

## **South Sloan's Lake Community Garden**

**Soil in the raised beds is 100% Bio Comp from A1 and is organic.**

### **South Sloan's Lake Community Garden Rules and Etiquette**

- Use water spigots and hoses with care, water only your plot.
- Confirm water is turned off after each use and do not leave any hoses, including soaker hoses, unattended. A gardener MUST remain on the premises while his/her garden is being watered. The garden cannot allow excess water to drain onto the street or adjacent property. E-mail sloanscommunitygarden@gmail.com to report water issues.
- Only leashed pets allowed – no pets allowed in or on the raised beds.
- The garden does NOT have any trash for weed disposal – please take any trash or weeds with you when you leave.
- ABSOLUTELY NO vaping or smoking of any kind, nor cultivation of any marijuana crops.
- NO non-organic or synthetic herbicide or pesticide use of any kind.
- Stay on paths.
- Ask before picking produce from any plot.
- If you listen to music, wear headphones.
- Return equipment to the storage benches and clean up at the end of each visit.

### **Garden Information**

- Garden season runs from March until November. Gardeners are welcome to work in garden plots only between these dates.
- Gardens are open from 6am to 10pm. Please be respectful of your neighbors.
- Water and hoses are available June 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>, this is weather dependent so may be sooner or later depending on season.
- Some tools and hoses are available in the storage benches.
- Trash and composting are NOT provided, you must take this with you when you leave. DO NOT use any nearby dumpsters.
- Key information and important dates will be communicated through e-mail and the garden bulletin board.
- Ownership of applied inputs – fertilizers and other approved amendments – is transferred to the District at season's end. Adding inputs to a plot does not guarantee future ownership of that plot.

### **Gardeners are Responsible for:**

- A clearly worked, weeded, and harvested plot all growing season.
- Seeds and plants.

- Organic fertilizer.
- Hand tools.
- Maintaining current address, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses with the Garden Steering Committee.
- Obeying all rules and etiquette.

### **Plot Assignments**

- Plot registration opens January for returning gardeners and February 1<sup>st</sup> for new gardeners - Interest should be e-mailed to sloanscommunitygarden@gmail.com
- Each gardener may register for a maximum of 1 plot per adult per household. Must be 18 years of age to register for a plot. Additional plots may be purchased after May 1<sup>st</sup> if there are vacancies.
- Every effort will be made to assign returning gardeners their plot(s) from the previous year but *cannot* be guaranteed. Should an assigned plot remain fallow, that tenant will lose that plot's Right of First Refusal for the following year.
- Gardeners will receive their plot number after registration.
- Prior to entering the garden to work each gardener must pay the plot fee (annually).
- Garden plots are non-transferable (to other gardeners) except through the Steering Committee.

### **Refunds/Revocation**

- The Steering Committee has the right to revoke plots for any reason, including failure to comply with the stated rules.
- No refunds will be issued for plots that have been revoked.
- Plots which remain unplanted after June 15<sup>th</sup> or have become overgrown with weeds at any point in the season, will be qualified as "abandoned". At this time, the Steering Committee will attempt to contact the gardener. If arrangements cannot be made to maintain the plot, it will be revoked.

### **Plot Neglect/Abandonment**

- Plots must be obviously worked and weeded by May 1<sup>st</sup>, weather permitting.
- By June 15<sup>th</sup> any abandoned or unworked plots will be reassigned, and no refund given.
- Plots eligible for reassignment will be made available first to the wait-listed registrants and then to the existing gardeners on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Plot Maintenance**

- Plots must be reasonably maintained – meaning weeds are under control and plants are regularly cared for, pruned, watered, and harvested.
- By November 1<sup>st</sup> all plants must be removed as well as any garden accessories.
- Leaves/organic matter may not be stored onsite in the off season.