

## **Ann Street Community Garden FAQ's/What to Expect in 2015**

Ann Street Community Garden was created for the benefit of neighbors, clients at Brighton Center and approved groups who want to grow a row for their organization.

We want happy gardeners, so it is important to set appropriate expectations for the coming season. All of the guidelines are spelled out in the Gardener's Agreement, but we wanted to point out a few things:

### **What will I be expected to do/provide?**

You will be required to....

- Attend a gardener's class in March.
- Put in at least 3 hours per year of "sweat equity" to help keep common areas clean and weeded throughout the season.
- Sign and abide by The Gardener's Agreement and Waiver.
- Bring in your own seed and/or plants (some seeds and starts may be provided by Ann Street Community Garden).
- Maintain your own plot during the growing season and clear it at the end of the season

### **What will be provided?**

The following will be provided to all plot owners:

- 4' x 8' raised bed, (*One can expect to grow 50 to 80 lbs of produce per season*).
- Water access starting in April.
- Walks covered with wood chips (*we will replenish wood chips in spring*)

Special for our opening year -2015- we will provide:

- The garden fee is waived for the first year.
- Some free plant starts and seeds of plants that grow well in our area.
- Mentor/teacher for new gardeners to help you determine what to grow, when to plant, how to harvest and how to maintain your garden plot.

### **Can I grow anything I want in my garden?**

You can grow mostly what you want. We would rather you not grow certain invasive plants like mint or morning glory, or crops like corn, which does not do well in small gardens. Potatoes or sweet potatoes use a lot of space. These gardens are primarily for food so, while some flowers are good, please don't grow only flowers.

### **What grows best in these gardens?**

The most popular crops for small gardens for this region are tomatoes, peppers, kale, collards, lettuce, spinach, carrots, onions, broccoli, okra, and eggplants.

We will provide lots of information to help you make successful garden choices. The Kentucky Agricultural Extension Service is a great source of ideas.

### **2015 Calendar:**

March – Garden classes start at the Brighton Center

April 1 – Garden officially opened (though accessible all year) and water turned on.

Mid- May – free garden starts -tomatoes, peppers and others- will be distributed at the garden.

September (tentative) – Potluck Fall Harvest Party at garden.

October 31 – Water turned off. Beds cleared for next year.

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