January 23, 2020

Gardeners,

As we hopefully start seeing the light at the end of a long winter tunnel, we at the Grand Forks Park District would like to communicate with you with regards to the 2020 gardening season. We have made some slight changes for the 2020 season:

- There will be no reserving of garden plots. Garden plots will be assigned on a first come first serve basis.
- We will start accepting payments, signed agreements, and issuing garden plot assignments on March 10th, 2020 on a first come first serve basis.
- To be assigned a garden plot, payment and signed agreement must be submitted at the Grand Forks Park District Office, 1060 47th Ave S, Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. At that time, you may select your garden plot on a first come first serve basis. Garden plot must be paid for and agreement signed before your garden plot is assigned.
- Payment will be accepted in the form of cash, check, or credit card.
- Each garden plot will be 20’ by 40’ for a fee of $50.00. We will allow a maximum of 2 garden plots per household.
- There will be no refunds.
- Enclosed is the Community Garden Plot Agreement.
- Enclosed is a Garden Plot Map which identifies the locations of the garden plots.

Any questions may be directed to the Grand Forks Park District @ (701) 746-2750 or e-mail at gfponds@gfponds.org.

Thank you,

Grand Forks Park District
COMMUNITY GARDENS

WEEDS
Please keep your garden free of weeds – this includes the area outside of fences too. Please weed up to the first few inches into the aisles. We’ll get the rest.

Overgrown gardens will be given one warning and then tilled over if not addressed in a timely manner.

PLANT WASTE
Please dump all plant debris into the on-site wheelbarrows we will provide. On the map, you will find the three wheelbarrow dump sites marked with a star ☀.

HOSES
Please try to keep the hoses reasonably tidy and unraveled. Remember to close the nozzle when finished with use. If you are the last person using the hose, please turn that hose off at the source (in front of plots 1, 2, 3) before leaving. Please report any leaks as soon as possible!

Questions or Concerns? Contact Us.
701-746-2750 | gfyparks@gfparks.org
Community Garden Plot Agreement

The Grand Forks Park District provides garden plots for individuals to rent during the growing season. These garden plots provide recreation activity and promotes healthy lifestyles by growing fruits, vegetables and by maintaining the garden. These garden plots are made available in accordance with the following terms and provisions for each tenant.

1. Tenant shall have the right to plant, cultivate, and harvest products from their respected garden plot(s). The Grand Forks Park District agrees to till the garden plots in the spring and fall but does not guarantee the texture or quality of the soil. The garden plots may need additional tillage or raking before it can be seeded or planted.

2. Plots will be 20 X 40 feet in size and will be identified by a number with boundaries indicated by wood stakes. **There will be a limit of two garden plots per household due to the high demand.**

3. The tenant shall pay a $50.00 rental fee for each plot. This $50.00 fee covers the garden plot land rental, water usage, and maintenance of the garden plot area for the growing season. **Your plot must be paid for and this agreement signed before your lot # will be assigned.**

4. The Grand Forks Park District main office, located at 1060 47th Avenue South in ICON Sports Center building, will collect the fees and accepts cash, credit card, or checks.

5. Water use is through a hydrant with garden hose connections on it. Water is a privilege and we need to use it wisely. **Sprinklers are not allowed. Please turn the water off after you are finished. If this privilege is abused, hoses or meters are damaged, or conflicts between gardeners arise; the water will be shut off permanently.**

6. Tenant WILL keep his/her garden weeded regularly. The Grand Forks Park District will pick up piles as needed. Please use good horticultural practices to control the growth of weeds in and around the border of your garden plot. **If you fail to do so, the Grand Forks Park District has the right to till up your plot. The Grand Forks Park District will give one warning. Please be considerate of your neighbors.**

7. At the end of the growing season, tenant agrees to remove all wood, metal, glass, corn stalks, stakes, and other foreign materials including the foliage of plants grown in your garden. Garden plots must be free of debris for fall tillage. **Tenants will be required to have their garden plots cleaned out by October 23, 2020.** The Horticulture Department has limited staff and are unable to spend extra time cleaning up after people. **If your garden plot is not cleared out by this date, you will not be able to come back the following year for a garden plot.**

8. Tenant must provide all their own seeds, plants, and tools to maintain their garden plot.
9. Removing produce from garden plots rented by other tenants without consent is illegal and will be dealt with per the law.

10. Tenants are restricted to gardening their own area. Children are prohibited to wander into other plots and pets must be on a leash.

11. Tenant agrees to make no claim and expressly waives claims against the Grand Forks Park District on all matters of personal injury, loss, and or damage. Tenant further agrees to garden at his/her own risk and make no claim against the Grand Forks Park District for failure of their garden to produce due to insects, rodents, disease damage, weather damage, or any other act of Mother Nature.

12. Due to the limited number of garden plots and the high demand, no refunds will be given under any circumstances.

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Name (Print)                                               Signature

_________________________________________  ______________________________________
Phone Number                                               Date

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E-Mail Address                                             Address

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Office Use Only

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Garden Plot # - Assigned by Grand Forks Park District Staff