

## New Britain Community Garden Membership Application Year 2024

Please complete the application below and return it with your membership dues by 4/1/24 to the Borough office (45 Keeley Ave).

Please make checks out to: New Britain Borough

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

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

Telephone : \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Membership Dues:     \$\_\_\_\_\_/2024                      Due by April 1, 2024

Plot Number(s) Requested:   \_\_\_\_\_                      \_\_\_\_\_

Paid via \_\_\_\_\_ by check \_\_\_\_\_ by cash

By submitting these membership dues, I agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations set forth by the New Britain Community Garden and New Britain Borough and found on page 2.

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

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

## New Britain Community Garden Rules and Regulations

1. **The basic fee for an individual garden plot in 2024 is \$20.00.** Garden fees for each year are determined by the Parks & Recreation Committee. Each plot remains under the stewardship of its registered plot holder on an evergreen basis unless forfeited through unpaid dues or in violation of these rules and regulations. If garden needs supersede the amount in the treasury, a special allocation may be assessed.
2. If Community Garden is fully occupied, a waiting list will be maintained to fill plots as they are vacated. Plots will be assigned firstly to New Britain borough residents and then by seniority on list via first-come basis. Members may add plots if there is no active waiting list.
3. Any plot not cleared of weeds or covered by the season's start - May 15 and finish - Dec 1 will be forfeited and given to next person on waiting list (notice will be given). Any plot holder who has excessive or overgrown weeds will be notified **via email** that their plot requires clearing. If weeds are not removed or special circumstances waiver granted and following the second notice, the plot will be re-assigned and all fees and planted materials forfeited.
4. **Plot holders must keep all paths adjoining their plot free of trash and weeds and contribute effort to shared areas.** Compost small garden clippings via garden compost pile and turn after every input. Large quantities of weeds, woody growth, and trash should be removed from the garden property to proper disposal. Large plant material and/or woody items should be disposed of in the forested areas or removed to plot holder's home trash.
5. Plot holders must contribute a minimum of twelve (12) hours per year towards the general maintenance and improvement of the garden/property as a whole. Failure to meet the participation requirement may result in forfeiture of plot.
6. Mature crops should be promptly harvested to help control pests. Infested plants should be removed and disposed of as soon as possible. Non-plant items should not be left in the garden overnight. Tall plants or trellis' must be pre-approved and located to not shade neighboring plots. All plants must not self-seed by wind distribution nor produce runners that extend past plot boundaries. All soil or compost must be properly sourced to reduce the introduction of weed seeds.
7. This community garden is pesticide & herbicide-free (non-biological). Pest and weed control should be preventative and organic. All shared tools should be rinsed free of dirt prior to storage and must be used with proper care. Please limit the storage of personal garden items in the on-site shed to small rodent-impervious totes and do not store any items that attract pests in the shed.
8. The Community Garden is contained within Orchard Park and is overseen by New Britain Borough's Parks & Recreation Committee. A liaison will be elected to oversee the general welfare, enforce rules and regulations, and manage communications with the Borough and Parks committee. All recommendations for improvements should be presented to the committee. The committee will have the authority to act on any recommendation that is in the best interests of the community and approved by majority vote.
9. Each member understands that they are allowed the privilege to use a portion of the Open Space area owned by New Britain Borough. All activities, access, and egress of vehicles and individuals, should be respectful of maintaining ideal property conditions for all neighboring properties and the Borough.
10. Email will be the primary means of communication. It is each plot-holders responsibility to communicate contact changes to the Garden Manager ([aantell1@verizon.net](mailto:aantell1@verizon.net)) or New Britain Borough via email.
11. In the event of travel, illness, or issues impacting the regular maintenance of your plot, contact the Garden Manager (or other members) to determine if care, harvesting, and watering is available. Assistance will be voluntary and **not** guaranteed.
12. Participation in the New Britain Community Garden is conditional upon observance of these rules. New Britain Borough Council may modify, move, or discontinue the Community Garden. No compensation will be given as a result of any Council action.