Jelani Graham Memorial Community Garden (JGMCG)
Plot Application

Plot Holder's Name:_____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____

I, _____, have received a copy of the Jelani Graham Memorial Community Garden (JGMCG) Guidelines. I have read and understand the Guidelines and agree to abide by them.

I understand that neither the JGMCG nor St. Michael's Truth Lutheran Church, dba Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, is responsible for my actions while working at the garden. I, therefore, agree to hold harmless the (JGMCG), and Our Saviour's Lutheran Church/ St. Michael's Truth Lutheran Church from any liability, damage, injury, loss, or claim that occurs in connection with the use of the garden by me or any of my guests.

I have enclosed (or sent digitally) the non-refundable rental fee for my selected plot:

- **4' × 12' plot: $35 seasonal / $50 year-round**
- **3' × 18' plot: $50 seasonal / $70 year-round**

Applicant Signature _____ Date: _____

Received by _____ Date: _____

Please make checks/money orders payable to JGMCG Coordinator. Submit money via Zelle or PayPal to stmichaelstruth@gmail.com

About the Jelani Graham Memorial Community Garden

The Jelani Graham Memorial Community Garden was established as a prototype in the Spring of 2019 with donations from various local businesses, organizations, and individuals. Logistical and educational support were provided by the University of Maryland Extension and their Master Gardener, as well as the Master Gardener at the Capitol Area Food Bank Demonstration Garden. Our garden prototype was tended by community volunteers and members of the SMT/OSLC congregation. A grant from the DC Metro Synod of the ELCA allowed us to make improvements to the infrastructure and to expand the size of the garden, so in the Spring of 2020, the JGMCG was opened to the surrounding community. It is a space to not only grow your own produce, but to learn from and/or teach fellow gardeners.

The Jelani Graham Community Garden welcomes gardeners of all ages, abilities, and experience levels. The following questions will help us form a supportive gardening community.

1. How many people will be gardening from your household?

Adults _____ Children _____ (children under 16 must be supervised)

2. Do you or accompanying gardeners have special physical/medical needs that would affect their ability to participate in gardening at the JGMCG?

_____Yes _____No

3. What would you consider your organic gardening skill level to be? (check below)

_____ little to no experience _____moderate experience ____Master Gardener

4. Are you willing to teach or assist in teaching other gardeners in a particular area of proficiency? If so, please check below:

___organic gardening in general ____ garden pests ____composting ___ preserving harvest
___ growing particular plants _____other(s) (please explain)_____
_____

5. How did you hear about the JCMCG?

____ Website ____ Church Member _____Church Sigh _____ Other_____

(please explain)_____

Jelani Graham Memorial Community Garden Guidelines

1. Rental fees per plot are $35 (4' x 12') or $50 (3' x 18') for the regular season (April 1 – October 31), or $50 (4' x 12') or $70 (3' x 18') for year-round gardening. This agreement covers a single garden season (April 1 – October 31). To secure a plot, a new agreement must be signed and the rental fee paid in full, in advance, each year.
2. Garden plots are available in two sizes: 4' x 12' and 3' x 18'.
3. I agree to maintain my plot, which includes removing weeds and diseased or bolted plants on a regular basis; harvesting regularly as appropriate; and removing all supports, structures, tools, supplies, and other materials when the plot is closed or given up at the end of the season. Plots must be cleaned and cleared by November 15th unless I plan to garden year-round. To support this, a refundable $50 maintenance deposit is required at the time of rental and will be returned at the end of the season, provided the plot has been properly maintained and cleared. If my plot is not cleared by November 15th, I forfeit the deposit.
4. The garden's hours of operation are dawn to dusk. Always lock the garden gate when leaving the premises.
5. Family members and friends are welcome to visit the garden when accompanied by the plot renter. Renters agree to supervise children under sixteen at all times and accept responsibility for their actions.
6. For safety and health reasons, smoking, drinking alcohol, and using glass containers are not allowed in or around the garden.
7. I will notify the JGMCG Coordinator if I am no longer able to tend to my plot or will be absent for an extended period. During extended absences, I may arrange for another plot renter to tend my plot(s), but the Coordinator must be informed of this arrangement.
8. Garden-related announcements, questions, or concerns should be directed to the JGMCG Coordinator, who will share them with the group or posted to the group text.
9. Any conflicts among gardeners should be referred to the JGMCG Coordinator for assistance with resolution.
10. In the event of vandalism, theft, equipment failure, or any serious concern, notify the JGMCG Coordinator immediately.
11. Harvesting from a plot other than your own is only permitted with the plot owner's permission.
12. We are an environmentally friendly site. Non-organic insecticides, weed repellents, and herbicides are not allowed.
13. Please conserve water by using the cistern before the faucet. Unattended watering is not permitted. Notify the JGMCG Coordinator of any watering-related issues. Ensure all faucets are turned off before leaving the garden. Mulching your plot is encouraged to reduce evaporation. Return and recoil all hoses after use, and do not drag hoses across other gardeners' plots.
14. NO REFUNDS will be given for unattended plots, including those overgrown with weeds, lacking actively growing crops, or with crops left unharvested for more than a month. Any crops not harvested within a month will be picked by the JGMCG Coordinator and donated to a local food pantry.
15. Borrowed tools should be cleaned and returned to the shed after use. Gardeners are encouraged to bring their own tools for use in their plot(s).
16. No illegal, invasive, or permanent/perennial plants are allowed in plots, including mint of any kind. Be mindful of neighboring plots when planting vegetables with long, invasive vines (e.g., squash, cantaloupe, watermelon).
17. Trash should be placed in the dumpster. Compostable materials should be placed in the compost bins; please discard only items listed on the posted compost guide. Plastics, paper, and cans

should be placed in the recycling bins. Diseased plants should be discarded in the woods adjacent to the garden.

18. Planting must begin within two weeks of securing your plot. If extenuating circumstances prevent you from meeting this deadline, please contact the JGMCG Coordinator.
19. As members of the JGMCG, gardeners are encouraged to participate in as many garden-related activities as possible, such as:
    a. Attending gardeners' informational meetings (in person or virtually)
    b. Communicating with fellow gardeners via the group text
    c. Attending training sessions offered on or off-site
20. Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in the loss of gardening privileges, with no refund issued.

Your involvement and cooperation with the above guidelines will help everyone have an enjoyable experience and a prosperous garden!