May 18, 2020

Greetings,

Thank you for participating in our Community Garden program at the Francis Wyman School! We are excited to be able to offer this service to the community, despite the current COVID-19 situation. Enclosed you will find the guidelines and application (if needed) for leased Community Garden plot(s) at the Francis Wyman School and a list of invasive plants, from the Massachusetts Invasive Plants Advisory Group. Due to the COVID-19 situation we will NOT be holding a pre-season meeting. We have developed strict procedures, in accordance with Community Garden guidelines from the State and input from our local Board of Health, for the use of the leased plots. Please review the information in this packet and read the COVID-19 procedures carefully. We are planning to open the leased plots on June 1, 2020.

There are a few items included in the COVID-19 Procedures and guidelines that I would like to point out.

1. Garden plots can only be shared by a single household; multiple families cannot share a plot.
2. Physical distancing MUST be practiced at all times, (minimum of 6 ft. distance from others at all times) even outside.
3. Stay home if you feel sick or have been exposed to COVID-19.
4. Parking is located in the Francis Wyman School parking lot. Parking on Laurel Lane is strictly prohibited.
5. All work must be performed on your plot during posted daylight hours (7:00 am – 8:00 pm) using hand tools only.
6. Gardeners are expected to do an end of season cleanup of their plot, including the removal of any left-over vegetation or other debris remaining on their plot no later than October 31 of the current year.

We are excited for another Community Garden season and look forward to see what you will be growing this summer!

Sincerely,

Brendan Egan

Burlington Parks & Recreation Department is a proud member of the Massachusetts Recreation and Park Association
and the National Recreation and Park Association
Due to the current COVID-19 situation and the restrictions on public gatherings, the Burlington Parks & Recreation Department has formulated the following rules for the 2020 Community Gardens:

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2. Physical distancing **MUST** be practiced at all times, (minimum of 6 ft. distance from others at all times) even outside.

3. Stay home if you feel sick or have been exposed to COVID-19.

4. Wash your hands **BEFORE** and **AFTER** visiting the garden. Bring your own disinfecting wipes, hand sanitizer and hand washing supplies. You should always follow CDC guidelines.

5. No more than 10 people in the garden area at any time. If you arrive and there are already 10 gardeners working, please return another day or time.

6. Shared tools are not allowed. Be aware that hoses, gates and locks may be touched by other gardeners.

7. Everyone must wear face coverings in accordance with Governor Baker's Order Requiring Face Coverings in Public Places Where Social Distancing is Not Possible.

8. Plots that are not leased during the 2020 growing season may be covered with a tarp to prevent impact on other plots (to suppress weeds). We may also ask gardeners to help by weeding the unleased plots.

9. Gardeners should be aware that other public spaces are closed due to the potential for gathering and spreading COVID-19. If gardeners are gathering in the Community Garden, they will be closed.

10. Smile & wave to your fellow gardeners!
Community Garden at Francis Wyman School

General Rules

Plot Assignment
1. The Town will provide approximately 20 plots, in a designated area, at the Francis Wyman School.
2. Plots will be assigned by lottery. Gardeners may request to have plots next to a friend/relative. Not in 2020
3. Individual plots will be a nominal 200 sq. ft. in size.
4. There will be a limited number of ½ plots at 100 sq. ft.

Plot Fees
1. 200 sq. ft. (10 x 20) $50
2. 100 sq. ft. (10 x 10) $30

5. Gardeners will be required to attend an orientation. During orientation, individual plots will be assigned, garden area rules will be reviewed, a gardening tutorial and handout will be provided. Not in 2020

2020 Season – Plots will be assigned after registration. You will be contacted by a Burlington Parks & Recreation Department staff member to select a plot.

Plot Maintenance Rules
1. Garden plots are for horticultural use only. Trees, shrubs, bushes and other perennials; mints, rhizomes and other plants deemed invasive; plants susceptible to pests and disease; and plants illegal to own cannot be brought into the garden area. If any of these types of plants are discovered in your plot, they will be removed and garden privileges may be suspended
2. Children, under adult supervision, are permitted in the garden area.
3. Pets are not permitted in the garden area.
4. Smoking is not permitted within the garden area.
5. All work must be performed on your plot during posted daylight hours (7:00 AM – 8:00 PM) using hand tools only. No sowing, cultivating, weeding or harvesting of another plot is allowed without the permission of the plot user.
6. Gardens and the paths around them must be kept clean and free of weeds. Unkempt plots will be noted; failure to clean a plot within one week of notice will result in forfeiture and the plot will be transferred to another gardener, or turned.
7. The use of weed killers (herbicides), insect killers (pesticides) and microbe killers (fungicides) is prohibited.
8. The use of chemical fertilizers is requested to be kept to a minimum in accordance to manufacturer recommendations.
9. Watering is to be performed by hand, using watering cans. Spigots must be turned off after use.
10. Gardeners are responsible for their personal tools. Storage of tools at the gardens is not allowed.
11. Pails and barrels will be provided for garden waste, paper products, and recyclables. Gardeners are responsible for disposal of all other rubbish offsite.
12. Garden waste in pails shall be thrown into the compost pile.
13. Gardeners are expected to do an end of season cleanup of their plot, including the removal of any left over vegetation or other debris remaining on their plot no later than October 31 of the current year. Failure to clean your plot may result in loss of garden privileges for the next season.
14. The removal of soil from anywhere within the community garden is prohibited.
15. Parking access is ONLY available at Francis Wyman Elementary School. Parking on Laurel Lane is STRICKLY PROHIBITED.
Burlington Recreation Department
Francis Wyman Elementary School
Garden Application / Assignment

Gardener Name:

Contact Information: Telephone (D) ________________ (N) ________________

E-mail address: ____________________________________________

Garden: Francis Wyman ___½ Plot ___Full Plot

Special Considerations: ____________________________________________________________________________
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Vehicle Description:

_________________ ___________ ___________________ ___________________
MAKE       Model       PLATE #

(Signature)

Acknowledgement
The above signed individual agrees to the parking restrictions as listed on the front of this form.
Burlington Parks and Recreation
Community Garden Plots
Massachusetts Invasive Plants Advisory Group

Plants voted as: INVASIVE

"Invasive plants" are non-native species that have spread into native or minimally managed plant systems in Massachusetts. These plants cause economic or environmental harm by developing self-sustaining populations and becoming dominant and/or disruptive to those systems. As defined here, “species” includes all synonyms, subspecies, varieties, forms, and cultivars of that species unless proven otherwise by a process of scientific evaluation.

*Acer platanoides* L. (Norway maple)
A tree occurring in all regions of the state in upland and wetland habitats, and especially common in woodlands with colluvial soils. It grows in full sun to full shade. Escapes from cultivation; can form dense stands; out-competes native vegetation, including sugar maple; dispersed by water, wind and vehicles.

*Acer pseudoplatanus* L. (Sycamore maple)
A tree occurring mostly in southeastern counties of Massachusetts, primarily in woodlands and especially near the coast. It grows in full sun to partial shade. Escapes from cultivation inland as well as along the coast; salt-spray tolerant; dispersed by wind, water and vehicles.

*Aegopodium podagraria* L. (Bishop’s goutweed; bishop’s weed; goutweed)
A perennial herb occurring in all regions of the state in uplands and wetlands. Grows in full sun to full shade. Escapes from cultivation; spreads aggressively by roots; forms dense colonies in flood plains.

*Ailanthus altissima* (P. Miller) Swingle (Tree of heaven)
This tree occurs in all regions of the state in upland, wetland, & coastal habitats. Grows in full sun to full shade. Spreads aggressively from root suckers, especially in disturbed areas.

*Alliaria petiolata* (Bieb.) Cavara & Grande (Garlic mustard)
Synonym: *Alliaria officinalis* Andrè. Ex Bieb.
A biennial herb occurring in all regions of the state in uplands. Grows in full sun to full shade. Spreads aggressively by seed, especially in wooded areas.

*Berberis thunbergii* DC. (Japanese barberry)
A shrub occurring in all regions of the state in open and wooded uplands and wetlands. Grows in full sun to full shade. Escaping from cultivation; spread by birds; forms dense stands.

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*Celastrus orbiculatus* Thunb. (Oriental bittersweet; Asian or Asiatic bittersweet)
A perennial vine occurring in all regions of the state in uplands. Grows in full sun to partial shade. Escaping from cultivation; berries spread by birds and humans; overwhelms and kills vegetation.

*Cynanchum louiseae* Kartesz & Gandhi (Black swallow-wort, Louise’s swallow-wort)
Synonyms: *Cynanchum nigrum* (L.) Pers. non Cav.; *Vincetoxicum nigrum* (L.) Moench
A perennial vine occurring in all regions of the state in upland, wetland, and coastal habitats. Grows in full sun to partial shade. Forms dense stands, out-competing native species: deadly to Monarch butterflies.

*Elaeagnus umbellata* Thunb. (Autumn olive)
A shrub occurring in uplands in all regions of the state. Grows in full sun. Escaping from cultivation; berries spread by birds; aggressive in open areas; has the ability to change soil.

*Euonymus alatus* (Thunb.) Sieb. (*Winged euonymus; Burning bush*)
A shrub occurring in all regions of the state and capable of germinating prolifically in many different habitats. It grows in full sun to full shade. Escaping from cultivation and can form dense thickets and dominate the understory; seeds are dispersed by birds.

*Euphorbia esula* L. (*Leafy spurge; wolf’s milk*)
A perennial herb occurring in all regions of the state in grasslands and coastal habitats. Grows in full sun. An aggressive herbaceous perennial and a notable problem in western USA.

*Frangula alnus* P. Mill. (*European buckthorn; glossy buckthorn*)
Synonyms: *Rhamnus frangula* L.; *R. frangula* var. *angustifolia* Loud.
Shrub or tree occurring in all regions of the state in upland, wetland, and coastal habitats. Grows in full sun to full shade. Produces fruit throughout the growing season; grows in multiple habitats; forms thickets.

*Glaucium flavum* Crantz (*Sea or horned poppy; yellow hornpoppy*)
A biennial and perennial herb occurring in southeastern MA in coastal habitats. Grows in full sun. Seeds float; spreads along rocky beaches; primarily Cape Cod and Islands.

*Hesperis matronalis* L. (*Dame’s rocket*)
A biennial and perennial herb occurring in all regions of the state in upland and wetland habitats. Grows in full sun to full shade. Spreads by seed; can form dense stands, particularly in flood plains.

*Iris pseudacorus* L. (*Yellow iris*)
A perennial herb occurring in all regions of the state in wetland habitats, primarily in flood plains. Grows in full sun to partial shade. Out-competes native plant communities.

*Lepidium latifolium* L. (*Broad-leaved pepperweed; tall pepperweed*)
A perennial herb occurring in eastern and southeastern regions of the state in coastal habitats. Grows in full sun. Primarily coastal at upper edge of wetlands; also found in disturbed areas; salt tolerant.

*Lonicera japonica* Thunb. (*Japanese honeysuckle*)
A perennial vine occurring in all regions of the state in upland, wetland, and coastal habitats. Grows in full sun to full shade. Rapidly growing, dense stands climb and overwhelm native vegetation; produces many seeds that are bird dispersed; more common in southeastern Massachusetts.

*Lonicera morrowii* A.Gray (*Morrow’s honeysuckle*)
A shrub occurring in all regions of the state in upland, wetland, and coastal habitats. Grows in full sun to full shade. Part of a confusing hybrid complex of nonnative honeysuckles commonly planted and escaping from cultivation via bird dispersal.

*Lonicera x bella* Zabel [*morrowii x tatarica*] (*Bell’s honeysuckle*)
This shrub occurs in all regions of the state in upland, wetland, and coastal habitats. Grows in full sun to full shade. Part of a confusing hybrid complex of nonnative honeysuckles commonly planted and escaping from cultivation via bird dispersal.

*Lysimachia nummularia* L. (*Creeping jenny; moneywort*)
A perennial herb occurring in all regions of the state in upland and wetland habitats. Grows in full sun to full shade. Escaping from cultivation; problematic in flood plains, forests and wetlands; forms dense mats.
Lythrum salicaria L.  (Purple loosestrife)
A perennial herb or subshrub occurring in all regions of the state in upland and wetland habitats. Grows in full sun to partial shade. Escaping from cultivation; overtakes wetlands; high seed production and longevity.

Myriophyllum heterophyllum Michx.  (Variable water-milfoil; Two-leaved water-milfoil)
A perennial herb occurring in all regions of the state in aquatic habitats. Chokes waterways, spread by humans and possibly birds.

Myriophyllum spicatum L.  (Eurasian or European water-milfoil; spike water-milfoil)
A perennial herb found in all regions of the state in aquatic habitats. Chokes waterways, spread by humans and possibly birds.

Phalaris arundinacea L.  (Reed canary-grass)
This perennial grass occurs in all regions of the state in wetlands and open uplands. Grows in full sun to partial shade. Can form huge colonies and overwhelm wetlands; flourishes in disturbed areas; native and introduced strains; common in agricultural settings and in forage crops.

Phragmites australis (Cav.) Trin. ex Steud. subsp. australis  (Common reed)
A perennial grass (USDA lists as subshrub, shrub) found in all regions of the state. Grows in upland and wetland habitats in full sun to full shade. Overwhelms wetlands forming huge, dense stands; flourishes in disturbed areas; native and introduced strains.

Polygonum cuspidatum Sieb. & Zucc.  (Japanese knotweed; Japanese or Mexican Bamboo)
Synonym: Fallopia japonica (Houtt.) Dcne.; Reynoutria japonica Houtt.
A perennial herbaceous subshrub or shrub occurring in all regions of the state in upland, wetland, and coastal habitats. Grows in full sun to full shade, but hardier in full sun. Spreads vegetatively and by seed; forms dense thickets.

Polygonum perfoliatum L.  (Mile-a-minute vine or weed; Asiatic tearehound)
Synonym: Ampolygonum perfoliatum (L.) Roberty & Vautier
This annual herbaceous vine is currently known to exist in several counties in MA, and has also has been found in RI and CT. Habitats include streamside, fields, and road edges in full sun to partial shade. Highly aggressive; bird and human dispersed.

Potamogeton crispus L.  (Crisped pondweed; curly pondweed)
A perennial herb occurring in all regions of the state in aquatic habitats. Forms dense mats in the spring and persists vegetatively.

Ranunculus ficaria L.  (Lesser celandine; fig buttercup)
A perennial herb occurring on stream banks, and in lowland and uplands woods in all regions of the state. Grows in full sun to full shade. Propagates vegetatively and by seed; forms dense stands especially in riparian woodlands; an ephemeral that outcompetes native spring wildflowers.

Rhamnus cathartica L.  (Common buckthorn)
A shrub or tree occurring in all regions of the state in upland and wetland habitats. Grows in full sun to full shade. Produces fruit in fall; grows in multiple habitats; forms dense thickets.

Robinia pseudoacacia L.  (Black locust)
A tree that occurs in all regions of the state in upland habitats. Grows in full sun to full shade. While the species is native to central portions of Eastern North America, it is not indigenous to Massachusetts. It has been planted throughout the state since the 1700's and is now widely naturalized. It behaves as an invasive species in areas with sandy soils.
**Rosa multiflora** Thunb. (Multiflora rose)
A perennial vine or shrub occurring in all regions of the state in upland, wetland and coastal habitats. Grows in full sun to full shade. Forms impenetrable thorny thickets that can overwhelm other vegetation; bird dispersed.

**Salix atrocinerea/Salix cinerea** L. (Large Gray Willow/Rusty Willow)
A large shrub or small tree most commonly found in the eastern and southeastern areas of the state, with new occurrences being reported further west. Primarily found on pond shores but is also known from other wetland types and rarely uplands. *Salix atrocinerea* L. / *Salix cinerea* L. are either recognized as closely related species or the conspecific subspecies *Salix cinerea* ssp. *oleifolia* and *S. cinerea* ssp. *cinerea*. Forms dense stands and can out-compete native species along the shores of coastal plain ponds. (Reviewed 2014)

**Trapa natans** L. (Water-chestnut)
An annual herb occurring in the western, central, and eastern regions of the state in aquatic habitats. Forms dense floating mats on water.

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