Garden History

The Lindstrom Community Gardens began in 2014 with approval of the Lindstrom City Council to utilize city owned green space for a garden area. It is fully supported by volunteers, with donations from local businesses, local clergy, individuals and grants from SHIP (State Health Improvement Program), St Croix Medical, United Health Group and CenturyLink.

Each Garden member is expected to donate time in supporting the garden.

For the 2016 growing season we are excited to partner with the Chisago County Master Gardeners (CCMG).

A Master Gardener will be available on site to provide advice and education during the growing season.

We are looking forward to the upcoming gardening season!
GARDEN REGISTRATION

Individuals interested in joining the Community Garden can pick up a registration form at Lindstrom City Hall or by downloading the form from the City of Lindstrom web site http://www.cityoflindstrom.us/ (look for "community garden" under Residents News).

The cost of one 144 square foot (12x12 or 10x14) plot is $15. Multiple plots can be obtained. (2 plots: $30, 3 plots: $45)

Volunteering

The Community Garden is a volunteer cooperative. Each member is expected to volunteer time in a minimum of 2 areas:

Site maintenance
Garden improvements
Summer picnic
Communications

Questions can be directed to:

Rules, Terms and Conditions for Participation

- Gardening is allowed between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. (No power tool use until after 8 am)
- Each gardener is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their garden plot. Watering, weeding, harvesting and any other garden related maintenance are all the responsibility of the gardener. Gardeners may arrange for others to water their plots. Plots not planted by June 15th may be reassigned (unless conditions or crops require otherwise).
- Garden tools and any other equipment must be provided by the gardener. We will attempt to establish a loaner stash on the property nearby.
- Children under 12 should be accompanied by an adult, under close supervision for the safety of all.
- Garden plots should be cared for at least once a week. Neglected plots may be reassigned.
- You must remain at the plot while watering. (Do not leave the water running when you leave the area.)
- The use of herbicides (commercial weed, or fungal killers) and non-organic pesticides on garden plots is prohibited.
- Gardeners may only harvest from their own plots.
- Plots are assigned on a first come basis.
- Each fall, gardeners are responsible for clearing their plot of all plant material and leaving the plot as they found it in the spring.

Thank you for your cooperation!!

GROWING GRANTS

For 2016, the local Clergy Association has donated funds for six $50 Growing Grants to low income individuals.

Grant applications can be obtained at the Lindstrom City Hall and will be awarded on a first come basis.

The grant covers the cost of one garden plot and includes gift certificates to the Chisago Lakes High School Green House, Chisago City Farmers Market and Lindstrom Hardware to purchase plants, seeds and gardening tools.

In return for receiving the grant, individuals must volunteer 4 hours of time to a program within the Chisago Lakes Area.