

## OCEANPORT COMMUNITY GARDEN

Veteran's Park – Oceanport Way – Oceanport NJ

*The glory of gardening: hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature. To nurture a garden is to feed not just on the body, but the soul.*

**Mission Statement:** The Oceanport Community Garden strives to develop a community of citizens who work together to create a successful community garden and improve their community. The garden provides the opportunity for participants to grow their own fresh produce, as well as to donate to local organizations and help individuals in need. The garden also provides educational opportunities for all ages to learn about gardening, sustainability, and wellness.

### 2024 OCEANPORT COMMUNITY GARDEN SEASON

March 17 to November 15, 2024 – Open Daily Dawn to Dusk

*Winter crops may be granted exceptions/extensions*

### Membership Rules and Responsibilities

1. Plots must be planted by June 1<sup>st</sup> and kept planted all season.
2. The Garden Committee must be notified if a plot is abandoned.
3. Plots must be adequately and regularly watered.
4. Weeds must be maintained within plots and the areas immediately surrounding plots.
5. Trash and litter from the plots and adjacent pathways must be removed. Garden tools must remain inside plots and not overlap into common areas. Garden tools cannot be left in plots.
6. The Garden Committee must be notified of any temporary absences. Members must provide the Garden Committee with names of individuals that are maintaining their plot during the member's temporary absence.
7. Members are given one week's notice to remediate unkept plots. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of plot.
8. Members must be respectful of the personal space of other gardeners and help others as needed.
9. Members must participate in Spring and Fall cleans-ups of the garden.
10. Plots must be restored to their original state at season end and any structures must be removed. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of plot.
11. Crops must be harvested by the plot owner unless given permission by another plot user.
12. Invasive species of plants are not permitted.
13. Tall plants (i.e. corn), sunflowers and others which can grow more than six feet in height must be planted no more than two rows on the north or south side of a garden plot to prevent casting excessive shade.
14. No pets are allowed in the garden.
15. Children must always be supervised by an adult and remain near the member's plot.
16. Members agree to contribute volunteer hours for community gardening efforts.

17. Organic products ONLY.
18. Water sources must be turned off. Hoses must be coiled neatly and not dragged through plots. The Garden Club will monitor the use of soaker hoses.
19. Garden waste will be broken down into small pieces and placed in the designated compost bin areas.
20. All tools must be cleaned and returned to their designated areas.
21. Tools must not be removed from other members' plots.
22. Garden gates must be closed and secured when leaving the garden.
23. Smoking and alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

### **Oceanport Community Garden Amenities**

- Individual plots to grow produce and/or flowers to be harvested by plot owner. Plots are assigned on a first come, first served basis. Applications accepted on an annual basis. If all plots are taken, the Garden Committee will keep a waiting list and notify individuals when, and if, space becomes available. Plot sizes vary.
- Communal plots to harvest produce for donations to local organizations or individuals in need.
- Water sources and hoses are available for use by plot owners.
- Protective fencing around the Community Garden.
- Compost bins and/or areas for disposal of garden waste.
- General soil preparation, garden layout, and coordination throughout the garden season.
- Access to Master Gardeners during the garden season:  
Master Gardeners:  
Evelin Gaffney – [evgaffney@aol.com](mailto:evgaffney@aol.com)  
Colette Tabor - [Colette.tabor@gmail.com](mailto:Colette.tabor@gmail.com)
- Communication updates as needed via email and the Borough's newsletter.
- Advice from local gardeners.

### **Contact Information**

Oceanport Community Garden Organizer – Ellynn Kahle – [ekahle23@gmail.com](mailto:ekahle23@gmail.com)

### **Instructions**

Mail or deliver completed application form with check for the plot size made payable to “Borough of Oceanport”. If mailing using P.O. Box:

Borough of Oceanport  
910 Oceanport Way  
P.O. Box 370  
Oceanport, NJ 07757  
Attn: Community Garden

Upon application approval by the Oceanport Community Garden Coordinator, the applicant will be notified of the plot and location. Applications will be processed on a first come first served basis.



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## 2024 Season Hold Harmless Agreement

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have received and agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Oceanport Community Garden as provided and understand that failure to do so may result in the forfeiture of my plot. I am also fully aware of the fact that there are dangers and risks inherent in gardening activities including, but not limited to risk of physical injury or other harmful consequences that may arise directly or indirectly to me from my participation. Being informed as to these risks and in consideration of being allowed to participate in this Borough sponsored activity; I hereby assume all risks of injury, damage, liability, and harm to myself and any individual or child that I may bring in to the Community Garden. I also hereby individually and on behalf of my heirs, executor, and assignees release, and hold harmless the Borough of Oceanport, the Oceanport Community Garden, Borough officials, employees, agents, volunteers and members, and waive any right of recovery I might have to bring lawsuit against them for any personal injury, death, or other consequences that may occur as a result of the use of this facility by me or any of my guests.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

*(This portion is for office use only)*

Plot assigned:

OCG Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Date paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment type: \_\_\_\_\_