Activities with the City, including, but not limited to, any royalties, proceeds, or other benefits derived from such photographs or recordings and consents to the unrestricted use by the City of said images and recordings.

Other. Guardian and Minor expressly agree that this Release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Georgia, and that this Release shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia. Guardian and Minor agree that in the event that any clause or provision of this Release shall be held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such clause or provision shall not otherwise affect the remaining provisions of this Release which shall continue to be enforceable.

Guardian and minor have executed this Release as of the day and year first above written. This release shall be executed by each person under the age of 18, as well as the parent/legal guardian, who is participating in the Harvest Farm Community Garden.

Minor #1 Signature: _____

Minor #1 Printed Name: _____

Minor #2Signature: _____

Minor #2 Printed Name: _____

Minor #3 Signature: _____

Minor #3 Printed Name: _____

Minor #4 Signature: _____

Minor #4 Printed Name: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____