



Mission Statement

To enhance the quality of life of Bloomingdale area residents by creating and sustaining garden plots that foster horticulture education, environmental stewardship, recreation, and contribute excess produce to local food pantries.

Objectives

1. Provide a place for area residents to meet and share a common interest in gardening
2. Offer opportunities for children, youth, adults and seniors to learn about gardening and grow healthy food
3. Give area residents of all ages and abilities an accessible place to garden
4. Promote collaboration and community investment to develop, sustain and preserve the gardens for generations to come
5. Nurture organic, non-chemical growing techniques
6. Encourage community gardeners to support the produce needs of clients who access local food pantries
7. Exhibit demonstration gardens and educational information that promote various gardening habitats, such as vegetable gardens, rain gardens, raised garden beds, container gardens, straw bale gardens, native plants, etc.
8. Facilitate future park district programming related to gardening, e.g., food preservation, garden habitats, pollinators, etc.
9. Expand and promote additional community gardens at selected Park District and Village properties in the future
10. Pursue local and national grant opportunities to assist in the development and sustainability of the Community & Giving Gardens

Important Dates - Garden Plot Rentals

Informational Meeting - January 11, 7PM @ JRC

Lottery - February 9, 8:30AM @ JRC

Organizational Meeting - April 11, 7PM @ JRC

Donors

Ball Horticulture

Boy Scout Troop 194, St. Walter's Parish, (Eugene [Alex] Solomon)

Franco Coladipietro, Mayor of Village of Bloomingdale

Costco Wholesale

Home Depot

Len's Ace Hardware

Lowe's Home Improvement

Maher Lumber

Midwest Groundcovers. LLC



Garden Plots

The Community & Giving Garden plots are located in Springfield Park at the north end of the park, ¼ mile south of Lake St. on Springfield Drive in Bloomingdale. Plots are staked and ready for planting at the earliest possible date (most likely mid-April) with consideration given to weather and soil conditions. Three plot sizes are available. Rental fees are based on size of plot. Water source will be available.

As a Community & Giving Gardener, we encourage you to donate a portion of your produce to area food pantries whenever possible. A "Donation Station" is located near the Park District Maintenance Building. Volunteers from the Bloomingdale Garden Club, Roselle Park District Garden Club, and University of Illinois Extension Dupage Master Gardeners collect and transport fresh produce each week to area food pantries.

Plots will be assigned through a lottery system. Interested residents should apply online or at the Johnston Recreation Center before February 9 to be included in the initial lottery. A lottery will be conducted on February 9, 2016. A welcome packet with rules & guidelines, map and application/agreement will be sent to all gardeners who are assigned a plot. Non-residents are welcome to apply beginning March 1 for any remaining open plots. One plot per household.

Location: Springfield Park

Instructor: Volunteer

MIN/MAX: 1/6

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
100 sq ft					
Adult	M-Su	12:00-12:00A	4/1-11/1	\$25/38	203454-A1
140 sq ft					
Adult	M-Su	12:00-12:00A	4/1-11/1	\$35/53	203454-B1
200 sq ft					
Adult	M-Su	12:00-12:00A	4/1-11/1	\$50/70	203454-C1