

## 2011 Membership Application

### Garden Rules

1. Annual membership dues consist of a \$25 tax-deductible membership donation and a \$25 plot rental fee, both due in full before the garden season begins on January 1.
2. Renewing members must complete and sign:
  - a) Membership Agreement (page 3 of this document)New members must complete and sign:
  - a) Membership Agreement (page 3 of this document)
  - b) Acknowledgement of Community Garden Responsibilities and Guidelines (page 4 of DeKalb County Garden Rules and Forms)
  - c) Release and Indemnification Agreement (page 5 of DeKalb County Garden Rules and Forms)
3. Checks for membership dues should be made payable to "Park Pride – HPCG" and mailed, along with the form(s) described in #2 above, to:

Henderson Park Community Garden  
P.O. Box 2962  
Tucker, GA 30085
4. Each member may rent only one plot. Plot-sharing arrangements within households/families are handled in the same manner as individual plot rentals. Plot-sharing arrangements between members of different households/families are allowed provided that each party is an HPCG member; the two parties may split the plot rental fee, each paying \$12.50, but each party must pay the membership donation.
5. Each plot is rented for the period of January 1 through December 31, but available plots may be rented as they become available throughout the year.
6. A waiting list will be maintained for future plot availability.
7. Prohibitions in the garden include:
  - a) Littering, dumping, alcohol consumption, and any other unlawful activities
  - b) Amplified sound
  - c) Ball playing or other forms of active recreation
  - d) Growing of illegal substances
  - e) Pets (with the exception of service animals)
  - f) Hoses (except by written permission)
  - g) Children under 12, unless accompanied and supervised by an adult
8. Only organic and natural means of disease and pest control may be used. The use of herbicides (weed killers), synthetic fertilizers, and synthetic pesticides in the garden is prohibited. Assistance in organic gardening methods will be provided to gardeners who request it.
9. Plot rentals are not transferable and fees are nonrefundable.

## Member Commitments

10. I will be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of my plot as well as the paths around my plot. I am responsible for watering, weeding, harvesting, mulching, and any other garden-related maintenance. When I cannot get to the garden to water my plot, I will arrange for another member to water it for me.
11. I recognize that water is a precious commodity and I will water my plot accordingly. I will use rainwater when available. I will restrict my usage of public water to no more than 30 minutes per day and I will do my best to water before 10:00 am and after 5:00 pm to reduce loss to evaporation. I will not use a hose or leave water running, and I will return the pop-up spigot to its closed position when I am finished.
12. I will plant crops and decorate my plot in a manner that does not unreasonably encroach upon my neighbors' space, path, or access to sunlight.
13. If I cannot get to the garden to harvest from my plot, I will place one of the pinwheels (or other HPCG-provided sign) in my plot to indicate that volunteers are welcome to pick from my plot for the benefit of the food pantry.
14. I will harvest only from my plot unless granted permission by another member or posted signs indicate otherwise.
15. If I neglect my plot (for example, if I allow fruit to rot or crops to become overgrown), I understand that I will receive a warning via email that gives me two weeks to remedy the situation. If I do not remedy the situation within two weeks, I will be given a second warning. If I fail to remedy the situation within seven days of the second warning, I understand that my plot will be seized and reassigned.
16. I agree to donate community service hours – at least 16 hours per year – to help maintain the garden. I understand that I may fulfill this commitment by participating in scheduled workdays, serving as a volunteer on a garden team (food pantry, compost, or education, for example), and/or completing chores on the posted chore list.
17. I will dispose of weeds and plant materials in designated compost bins.
18. I will drive and park only in designated areas.
19. I will keep garden gates closed and the toolshed locked.
20. I will show consideration toward fellow members, garden property, and the community at large.

## Membership Agreement

I have read the Garden Rules and Member Commitments and agree to abide by them. I understand that failure to adhere to these guidelines will result in loss of my plot and my fees.

I agree to waive, release, absolve, hold harmless, and indemnify the Henderson Park Community Garden, and HPCG leadership, membership, volunteers, and sponsors from and against all damages, claims, demands, suits, actions, costs, or expenses directly or indirectly resulting from, arising out of, or in connection with the use of the Henderson Park Community Garden.

1. Please list people who have permission to harvest from your plot:  
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2. Would you like to participate in a mentoring program that partners experienced HPCG gardeners with less experienced ones?  Yes  No  
If yes, would you like to  receive or  provide mentoring?
3. For plot-sharing arrangements between members from different households/families, name of the member with whom you are sharing:  
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4. For renewing members, do you wish to keep the same plot?  Yes  No  
If no, please describe your preference: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Would you like to teach a class?  Yes  No  
If yes, please describe the topic(s): \_\_\_\_\_
6. How do you prefer to satisfy your community service commitment? Check all that apply.  
 Food pantry team       Compost team       Education team  
 Chore list       Scheduled workdays       Ad hoc requests

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

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

For HPCG Use: Date received: _____ Plot number: _____ Membership: \$ _____ Rental fee: \$ _____ Total: \$ _____
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