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Goshen Farm Sharing Garden

Welcome Packet 2014-2015

- **October 1** - Deadline for keeping same plot sign up/request
- **October 31** - Deadline for clean up
- **November 1** - Deadline for plot renewal payment
- **April** - Plot renters meet and greet and get overview of gardening
- **May, June, July** - Garden picnics
- **September**-Harvest Dinner

Goshen Sharing Garden, a place to have your own garden space

Rules and Guidelines

Welcome! Ensuring enjoyable gardening experience for all of the garden community is the primary goal of these rules and responsibilities. For this reason, observe the rules of the garden, and be a good neighbor. The garden should be a safe place for the community, children, and other gardeners. Do not bring anything that will compromise the safety of the garden. Never hesitate to email me with questions, concerns or updates at getdirtyeatfresh@gmail.com. Meetings are held every month, in the Broadneck Library meeting room at times listed on the GoshenFarm.org website. All are welcome.

- Plots are 10'x10' or 5x20
- GF Sharing Garden supplies, fencing, water supply, compost, a supportive community environment, newspaper (for weed suppression), wood chips, summer picnics, and education.
- Annual rental rate: \$25 per plot, you must be a GFPS member. There are no refunds.
- Each person must apply each year for a plot but returning gardeners will be given first preference and permitted to keep the same plot if they wish. The number of plots per gardener, may be limited according to demand. Renewal of the same plot will be at the end of the gardening year (November 1 of each year). Otherwise all plots will be available on first come first serve basis.
- Plan on visiting your garden at least 2-3 times per week for watering, weeding, and harvesting.
- Road access to the garden area will be available via high security key pad lock with a combination that will change intermittently. Sharing of the combination is strictly prohibited.
- To sign up for plots please e-mail Terry Brandon, Goshen Farm Sharing Garden Committee Chair at getdirtyeatfresh@gmail.com.

Plot Rules

Our plot rules are grounded on a simple concept: Be a good neighbor. If you tend your plots well, weed them regularly and completely (including the pathway at your plot's edge) and harvested, you'll make an invaluable contribution to the community, which is at the heart of our garden.

General Requirements

- Annual plot rental fees must be paid at the time of registration.
- There is no smoking in the gardens or parking area.
- No pets are allowed in the garden.
- Please monitor children in the garden, so that they do not damage neighbors' plots. A children's garden will be available for their use.

- Each renter is required to contribute 6 hours of work over the year to benefit the Garden and Goshen Farm. Your donated time and hard work will be logged in the garden binder located on the door of the shed.
- Each gardener will respect and maintain all shared tools, hoses and other garden property. Please ensure the shed is locked when you leave.
- Please park in designated areas
- If any items are found when digging in your garden please help preserve the history or the area and put them in a bag labeled with your plot number. Please leave this in artifact box in the shed.

Plot Design

- Plant tall crops where they will not cast shade upon neighboring plots. If you are unsure of the direction of shade please ask others.
- Please refer to plant tag and seed packets for mature plant size when planting.
- Please ensure plants are properly supported as they grow (tall and strong tomato cages)
- Perennials and permanent structures can be left if the same plot is rented consecutively, otherwise plots must be cleared of all vegetation and elements. Plot barriers/surrounds or other structures should not be made of materials that might leach harmful chemicals into the soil such as treated lumber.

Plot Maintenance

- Plots need to be well-tended throughout the season, including weeding and harvesting of vegetables. Warnings will be given out if produce is over ripe and rotting. After three warnings the produce will be harvested by a designated garden picker and donated.
- Paths between plots should be kept open and accessible to all, excessive over growth will be cut back.
- Using weed block is highly encouraged. Commonly used acceptable mulches include straw, hay, black plastic, or weed barrier mats, newspaper (not glossy, and covered with an organic mulch), seaweed, grass clippings (not chemically treated), and other organic mulches.
- All garden plots must be cleared by October 1 if not returning for the next planting season. If any non-organic items are found in your garden while digging or harvesting please keep the item in its original found state and place it in the artifacts box in the shed. Also please place a flag from the shed in the spot you found it.

Acceptable / Unacceptable Products

To maintain the organic integrity of the Goshen Farm Community Garden, do not use products that are listed in the “Unacceptable” column:

Acceptable

- BT, M Track, MVP
- NEEM
- Insecticidal soaps
- Pyrethrum
- Summer Oil
- Seaweed/fish preparations
- Garlic, hot pepper, “kitchen” mixes
- PRO GRO
- Diatomaceous earth
- Sulfur
- Wood ash
- Manures (non carnivorous)
- Rock powders (lime, rock phosphate, greensand, granite dust)

Unacceptable

- Miracle Gro, Miracid, Peters, etc
- 5-10-5, 5-10-10 and variations
- Rotenone
- Sevin
- Diazonin
- Malathion
- Methoxychlor
- Commercial slug bait
- Sabadilla
- Chemical formulations
- If you want to use a product that is not on either list, but you’re unsure about it, please ask.



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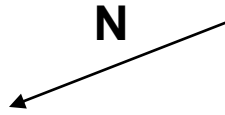
HEALTH & SAFETY TERMS

This safety policy is intended to demonstrate that the Goshen Farm Sharing Garden (GFSG) recognizes our responsibility to conduct our gardening activities in a reasonable manner and to maintain reasonably healthy and safe conditions in the GFSG. For the purposes of this policy, any reference to the GFSG, “the garden” or “the garden site” means the general boundaries of the garden and farm.

1. Adult gardeners are responsible for their own safety. Children of gardeners are expected to be under the control of their parent(s) or guardians(s) when at the garden site. There will be a designated children’s garden for them to explore.
2. If you see a hazard, unsafe condition, or situation that could result in injury or ill health, take the appropriate action. Eliminate the hazard or unsafe condition only if you are able to do it safely and are comfortable taking the action to correct the hazard or unsafe condition. Otherwise, notify the garden organizer as soon as possible.
3. Rototillers, lawn mowers, power weed trimmers, wood chippers, chain saws, or other power equipment will be operated in the garden only by individuals over the age of 16 who own the equipment or have themselves leased the equipment for use. These individuals use this equipment at their own risk.
4. Be aware of your surroundings. Avoid being in the garden alone. Avoid secluded areas with high vegetation. If individuals or groups of people taunt, bother, or seem threatening, leave the situation immediately. For life threatening or other significant incidents, call 911 immediately. Also, call the garden coordinator as soon as possible.
7. Do not leave garden tools at the garden site. They should be taken away or put in the shed and locked when a gardener leaves the GFSG.
8. No fires or fireworks will be used on the GFSG site.
9. Drugs or alcohol shall not be consumed on the garden site.
10. Urination and defecation on the open ground is not allowed.
11. Gardeners agree to hold harmless the GFSG volunteer organizers and work leaders, their partnering organizations and their employees, Board Members, Officers, Volunteers and other persons and land owner(s) garden(s) from any liability, damages, loss, injury or claim that occurs in connection with association with the GFSG.

GOSHEN FARM HOUSE

February 2014

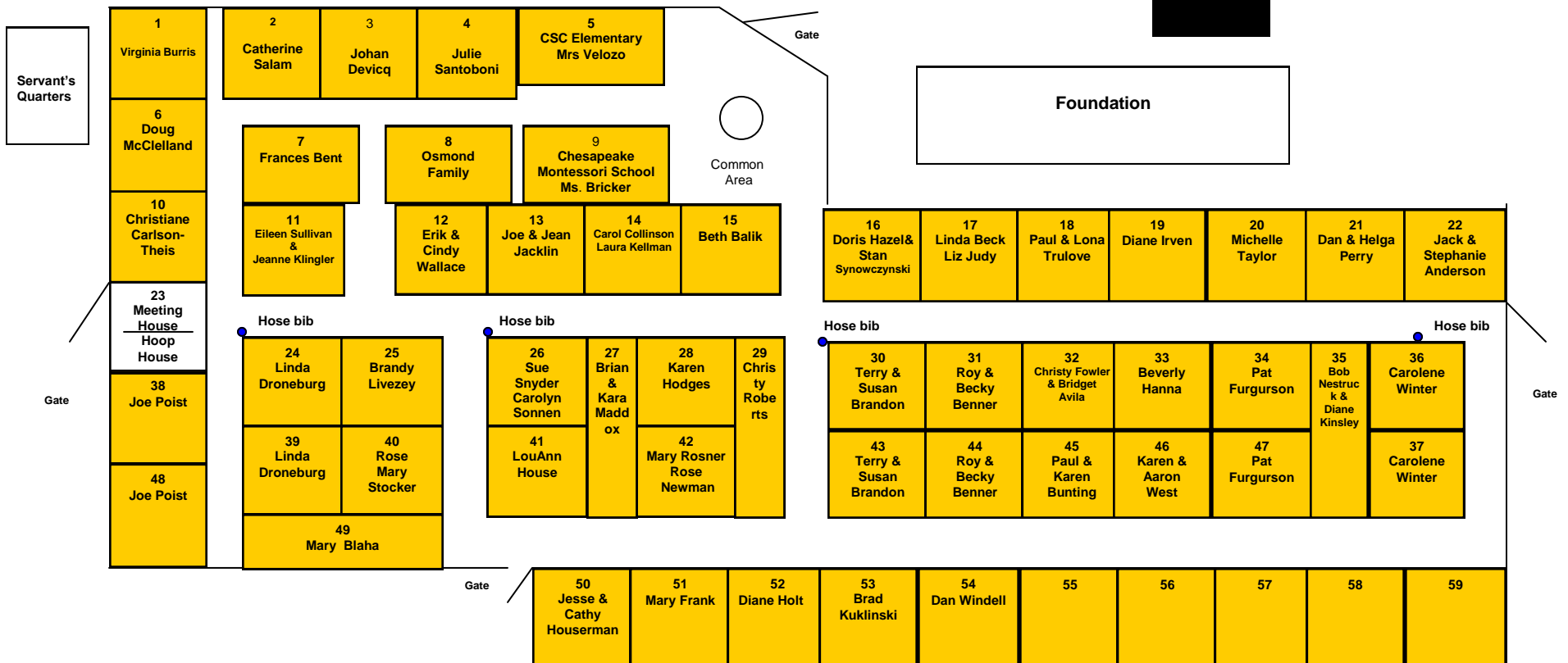


at the Goshen Farm Sharing Garden

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Gardening Tips and Advice

It's best to **start small with your first garden**. Many gardeners get a little too excited at the beginning of the season and plant more than they need. So first, take a look at how much your family will eat. Keep in mind that vegetables such as tomatoes, peppers, and squash keep providing throughout the season -- so you may not need many to serve your needs. Other vegetables, such as carrots, radishes, and corn produce only once. You may need to plant more of these.

Grow only what you like to eat. You'll take better care of what you look forward to eating.

Water only when necessary, then water deeply and early in the day. Vegetables need about an inch of water a week. Conserve water by building soil organic matter and mulching crops to reduce soil moisture evaporation. When soil around plants is dry a couple of inches below the surface, soak the soil deeply. Water as early in the day as possible.

Visit your garden every day. Check for signs of pests and diseases so you can take care of problems before they get out of hand. Of course, visit also for the sheer joy of it!

Weeds compete with your vegetables for water and nutrients, so it's important to keep them to a minimum. Use a hoe or hand fork to lightly stir the top inch of soil (cultivate) regularly to discourage weed seedlings. A mulch of clean straw, compost, or plastic can keep weeds at bay.

Fertilizing your crops is critical to maximizing yields. Organic gardeners often find that digging in high quality compost at planting time is all their vegetables need. Consider applying a packaged vegetable fertilizer, following the directions on the box or bag. Don't apply more than recommended.

Don't be shy about picking your produce, This is what it's all about! Many vegetables can be harvested at several stages. Leaf lettuce, for example, can be picked as young as you like; snip some leaves and it will continue to grow and produce. Summer squash (zucchini) and cucumbers can be harvested when the fruit is just a few inches long, or allowed to grow to full size. The general rule: if it looks good enough to eat, it probably is. Give it a try. With many vegetables, the more you pick, the more the plant will produce!

Pests and disease are ongoing problems for most vegetable gardeners. Although specific problems may require special solutions, there are some general principles you can follow.

Spring insects. Row covers, which are lightweight sheets of translucent plastic, protect young crops against many common insects. Row covers are also helpful to prevent damage from light frosts.

Fungal diseases. Reduce fungal diseases by watering the soil, not the leaves of plants. If a plant falls prey to a disease, remove it promptly and throw it in the trash; don't add sick plants to your compost pile.

Summer insects. Pick larger insects and caterpillars by hand. Once you get over the "yuck!" factor, this is a safe and effective way to deal with limited infestations. Or use insecticidal soap sprays to control harmful bugs. Most garden centers carry these products. Whatever pest control chemicals you use, read the label carefully and follow the directions to the letter.

Communicate with others. It is a community environment and we are here to help. The garden is full of beginner and master gardeners. Everyone has tips, advice and stories to share. Please let us know if there are issues before they get out of hand. If you lose interest, lack time, or leave for a period of time let us know.



Gardener Application

1. Gardener: _____
2. Gardening Partner/Group: _____
3. Gardener Address: _____
4. Gardener Phone: _____ Other Phone _____
5. Gardener e-mail: _____ Other e-mail _____
6. Returning Gardener: Yes No 7. Plot Number: _____ (\$25 per plot)
8. Total Paid \$ _____ 9. Check Number _____

I would like to be a garden leader
I would like to volunteer in another way

Experience Level Gardener:

I am an advanced gardener and would like to help novice gardeners I will need gardening help

Photo Permission: From time to time, gardeners, garden leaders and media will take photos of the garden. Please check here () if you DO NOT give your permission for your photo to be published. Please let photographers know you do not want to be published, if you see them at the garden.

Phone and e-mail: All gardeners are required to share their phone number and e-mail address with garden leaders In addition, a gardener phone and e-mail list is shared with all gardeners. Please check here () if you DO NOT give your permission to share your phone number and e-mail with all gardeners.

By signing below, I agree that I have read and understand the garden health & safety terms and garden rules and plan to abide by all rules and terms. I understand that either the garden group nor owners of the land are responsible for my actions. I therefore agree to hold harmless the garden group and leasee/owners of the land for any liability, damage, loss or claim that occurs in connection with use of the garden by me or my guests.

Signature _____ Date _____

Received by _____

Goshen Farm Preservation Society Annual Membership Form

1223 River Bay Rd Annapolis, MD 21409

www.goshenfarm.org

Annual Membership fee is \$20 per person or \$35 per household and is for the calendar year; renewals start January 1. Please mail this form and check payable to Goshen Farm Preservation Society (GFPS) to the address above, or pay with your credit card online at www.goshenfarm.org and click on Network For Good. Memberships and donations are Tax Deductible.

Members will receive email reminders for meetings, meeting minutes and updates as well as Quarterly Newsletters and discounts on events.

Name: _

Address: _

Phone Number: _

Email _

Cape St. Claire Resident or Property owner (Y/N) _

If so, how many years: _

Occupation: _

Special Interests/Skills: _

Other Organizations that you belong to: _

Individual \$20

Household \$35

of members in your household _

In what areas would you be willing to volunteer? *Please check*

Fundraising

- Event Planning
- Selling tickets
- Grant Writing
- Help with mailings
(stamp, stuff, label)
- Solicit Corporate Donations

Research

- Oral Histories
- Web research
- Archives research
- writing

Construction

- Help with renovation
 - Caretakers Cottage
 - Farm House
 - Solicit material donations
- What is your area of expertise?

Plumbing , Roofing, HVAC etc.

Grounds Maintenance

- clean-ups (weeding, remove brush and fallen branches etc)
- Grass Cutting (on a routine basis)
- Gardening- including Community Garden

Security

- Periodic checks on the house and property
- Mischief Night/Halloween security
- Availability to meet with the Police if a problem arises

Thank you for your generosity.