



A program of the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation

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Closing date: Oct. 14



## Volunteer Hours

Our garden is only able to operate and thrive thanks to the hard work and dedication of our garden volunteers.

And, in fact, when we signed up for our seasonal plots, we signed on to the Garden Rules which assert: "In keeping with the intention and meaning of a community garden, and in an effort to defray costs and maximize grant awards, each Gardener and Co-Gardener is required to donate a minimum of five (5) hours per plot toward the operation, maintenance, and promotion of the Garden."

This translates to:

- one full or half plot or raised bed: 5 hours
- one full or half plot & raised bed: 10 hours
- one full & half (1.5) plots: 10 hours
- two full plots: 10 hours
- one full & half (1.5) plots & raised bed: 15 hours
- two full plots & raised bed: 15 hours
- two full & half (2.5) plots: 15 hours
- two full & half (2.5) plots & raised bed: 20 hours
- three full plots: 15
- three full plots & raised bed: 20 hours

All hours and/or monetary donation must be completed by the end of the day 10/15/23 in order to be in good standing and receive a 2024 application

## Volunteer Opportunities

Weed Whack Garden Grounds – <https://signup.com/go/GVvUVmt>

Tree Clean Up – <https://signup.com/go/bQuoTFb>

Hunger Plot Clean-up – <https://signup.com/go/wREqHkV>

Close Out Clean-up – <https://signup.com/go/QjEtoZv>

Halloween Event (note: Counts towards 2024 hours) – <https://signup.com/go/QhKTnQu>



## Recording Hours & Monetary Donations

If you have not yet recorded your volunteer hours for the season please use this form to log your hours. Make sure to fill the form out completely so your hours are properly credited.

Monetary donations are to be recorded on the form.

All monetary donations can be made by either cash/check (check made out to Ben Franklin Community Garden memo line "volunteer hours") or by electronic payment- <https://www.paypal.com/donate?...>

### Volunteer Hour Recording Form

<https://forms.gle/fABBHw82qWwY...>

## Garden Close-Out

Remember, that in order to receive your application for the 2024 season you must be in good standing with a proper close-out of your plot(s).

In order to sign out:

- Remove all inorganic, man-made materials (e.g., cages, stakes, fabric, plant markers);
- Level any hills or troughs;

- Cut vegetation to two (2) feet in height/length (especially important for squash and sweet potato vines to spare tangling in the tractor).
- But, please, leave all your flowers in place for our bees and other pollinators!
- Note also that you are encouraged to leave your organic vegetation to biodegrade in your garden. Only remove diseased materials.

When your plot is ready, simply meet with a committee member or the garden coordinator to sign out. The committee member/Garden Coordinator will look over your plot to ensure that you have done all of the above. If volunteer time is owed, you may give the check-out person funds to cover your remaining hours. You and the check-out person will then sign the check-out form. If hours are due, you are not officially signed out until hours are completed or a monetary donation is made.

Find a closing countdown clock along with a close-out checklist, and the check-out staffing schedule on the web at [benfranklincommunitygarden.org](http://benfranklincommunitygarden.org).

## Check-Out Schedule

**Committee members / Garden Coordinator will be on site to check you out:**

**Sun 10/1: 9-11am** – Elicia Polacek

**Mon 10/2: 5-7pm** – Tom Sargent

**Tue 10/3: 5-7pm** – Kathy Delaney

**Wed 10/4: 3-5pm** – Kayle Gorenflo

**Fri 10/6: 5-7pm** – Sam Cahill

**Sat 10/7: 9-11am** – Marie Mathie

**Sun 10/8: 9-11am** – Mike Rompala

**Mon 10/9: 9-11am** – Bert Orsini

**Tue 10/10: 5-7pm** – Alex Vasys

**Wed 10/11: 5-7pm** – Jim Kasper

**Thu 10/12: 5-7pm** – Tom Sargent

**Fri 10/13: 2-4pm** – Jennifer Terry

**Sat 10/14: throughout day** – Greg Noeth

Closing time is 4:00 pm on the 14th!

## New Committee Members

On September 16th, 2023 we held our Annual Meeting and Elections. We would like to congratulate and welcome our newest committee members:

**Sam Cahill, Kayle Gorenflo, Bert Orsini, Elicia Polacek, Mike Rompala, Alex Vasys**

## Garden Operating Committee Monthly Meetings

Unless otherwise announced, committee meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. – year round!

All gardeners and members of the public are welcome to attend!

The meetings are held at:

Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation  
4274 Pearl Road, rear entrance.

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