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A Little Bit about Us:

Growing White Plains is a community agriculture project of the City of White Plains. It began in 2010 with a community garden on the grounds of New York Presbyterian Hospital.

In the summer of 2012 Bethel Baptist Church and other houses of worship in White Plains joined with Growing White Plains to develop the beautiful garden on a parcel of land belonging to Bethel Baptist Church located on the corner of Prospect Street and Sterling Avenue in White Plains on.

Our Goal:

To grow healthy, organic, produce for the donation to local food pantries and soup kitchens.

To promote organic vegetable and fruit gardening for people of all ages.

To promote environmental awareness through educational programs.

To raise awareness of the health benefits of a diet rich in locally grown fruits and vegetables.

How Can You Get Involved?

This project welcomes the participation of any citizen, family or community group from the White Plains community.

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Welcome to the Bethel Community Garden Guidelines

1. All gardeners are required to register and attend orientation each year.
2. No pesticides or chemical fertilizers are to be used in the garden
3. No chairs, stools, buckets etc. are to be left out in the garden. We reserve the right to remove and dispose of any items left in the garden.
4. Any tools you borrow from the tool bin must be returned to the bin.
5. NO fences or unauthorized borders of any kind are to be erected around any garden parcels; the parcels can be separated by wood chip paths.
6. No pets allowed in the garden.
7. All gardens MUST be kept neat and clean, any parcel that is not kept neat and clean is at risk of being removed and reassigned to a new gardener.
8. Gardeners are required to maintain their parcels by regular weeding, watering, steaking and cleaning.
9. All gardeners should respect other gardeners and gardens. Reap only what you have sown!
10. To maintain the appearance of the garden and common areas, all gardeners are required to volunteer at least two hours in the beginning of the season and two hours at the end of the season for cleanup.
11. All garden parcels are to be actively used and maintained during growing season, if you are unable to use and maintain your parcel for any reason during a season, you need to inform the gardening coordinator so someone else can make use of it. Any overgrown or unused parcels will be removed.
12. No perennials or evasive plants are to be planted
13. We encourage the donations of fruits and vegetables to the Youth Bureau that will be distributed to local food banks and soup kitchens and local residents and organizations in need.
14. Please make sure you turn off the water spigot when you are done.
15. Please do not create any new garden parcels and only garden in your assigned area.
16. Please remove ALL garbage when you leave.
17. Gardening hours are seven days a week from dawn to dusk
18. All Gardens must be completely cleared and inspected at the end of the season
19. Please check the Growing White Plains website for weekly and monthly updates.

Growing White Plains Registration Form

City of White Plains Youth Bureau & Recreation & Parks Department
 For more information contact: Byron Smalls, 914-422-1378, x6720

First Name:	Last Name:
Address:	City:
Zip Code:	
Home Tel:	Cell :
Email:	
Emergency Contact:	Tel:
Emergency Contact:	Tel:
Please list any additional participants:	
Name:	Tel:
Name:	Tel:
Name:	Tel:

Membership in Growing White Plains involves a commitment to participate in the care of the Growing White Plains Community Garden. One Garden is located on the grounds of the New York Hospital, near the Bryant Ave. gate. Access to the garden will be through the main entrance to the hospital, off Bloomingdale Road by appointment only. The second garden is in partnership with Bethel Baptist Church on the grounds of the church's property on the corner of Sterling Ave. and Prospect Street. Growing White Plains will participate as they can and wish to in the work of the gardens. Members may be individuals, families or groups who wish to be part of the City-wide effort to grow healthy, organically grown food for them and/or for the distribution to needy members of the White Plains community. Garden members will receive orientation and training at an initial training session. If you wish to participate in this project, please fill out and sign the registration form, Garden Guideline and release of Liability forms and return them to Byron Smalls at the White Plains Youth Bureau. We will contact you regarding the training sessions and to work out the schedule for our participation in the garden project.

Release of Liability: In consideration of your acceptance of myself or that of my child/minor (in my legal custody) for participation in the activities/program/use of facilities of the City of White Plains and partners, I agree that I am aware of the inherent dangers and risk involved in these activities/programs. I agree for myself and or for my child/minor to release and hold harmless the City of White Plains it's officials, officers, agents, employees and volunteers from any against any and all liability, damages or claims of any nature arising out of or in any way related to my participation or that of my child/minor in these activities/programs except those things caused by the sole negligence of the City. I understand that the City of White Plains does not provide accident or medical insurance and I am financially responsible for any and all medical expenses whatsoever that I or my child/minor may incur. I have read, understand and agree with the terms of this release.

Signature of Registrant or Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: ____/____/____

CODE OF CONDUCT RELATING TO COMMUNITY GARDENS

CITY of WHITE PLAINS

Garden Location(Baldwin,NYP, Bethel): _____

Space # Assigned: _____

GARDENERS NAME (PRINT): _____

The State of New York recently updated its “*Interim COVID-19 Guidances*”. This Code of Conduct is intended to enable participants at the Community Garden's to acknowledge the personal responsibility involved in taking steps to protect those around them.

In order to reduce the risk of contracting COVID-19, I commit to abiding by all existing guidelines to ensure the safety of my family, other gardeners, staff and myself. I commit to reviewing these guidelines and understand that the City of White Plains may provide updates as additional information is available. It is my responsibility to stay apprised of these changes. I pledge the following:

- ___ (initial) participate in a daily self-assessments for COVID-19 exposure and symptoms;
- ___ (initial) follow social distancing guidelines, including wearing masks or appropriate face coverings while at the Gardens;
- ___ (initial) not participate in activities which are known to increase the potential spread of COVID-19;
- ___ (initial) not visit the Garden(s) if I am feeling ill or if I have any of the following symptoms, until cleared to return by a health care professional including but not limited to: Fatigue/feeling of tiredness; headaches; muscle pain or body aches; a temperature greater than or equal to 100.0° F (37.8° C); feel feverish/have chills, cough; nasal congestion / runny nose, loss of taste or smell; sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, shortness of breath or trouble breathing.

As a gardener, I understand that I have a personal responsibility to take steps to protect those around me, working to limit the spread of COVID-19 and ensure a safe environment for everyone.

I acknowledge that each Garden location may have different rules, regulations and protocols. I agree to abide by all terms including those that relate to days/hours of operation and visiting requirements/limitations. I understand that failure to abide by these terms will result in forfeiture of my garden plot as well as any produce that may grow or equipment/materials on the premises.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand and will abide by this Code of Conduct for Gardeners 2021. I recognize that COVID-19 is a highly contagious virus and it is possible to develop and contract the COVID-19 disease even if I follow all of the safety recommendations of the program and comply with the pledge. I further understand that even though the city is following the guidelines issued by the CDC and other experts to reduce the spread of infection, a COVID-19 free environment can never be guaranteed.

I understand that if I do not honor this pledge, I would be failing to comply with a legitimate program directive. I therefore could be subject to the appropriate accountability measures and disciplinary actions. I also understand that I have chosen to participate in this activity during a pandemic, and have voluntarily assumed the risk of contracting COVID-19.

Gardeners Signature: _____ DATE: _____