



Community Garden and General Membership Application

Plot Holder Name(s) _____

Children under 18 _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email _____

How did you contribute to the community garden last year?

What would you like to do to contribute to the community garden in the coming year?

_____ **Garden Membership \$25**

_____ **PHCDC Individual Membership \$10**

_____ **Total amount enclosed**

Memberships begin January 1, 2016, and are valid for one (1) year. Please provide a check or money order made out to "Penn Hills Community Development Corporation" and hand deliver to garden coordinator Kristin Hauman.

Gardener's Agreement

1. I will have my plot cleared and weeded by May 1, and planted by June 1, then keep it maintained all year long. I will keep my plot weeded throughout the entire year, *including spring and fall*, as well as the pathways around my plot *all the way up to my neighbor's plot*. I will adhere to the Rules and Regulations posted in the garden.

2. For each plot that I hold, I will make an effort to donate at least 5 lbs. of produce to the food pantry or charity of my choice and weigh and record donations in the binder under the pavilion. 1 plot = 5 lb. donation, 2 plots = 10 lb. donation. (Larger donations welcomed and encouraged!)

3. For each plot that I hold, I will attend one scheduled work day. 1 plot = 1 work day, 2 plots = 2 work days.

4. I am welcome and encouraged to take part in planning the organization, budget, and goals of the garden, through participation at meetings where decisions about the garden are made.

5. I will support all the members of the community garden by offering help and assistance where needed. If I see weeds that need to be pulled, trash that needs to be picked up, or something that needs to be fixed or cleaned, I will pitch in to take care of it. I understand that the garden is a volunteer effort and all members are equally responsible for the appearance, sense of community, and overall success of the garden.

Release and Indemnity

By signing this form, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless all officers, agents and employees of the Penn Hills Community Development Corporation and the Municipality of Penn Hills, from all claims, damages or actions of any kind resulting from acts or omissions, whether negligent or otherwise, which occur as a consequence of participation in or attendance at any program.

I have read and fully understand the above Release and Indemnity.

Media Waiver

I hereby give permission for the Penn Hills Community Development Corporation to use any image, audio or video of my person or property in any of their publicity materials.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Becoming a member means contributing to the grounds maintenance, events, and/or sense of community at the garden. One person can't do it alone, but if everyone contributes in a way that they are able, then our garden will continue to be a success!! Here is a list of opportunities to help at the garden this year:

- Lead a work day at your convenience during any evening or weekend. We need LOTS of folks to lead work days and make them fun. Please help!
- Organize the annual “What Grows In the Garden” cookout.
- Organize the annual “Fits on a Stick” cookout.
- Write a blog post with photos.
- Turn the compost one time, when needed.
- Monitor water levels and fill tanks as necessary. (It takes approximately 30 minutes to fill each 300 gallon tank).
- Give orientation tours to new members and make them feel welcome the first year.
- Coordinate a work day with a community volunteer group.
- Coordinate food donations.
- Financial secretary: Keep track of who has paid dues and garden expenses.
- Take an inventory of all tools and equipment on site.
- Keep tabs on the satellite garden at the Senior Center in case they need anything.
- Mulch and prune fruit trees. (You may wish to become a certified Tree Tender.)
- Weed and water a section of the flower bed on the front exterior of the garden.
- Care for a section of the berry gardens by weeding regularly.
- Prune and trellis the raspberry bushes as needed.
- Plant and care for half of the herb garden.
- Get three quotes for gravel for our driveway and make a recommendation.
- Research the feasibility of buying a small shipping container for on site storage.
- Cut grass inside the fence one time with our lawn mower.
- Regularly look around the garden for knotweed creeping in, and remove it.
- Note what beds appear to need a little extra love and contact members to find out if they need help or assistance. Let a site coordinator know the status—you do NOT have to work on the bed.
- Regularly check one section of the fence line for breaks and keep the base of the fence free of weeds.