



**Community Garden Application Form 2011**

Dates to remember:

**All members must participate in 2 of the 4 work days held each year.**

**Spring Work Days are Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

**Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00 a.m. is Opening Day. Workshop: Lakeshore Community Gardening 101. We will have a table for a seed exchange. Bring a camping chair and a potluck dish to share. New members are welcome to come turn in their application and pick a plot. Returning members should turn in their money by this day or drop it in the mail with a postmark no later than April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt#: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email is the primary means of communication. Emails are sent as often as weekly, so please check your email regularly.

Telephone- Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Night: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Member # (current members only): \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership must be renewed annually. Once your payment is received a new membership card will be mailed to you.**

How many plots do you want for 2011 (old + new)? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list Plot Numbers you already have: \_\_\_\_\_

Request New Plot #: \_\_\_\_\_ OR How many new plots do you want? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the name of any individuals in your household who will be completing a separate application: \_\_\_\_\_

**Plots are \$20.00 each which must be sent in with this application.**

**Members will maintain their plot (originally assigned plot) until membership is discontinued, only then will the plot be assigned to another member. If there are vacant plots available a member may request a new plot or additional plots. Currently the maximum number of plots per household is 4.**

I want to grow: \_\_\_\_\_ vegetables \_\_\_\_\_ flowers \_\_\_\_\_ both

# of Plots \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Monetary Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Checks Payable to: Lakeshore Community Garden. Plot fee is nonrefundable.**



## **Guidelines and Rules for Lakeshore Community Garden**

### **General**

- Membership is gained through completing this application and submitting an annual fee of \$20 to help cover garden expenses.
- All LCG members and board members will be listed on the garden sign in front of the garden, please use that information to communicate with your neighboring plot owners.
- Members should have something planted in their garden plot by May 15<sup>th</sup> and keep it planted during the growing season, cool weather crops are optional.
- If you must abandon your plot for any reason, you will notify the garden leadership by contacting one of the Board members.
- Garden members should bring their own tools and amend their soil as needed. A soil test kit is available from the County Extension Office.

### **Keeping our Garden Tidy**

- Please keep weeds in your plot at a minimum, as well as the walkways surrounding your plot. What is planted in your garden plot should not go over the edge of the wooden frame around your plot. Walkways will occasionally be mowed, so keep your plants inside your plot!
- If your plot becomes unkempt, you will be given two weeks' notice to clean it up. If you fail to clean it up (or contact a LCG Board Member to tell them when you can) your plot will be re-assigned or tilled in.
- Plots must be kept free of trash or litter, as well as from adjacent pathways and fences.
- Each garden member will be assigned a Garden Group of 3-5 other members, with a leader, who will work with you to schedule days that your group can meet to assist with overall garden upkeep (tasks may include: weeding & mulching walkways or open space in the garden, watering Gleaner's plots, picking up rocks, etc.) This will take approximately 2-4 hours a month. It takes everyone's help to keep our garden clean and attractive! Your Garden Group can also assist you with any questions about your plot.
- There are designed areas for Trash, Garden Waste, Rocks, and Compost. LCG Board members can help educate you about what goes where.
- Members must participate in 2 of the 4 yearly ALL MEMBERS WORK DAYS. Two will be held in the Fall and two in the Spring. Those who have schedule conflicts can request to have work assigned to do on their own time.

### **Crops**

- Please do not plant crops that will shade, invade or harm the growth of your neighbor's plot. Members that want to plant corn should request a plot in the back of the garden, so it does not shade other plots.
- Members should only harvest their plot. Do not harvest other plots unless given permission by the plot owner.
- If you choose to plant cucumber, zucchini, pumpkin, or squash please make sure that they stay inside your plot and consider using a trellis or netting to provide ample room for them to grow.

### **Preventing Damage**

- Do not use chemicals that may have a negative effect on the other plots.
- Water is available and hand watering with the provided red watering cans is encouraged. Please make sure that the provided water hose does not drape over plots and the it is neatly rolled up when you are done using it.
- Do not bring pets to the garden.

### **Educational Workshops & Garden Potlucks**

- The LCG Board will publish a schedule of Garden Potlucks for members throughout the year. Watch for the schedule to come in your email in box!
- The County Extension Office will hold educational gardening workshops at the Davis Recreation Department on Civic Drive. We will email the schedule when it is published.



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Lakeshore Community Garden  
Growing Gardeners  
For Life

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**Important Notice: Participation in this Garden Program is at each participant's own risk. Any and all claims for injury or damage must be waived and released as a condition to participation. Even if this general waiver, release and covenant not to sue is not signed, by participating the participant agrees to assume all risk and to hold the City of Dalton, Georgia and the Whitfield County Extension completely harmless there from. No security is provided at the Lakeshore Community Garden or within the Lakeshore Community Garden Program area. Parents are responsible for the safety of their children at all times.**

I and hereby release, discharge and covenant not to sue, and waive, release, absolve, hold harmless, and indemnify the City of Dalton and the Whitfield County Extension, and their officers, agents, representatives, employees, successors, assigns, subsidiaries, departments, agents and volunteers from and against all damages, claims, demands, suits, or actions resulting from my occupancy or use of the Lakeshore Community Garden property. Damages may include, but are not limited to, damage or loss of property or physical injury or death to me or to any other person. I assume all risks and hazards for myself and for any minor children with me incidental to the conduct of this activity, including but not limited to the risk of physical injury. I understand there is no insurance coverage provided by the City of Dalton or the Whitfield County Extension for this activity. Any insurance is my personal responsibility. I further agree to act in a safe, prudent and responsible manner at all times while using the Community Garden and I agree to be respectful of other people using the Community Garden and of their property.

Thanks for your participation in the Lakeshore Community Garden!! Go dig in the dirt!

Print name \_\_\_\_\_

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