

## 2012 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 by December 31, 2011.
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 agree to plant my plot within a reasonable period of time. I will plant or otherwise tend my plot by May 1 (for renewing members). New members joining after May 1 have 14 days to plant their plots. If I haven't planted my plot by May 1 (or within 14 days of becoming a member), I understand that my plot may be reclaimed and reassigned.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. If I cannot get to the garden to harvest from my plot, I will place one of the HPCG markers in my plot to indicate that volunteers are welcome to pick from my plot for the benefit of the food pantry.
15. I will harvest only from my plot unless granted permission by another member or posted markers indicate otherwise.
16. I will not neglect my plot. If I allow fruit in my plot to continually rot (or become otherwise inedible), I will be notified and an HPCG marker will be placed in my plot to indicate that food pantry volunteers and other members are welcome to harvest from it. The marker will remain until I return to the garden and clean up my plot. If the marker remains in my plot for more than 30 days, my plot may be reclaimed and reassigned.
17. 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 the food pantry team, and/or completing chores from the monthly email chore list.
18. I will dispose of weeds and plant materials in designated compost bins.
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. For plot-sharing arrangements between members from different households/families, name of the member with whom you are sharing:

\_\_\_\_\_

3. For renewing members, do you wish to keep the same plot?  Yes  No

If no, please describe your preference: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Would you like to volunteer with the food pantry team?  Yes  No

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

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

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

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

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

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

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