

Ledgewood Community Garden

Bylaws

Charter Members: *(established 2008)*

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Purpose and Philosophy:

The Ledgewood Community Garden was created to provide gardening opportunities for the physical and social benefit of the people in Ledgewood. The Garden is a non-profit entity created by a charter group of Ledgewood residents and is independent of the Ledgewood Association.

Goals:

- To improve the quality of life for people in the garden.
- To provide a catalyst for neighborhood and community development.
- To stimulate social interaction.
- To encourage self-reliance.
- To beautify the neighborhood.
- To produce nutritious food.
- To reduce family food budgets.
- To conserve resources.
- To create opportunity for recreation, exercise, therapy, and education.
- To provide opportunities for intergenerational and cross-cultural connections.

Membership:

Members of the Ledgewood Community Garden must be current residents in the Ledgewood Homeowner's Association. There are two membership categories: "Charter Member" and "Member" that exist. Charter Member status will be limited to those individuals who were a part of the original 2008 group (listed above) who formed the Ledgewood Community Garden. "Member" status will be given to all other individuals who become involved in the garden.

Membership will be determined through an application process and agreement to abide by garden bylaws and guidelines. Those individuals interested in becoming a Ledgewood community gardener will

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find information and an application through the Ledgewood Association website and will be notified if a plot is available. If no plot is available, the individual will be added to a waiting list.

Membership dues will be collected annually before planting. An email will be delivered in the spring each year.

Annual Dues:

The Ledgewood Community Garden annual dues are an essential part of maintaining the garden. All dues are collected by the Ledgewood Community Garden Treasurer, Val Grants, and deposited into a bank account. All dues are used solely for the maintenance of the Ledgewood Community Garden, such as repairs or replacement of the fence, water tank, hoses, etc.

The plot sizes are approximate and based on the yearly configuration of the allotted and available space. A plot map will be available each year for clarification. The annual cost of each plot is:

- Full Garden Plot \$50.00
- Half Garden Plot \$25.00

In addition to paying dues on time, all members are required to agree to and sign the Ledgewood Community Garden Bylaws and Rules Statement.

The Ledgewood Community Garden Bylaws and Rules Statement will be evaluated annually and either amended or accepted by a simple majority vote of active members (members who have paid their current annual dues and planted in their plot(s)). All active members will be allowed a vote in the acceptance process.

The members of the Ledgewood Community Garden agree to hold harmless The Ledgewood Association from and against any damage, loss, liability, claim, demand, suite, cost and expense directly or indirectly resulting from, arising, out of or in connection with the use of the Ledgewood Community Garden.

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Rules Statement

- I will pay the annual dues to the garden Treasurer by June 1.
- I will have something planted in my designated plot(s) by June 1 and keep it planted all summer long or I will forfeit all paid dues and plot(s) so the plot(s) can be planted by another person on the waiting list.
- If I must abandon my plot(s) for any reason, I will notify the garden coordinator.
- I will keep weeds at a minimum and maintain the areas immediately surrounding my plot(s).
- If my plot becomes unkempt, I understand I will be given a notice to clean it up.
- I will keep trash and litter out of my plot(s), as well as from adjacent pathways and fences.
- I will plant tall crops where they will not shade neighboring plots.
- I will pick only my own crops unless given permission by another plot user.
- I will only use organic insecticides, pesticides, and/or weed repellants in or around the Ledgewood Community Garden.
- I agree to volunteer hours toward community gardening efforts, including spring set-up, fall clean up, winter preparation, and normal planting/growing season maintenance, such as filling the water tank and regular watering.
- I will maintain my plot(s) and the surrounding area (near water tank, inside of the exterior fence, etc.) such that the community garden presents a clean, well maintained and attractive appearance to the Ledgewood community.

I understand the Ledgewood Community Garden, members, and/or owner(s) of the land are responsible for my actions. I AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE LEDGEWOOD HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, THE LEDGEWOOD COMMUNITY GARDEN, MEMBERS, AND OWNER(S) OF THE LAND FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS, OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF THE LEDGEWOOD COMMUNITY GARDEN BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS.

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____

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Application

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Can garden members call you at this phone number? Y____ N____

Can garden members text you at this phone number? Y____ N____

Email Address: _____

Can garden members email you at this email address? Y____ N____

Preferred contact method? _____

Plot Size Preference: (full or half) _____

Have you read the Ledgewood Community Garden Bylaws and Rules Statement? Y____ N____

Do you have any questions, concerns, and/or comments regarding the Ledgewood Community Garden?
If yes, please state them here:

How did you hear about the Ledgewood Community Garden?

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Plot Diagram as of 03/24/2021

Drawing is not to scale

