

# Creative 360 Community Gardens

## 2021 Information Packet

~ Information, Application & Guidelines ~



The Creative 360 Community Garden is on the grounds of Creative 360 at the corner of Bayliss St. and Arbury Place. Initiated by neighborhood native, Holly Harris, it is currently under the management of Gina Malczewski and friends from Midland ACS, with consultation from the Midland Master Gardeners. All practices will be eco-friendly. It is a space where people can grow their food in a way that is healthy for them, the environment and the community. Both water and compost will be available onsite.

In the spirit of community, gardeners will be asked to contribute time and effort to the success of the garden. Each gardener (or set, if plots are shared) is responsible to keep his/her plot(s) relatively well-maintained relative to weeds; in addition, each will be asked to give a minimum of **five hours** for the season (an average of one hour per month May through September) doing one or more of the following “chores”, with sign up at the Creative 360 office:

- tilling (all at the beginning of the season), using on-site equipment or your own
- weeding the front plot of perennials (one shift offered every other week)
- weed-whacking (using on-site equipment or your own) along edges, around trees, etc.
- picking up, delivering and composting coffee grounds from Coffee Chaos (often available daily; one hour= 2 pick-ups), using supplied buckets
- work on the **Children’s Garden** space (see below; new in 2021—from excavation to weeding to help with space design, plant selection and programming)
- sign construction (elements already available)

Plots are reserved on a first-come/first-serve basis in four sizes available for the season:

- Four 5x10 ft plots for \$20 each
- Four 6x12 ft plots for \$25 each
- Seven 6x18 ft plots for \$30 each
- Three 6x30 ft plots for \$40 each

There will be an orientation video made available for all gardeners, and health crisis permitting, there will be a series of short in-person and virtual educational presentations

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on topics of interest for garden success. Details will be available on our website, or you can call 989 837-1885. Call Creative 360 to reserve your plot, April 15 or after.

True to the spirit of Creative 360, the gardens are a place for creativity to blossom. Gardeners are welcome and encouraged to decorate their spaces as they like, and to use various techniques to maximize space.

### **Volunteer • Donate • Sponsor**

Don't want a garden bed? There are other ways to contribute to and enjoy the gardens.

**Volunteers** help us in a variety of ways while they enjoy the outdoors. **Sponsors** financially support community garden beds and events while also receiving recognition in the gardens themselves if they choose, on our website, press releases and in print materials. **Donations** help with funds needed for maintenance of the garden area.

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## 2021 Garden Bed Application

**This application, with your payment attached, is due by May 15.** Plots are reserved on a first-come/first-serve basis. If we receive more applications than available beds, you will be added to a waitlist.

Name:
Address:
Phone:
Email Address:

Bed Size Desired:  5x10 ft \$20  6x12 ft \$25  6x18 ft \$30  6x30 ft \$40

Did you have a bed last year?  Yes  No *If yes, would you like the same bed?*  Yes  No

What are your other interests?

Attending outdoor community events, such as potlucks or bonfires

Attending classes and workshops

Donating \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ (specific event/general)

Volunteering. *How would you like to help?*

*What days/times of the week would work better for you to volunteer?*

What else would you like us to know?

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## Agreements and Guidelines

1. This is a pesticide/herbicide-free garden space. Speak to management or Master Gardeners if/when you have issues with pests or diseases.
2. Please sign up for a minimum of 5 volunteer hours per season (see above).
3. If a garden bed is left unattended for more than three weeks and is in need of care, the gardener will be contacted and the space may be taken for waiting list holders, or the produce collected for donation to food pantries.
4. Keep beds and adjacent areas clean of litter. Remove weeds from your bed often.
5. Pick often and pick only your own crops, or contact Gina so they can be picked for donation.
6. Respect the space, place, people and time.
7. Keep an eye on children or pets, and leave no animal waste behind.
8. Use the composting area responsibly, and take only your share of finished compost.
9. Always return borrowed equipment to its place, , and notify the office if something is not functional, or there is no gas.
10. Have fun and get creative!

If your application, payment, and this signed agreement are received while garden beds are available, you will be notified of the status of your garden bed reservation.

I agree to adhere to the above guidelines.

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