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2020 Community Garden at Jeffers Road Garden

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Dear Community Garden Participant:

Welcome to the 2020 gardening season.

It's time to secure your plot for the upcoming gardening season at the Eau Claire County Community Garden Site located on Jeffers Road, just off the North Crossing. Garden plots are 20' x 45' and are available for lease by individuals, households, or organizations.

If you are interested in gardening at the community garden this season, please read through the enclosed community garden guidelines and fill out and sign the application. Return the application with the plot fee to the address listed on the application form.

The fee for a garden plot is \$35.00 and non-refundable. Payment can be made by check or money order (made payable to the Eau Claire County Extension). Payment by credit or debit card is also available by calling the office or online at the following link: Paylocalgov.com/EauClaire-UWEX.

Please note that a 2.39% or \$1.00 minimum convenience fee is applied to cards.

Going forward, we will no longer be asking for hold fees. If you have paid a hold fee for the 2020 gardening season, it will be deducted from your \$35.00 plot fee. Plot payment is required to hold a plot.

Returning gardeners please respond by Friday, April 3, 2020, if you wish to reserve the same plot you gardened last year. After April 3, 2020 plots will be available on a first come first serve basis. Please indicate on your application if you wish to rent a second plot, if one becomes available.

The garden will be tilled and ready for planting by early May (weather permitting). If you do not want your plot tilled, please indicate that on your application. You will be notified when the plots have been numbered and tilled.

Things to note for this season:

• The Hmong Mutual Assistance Association's. Kajsiab (Peaceful-Heart) Project will continue this year at the garden. The goal of the Kajsiab Project is to enhance Hmong elders' quality of life by providing programming that reduces social isolation, increases physical and mental health literacy that addresses historical and life-long trauma, and promote healing through innovative and creative expressions. To learn more, please visit: www.ecahmaa.org/wd.

- The brush site is being run by BOXX Sanitation and is open April 15 through October 15. View the pdf link for hours and pricing: http://boxxsanitation.com/PDF/BrushSite-052019.pdf
- We are no longer able to offer a portable toilet at the garden this season. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Please call us at the Eau Claire County Extension office (715-839-4712) if you have any questions or concerns regarding the Community Garden or any gardening questions in general. Extension Eau Claire County hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM. We look forward to working with you again this summer.

Sincerely,

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