

Project Description:

The Backstretch Community Garden Club is a group of gardeners who collectively oversee the garden plots near 712 Canterbury Road, Shakopee in collaboration with Scott County, Canterbury Park Holding Corp, CAP Agency, the City of Shakopee and the Southwest Metro Intermediate District #288, the Community Garden Management Team, on land owned by Canterbury Park Holding Corp (Property Owner). The purpose of the Backstretch Community Garden Club is to strengthen the community through shared gardening experiences, providing learning opportunities for students, grow produce for food donations, while maintaining assigned and community growing spaces located on the property.

Applications:

Applications for 2020 garden plots (approx. 4'x4' and 4'x8') can be made using the attached Application Form. The cost for a garden plots is \$15 for a 4'x4' plot or \$30 for a 4'x8' plot. Scholarships for a % of the plot fee are available by request. If there are still open garden plots, late sign up may be available.

Garden plots are open to all Scott County residents 18 years of age and older and/or employees or clients of organizations within Scott County on a first come, first serve basis. Interested applicants that do not live or work in Scott County may apply, but will receive garden plots only if there are vacant plots available.

All interested gardeners to the Backstretch Community Garden Club **MUST submit a completed, signed Application, Skill Inventory and Interest Survey, and all required fees** to: *Scott County Public Health, attn: Jayme Carlson, 1615 Weston Court Shakopee, MN 55379*; make checks payable to Scott County Public Health. Participants may also drop of applications and fees to the CAP Agency, 712 Canterbury Rd. S., Shakopee, MN 55379

Gardener Requirements:

- The Application Form, Skill Inventory and Interest Survey, and fees (\$15 for 4x4' & \$30 for 4x8") are due prior to plot assignment.
- Gardeners selected will be required to attend (or send a representative to) a Garden Organizing Meeting.
- A number of seeds will be available to gardeners through donations and funds provided by the Scott County Public Health Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP).
- Each Gardener is expected to perform 1 hour per month minimum in service to the Common Area (CAP Agency Food Shelf Garden), participate in 1 communal workday, and complete pre- and post-season cleanup. Gardener's will also be required to perform maintenance of personal plot throughout the growing season.
- Returning gardeners may have an option to use the garden plot year-round based on approval by the Community Garden Management Team.
- Good Neighbor Policy: Please show respect to fellow gardeners by not entering other plots without permission.
- Gardeners are responsible for maintain the path around their plot.

Information:

Questions about the Backstretch Community Garden Club, applications, selection process, or other questions should be directed to Jayme Carlson at jcarlson@co.scott.mn.us or 952-496-8534.

Contact Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip Code:

Scott County Resident: Yes No

Contact Phone:

Email:

Plot Size: 4' x 4' or 4' x 8'

Scholarship: (check if requesting)

Family/Group Size (Number of People Garden is Feeding):

Please indicate whether you are an employee (seasonal, temporary, contract, full-time) of any of the collaborating organizations (Scott County, Canterbury Park Holding Corp, CAP Agency, City of Shakopee, Southwest Metro Intermediate District #288):

Employer: _____ Job Type: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

By submitting this application I agree to hold harmless Scott County, City of Shakopee, CAP Agency, Southwest Metro Intermediate District #288, and Canterbury Park Holding Corp (Property Owner) against any future actions or events that might occur as a Gardener or an attendee at gardening events. I agree to the use of photographs of visitors that I bring to the site and myself, for use by Scott County, City of Shakopee, CAP Agency, Southwest Metro Intermediate District #288 and Canterbury Park Holding Corp including newsletters and the Internet.

Return this application, a Skill Inventory and Interest Survey, along with the required fees (\$15 for 4'x4' plot / \$30 for 4'x8' plot) with checks payable to Scott County Public Health by **12:00PM, May 1** to:

**Scott County Public Health 1615 Weston Court, Shakopee, MN
55379 or CAP Agency 712 Canterbury Rd. S., Shakopee, MN**

Questions? Contact: jcarlson@co.scott.mn.us; 952-496-8534

LIABILITY WAIVER

1. I have received, reviewed and agree to abide by the policies relative to the membership in and use of the Backstretch Community Garden Club facilities and resources, and I understand that my use of this community garden may be terminated if policies or rules are not followed.
2. I understand that my use of the Backstretch Community Garden is voluntary and I do so at my own risk. I understand that neither the Backstretch (garden group) nor Canterbury Park Holding Corp (land owner) are responsible for my actions or the actions of others.
3. I understand that gardening is a potentially hazardous activity and hereby agree to expressly assume and accept all risks associated with gardening and the use of the Backstretch Community Garden, including, but not limited to, those caused by terrain, facilities, soil conditions, temperature, physical exertion, insect/rodent exposure, chemical exposure and actions of other people, and I agree to assume any and all expenses and liabilities I incur related to my use or presence at the site.
4. As consideration for being allowed to use the Backstretch Community Garden , I hereby agree that I, and my assignees, heirs, guardians, and legal representatives waive, release, and forever discharge the Backstretch, Canterbury Park Holding Corp, Scott County, CAP Agency, City of Shakopee, Southwest Metro Intermediate District #288, each of its officers, agents, employees, or representatives from any and all responsibilities and liability for injuries (including death), damages or loss including, but not limited to, claims or causes of action caused by negligent acts or omissions of any of those mentioned, resulting from my use of the Backstretch Community Garden or in any activities connected with the community garden.

Signature _____ *Date* _____

Backstretch Community Garden Club Interest Survey

Gardener Name:
Gardening Experience:

Skill Inventory

Please tell us about any skills that you would like to share with other garden members. Check all that apply.

- Garden and Landscape Design
- Pest and Weed Management
- Soil/Compost Knowledge
- Basic Construction/Building
- Creative Arts
- Social Media Knowledge
- Insect/Pollinator Knowledge
- Grant Writing
- Knowledge of Native Plant Species
- Organization Skills
- Other: _____

Interest Survey

Please tell us about volunteer opportunities you are interested in. Check all that apply.

- Garden Socials or Dinners
- Starting a garden club
- Shed Organization
- Working with garden coordinator to facilitate donations
- Weeding
- Fundraising

Growing Interests

Please provide suggestions on seed donations for the growing season:
