

Hospitality Grounds a Community Garden at St. Luke's 2013 Plot Request Form

FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

Please provide us with contact information for other individuals that will share your plot. This information will not be shared with anyone, although we may contact them with program announcements, activities, and information.

NAME: _____

PHONE: (HOME) _____ (CELL) _____

EMAIL: _____

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EMAIL: _____

Please indicate your area of experience (Check all that apply)

- I am a new to gardening and want to learn!
- I have experience in vegetable and/or herb gardening
- I have experience in annual and perennial gardening
- Commercial vegetable/fruit production (farming)
- Other

Years of gardening experience: _____

What would you like to learn? (Check all that apply)

- Gardening Techniques
- Preparing Fruits and Vegetables
- Care for Flowers
- Neighborhood Involvement

How did you hear about Hospitality Grounds? (Check all that apply)

- Hospitality Grounds volunteers
- St. Luke's Church
- Email/Flyers/Signs

- Community Event/Council
- Neighbor, Friend or Family Member
- Radio
- Blog
- Other

How would you like to fulfill your community hours? (please indicate 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice)

Put me to work at the garden hauling, digging, building, or other physical labor.

I'm more interested in other projects that aren't as taxing physically.

I have some gardening, building or other experience and can lead work groups at the garden.

Details: _____

I've got an idea for a class or program I could lead.

Details: _____

I have a little more time and would like to participate in planning, decision making and/or leadership.

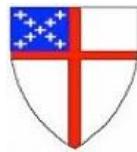
I have another idea.

Details: _____

Do you require special accommodations? If so, please explain any mobility limitations and specific requirements.

PRINT NAME: _____ **SIGNATURE:** _____

DATE: _____



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Hospitality Grounds a Community Garden at St. Luke's Information & Policies 2013

Welcome to the 2013 gardening season!

Hospitality Grounds a Community Garden at St. Luke's is a local volunteer organization. We foster opportunities to build community and grow local, sustainable food. Our community gardening policies and procedures are important for all community gardeners to understand. If you have any questions about this information, please call Beckie (St. Luke's parish administrator) at 435-649-4900 or email beckie@stlukespc.org, and she will put you in touch with one of the garden coordinators.

In our community garden, gardeners pay a fee each year. In return they receive a raised bed, soil inputs, access to water, tools and helpful information about gardening. Individuals that are granted a plot are allowed to share their plot with others if they choose. Our gardeners are expected to use organic methods and products, which means that we do not allow the use of nonorganic herbicides, pesticides, or fertilizers.

Is Community Gardening for You?

A community garden is a place where people of many different backgrounds join together for the common goal of gardening. It is important to understand that gardening in a community garden is much different than gardening at home. A community garden is a shared space, where we need to be considerate of other people and their plants. You will need to make the time to come to the garden -it won't be as easy as stepping into your back yard. The following information may be useful to you if you are thinking about becoming a community gardner.

Hospitality Grounds is run by volunteers. The purpose of our community gardening program is to build community through providing access to land, water and general garden administration. The care and maintenance of the garden is the collective responsibility of the community gardeners. Your participation is what makes the garden a success!

A Typical Growing Season

A garden plot requires time and constant effort at least 6 months out of the year in order to produce a healthy harvest. Here are some basic tasks that will be required of you:

- **Preparing Your Plot.** You must clear your plot of weeds on or before our Spring Garden workday, which is held on or around May 1st of each year. Nonorganic herbicides, pesticides, and fertilizers are not allowed. Healthy soil leads to healthy people. Loosening your soil and adding inputs such as compost, silt and/or sand before you plant will make your plants healthier and more resistant to pests and disease.
- **Planning.** You must take care in planning your garden, placing plants in places where they will grow best, and close to the drip irrigation lines. You may want to consider buying and starting your seeds a few months in advance. Part of planning is choosing plants that grow well in our climate. Park City is a high altitude desert, which means that conditions are cooler, drier, and sunnier than average. Sun tolerant cool weather crops such as carrots and peas grow well here. Warm weather crops, such as watermelon and tomatoes, are more challenging and may not be good choices for our climate.
- **Planting.** To take advantage of the full growing season, it is recommended that planting is started in early June. Plots must be planted by June 16th. If a gardener has not used his/her plot by this date, the plot will be given to another

gardener. The plot fee will not be returned. A second planting mid-late summer is recommended to take full advantage of the growing season. Many cool weather crops flourish then and can give you a second harvest!

- **Providing Water.** Seedbeds must be hand-watered daily until sprouts appear above ground. Seedlings may need to be hand-watered daily for the first two weeks. Once plants are established, they will need to be monitored to determine if the drip irrigation system is adequate. Because of the intense sun at the garden, some plants may still need additional hand watering.

- **Weeding.** Time will be needed to keep weeds down in your plot and its surrounding pathways. By getting to weeds early in the spring, you will save on time and effort later in the season. Plenty of volunteer hours are available to help control Dyer's Woad, thistle, and other noxious weeds.

- **Harvesting.** As plants mature and begin to produce you must be there to harvest the fruits of your labor – the best reward of gardening! Keeping ripe produce picked reduces garden pests and vandalism.

- **Preparing for Winter.** At the end of the season, the deadline to remove dead plant material from your plot is 10/14/13. Your soil will require a boost after giving so much to you throughout the growing season. Reward your soil by loosening it, incorporating aged compost and dried leaves, and/or planting cover crops.

Time Requirements

As with any other part of life, the more time you invest in gardening, the better your garden plot will be. It is recommended to visit the garden most days to observe the growth of your garden. Generally, people spend 3-5 hours during each week observing the growth of their garden and tending their plot. Community Gardeners are also required to contribute 10 hours during the season to tend common areas, do general garden maintenance, and attend our mandatory Spring Garden Workday. A community garden takes a lot of work to run well, and everyone is expected to participate. (Many hands make light work.) Some examples of community responsibilities are maintaining paths, fixing tools, weeding common areas, and organizing social events.

Cooperation

This project will be more successful as all of our gardeners work together. We ask that in addition to your annual plot fee, you also make a contribution of your time by participating in the Spring Garden workday, as well as general maintenance throughout the season. Each gardener is expected to contribute 10 volunteer hours to the community during the year. It is recommended that each gardener fulfills half of their hours by July 15th, and the other half after this date. If the 10 hours are not fulfilled, the plot will not be renewed.

Benefits and Rewards

Planting amidst a community of plots is different than home gardening. Gardeners learn many things from each other and have opportunities to interact with other plot holders. Learning within a community is beneficial because each person has the freedom to experiment, and to learn from watching others. Also, people of different cultural backgrounds garden differently; if our community garden is culturally diverse, you may be surprised at what you'll learn even if you've been gardening many years. Community gardens are common ground for growing plants that feed, heal and give aesthetic pleasure. They are civic spaces where people work and recreate to nourish themselves, their families and friends; the gardeners' shared labor also builds a stronger sense of belonging to their physical environment and connection to other gardeners. Community gardens are the collective effort of people with the patience and determination to make things grow. Hospitality Grounds is inclusive and welcoming to all people. Regardless of age, education, religious affiliation, language barrier, or disability, all gardeners are expected to participate in the upkeep of the garden.

Hospitality Grounds can provide translation upon request so that all can share the work. By choosing to be in a community garden, you'll be gardening in close proximity to others.

Requesting a Plot

If you are interested in becoming a Community Gardener, please complete the Plot Request Form and return by 4/1/13. If space is available, you will be notified by 4/8/13 that you are eligible for a plot and invited to register for your plot. Each gardener is entitled to one 4'x5' plot for one year starting on May 1st. You are welcome to register for more than one plot if space is available. If space is not available, you will be added to the waiting list and notified when a plot becomes available.

Registering for a Plot

When you are awarded a plot, you will receive instructions on payment and registering by 4/8/13. A \$50 garden plot rental fee is payable on or before 4/17/13. A \$25 deposit is also required on or before 4/17/13, and will be returned at the end of the year if the plot is left in satisfactory condition, including but not limited to the condition of the soil, the absence of weeds, and the condition of the raised bed infrastructure on the plot. If a gardener does not register and pay for the plot by 4/17/13, the plot will be given to another gardener.

Land

Hospitality Grounds is located on land owned by the Episcopal Diocese of Utah, and is the location of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Park City. Planting of vegetables herbs, fruit and flowers are allowed on individual plots in the garden. No county declared noxious weeds are permitted on individual plots. Please be considerate of neighboring plots and refrain from or limit the planting of any fast spreading plants such as mint. No nonorganic herbicides, pesticides, or fertilizers are allowed. Our goal is to create and nurture healthy soil and a healthy human environment in the garden. Because plant and soil health deteriorates with the use of nonorganic products, they are not allowed our community garden. Gardeners using nonorganic herbicides, pesticides, and/or fertilizers will lose their gardening privileges! If in doubt about the nature of a particular product, please check with the Garden Steward. *Note: we do not require that seeds are certified organic.*

Garden Address: Hospitality Grounds, a Community Garden at St. Luke's 4595 North Silver Springs Drive, Park City, UT 84098

Parking

There is plenty of parking the St. Luke's parking lot. Please do not park on Silver Springs Drive.

Children

The Hospitality Grounds community values children in the garden. The garden is a place of relationship, discovery and learning for all ages. For safety, children must be with an adult at all times. As the garden is open to the road and during varying hours the parking lot is quite busy, please keep a close eye on your child/children.

Restrooms

Due to varying meeting hours, the church may be locked when you experience the call of nature. The nearest restroom at this time is located behind the church at the 'Blue Roof' 7-11.

Pets

Pets are welcome in the garden, but must be with their owner at all times as the garden is open to the road, as well as the neighboring elementary school. You are responsible for your pets, please clean up after them and see to it that they respect other plots. Regretfully, pets that cause destruction or safety issues will be asked to stay home.

Weeds and Trash

It is the gardeners' responsibility to weed their plots on or before our Spring Garden workday, which is held on or around May 1st of each year. It is also the gardeners' responsibility to control the weeds and trash in their own plots and adjacent pathways during the season, and to clear their plot of all additional materials and debris at the end of the season. Because weeds take nutrition away from the soil, gardeners should keep their plot free of weeds as much as possible, and it is recommended to incorporate mulch on the topsoil of the garden bed to keep the weeds from germinating. Gardeners are also required to assist with weeding common areas.

Water

Hospitality Grounds will maintain the automatic drip irrigation system. Please do not alter the system in any way. Please report any problems or leaks to the Garden Steward. The drip system is a water-efficient method of garden irrigation. You can help ensure that water is not wasted, and greatly reduce your garden's water needs by using mulch.

No Rebar

For safety reasons, rebar is not allowed for staking or trellising unless permission is granted by the Garden Steward.

Theft

Each plot is privately leased and although this is a Community Garden, the food grown is not for the community. Please take only the food that you grew in your own plot. Tools and other materials on site are for garden use only. Stealing of any kind is not permitted and will result in immediate loss of gardening privileges and forfeiture of any crops remaining in the garden.

Disrespectful Behavior

Disrespectful or abusive language, or destructive behavior (including vandalism) may result in the immediate loss of all gardening privileges, and forfeiture of any crops remaining in the garden.

Notification

All plots will be inspected on a regular basis. Gardeners of plots that have not been planted, are weedy, or do not meet any other guidelines, will be notified. Failure to respond within 14 days will result in forfeiture of the plot. It is the responsibility of the gardener to notify the Garden Steward if no longer able to tend their plot. Plot fees will not be returned.

Hospitality Grounds' Responsibilities

Hospitality Grounds will administer the Community Gardening Program and register gardeners and assign available plots. When possible, Hospitality Grounds will provide infrastructure, soil inputs, tools, technical assistance and skills training. In addition, Hospitality Grounds will manage water and drip irrigation systems and pay for water use. Hospitality Grounds reserves the right to make changes or exceptions to policies where and when appropriate.