



Community Garden at Twin Ponds Park Spaces Filled

Applications accepted for waiting list

Registration for plots in the City's new community garden at Twin Ponds Park began on Thursday, March 15 and filled the same day. Residents adopted 31 plots at the March registration event. Applications for a waiting list are still being accepted. To be added to a waiting list for plots, complete an application and mail to Community Garden Application, Shoreline City Hall PRCS Department, 17500 Midvale Avenue N, Shoreline WA 98133. Do NOT include the \$30 application fee; the fee will be collected if a space becomes available and your application is accepted. Visit the [Community Garden page](#) for more information or contact the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services department at pks@shorelinewa.gov or (206) 801-2602.

How do I get on a waiting list for a plot? Applications for a waiting list are still being accepted. To be added to a waiting list for plots, complete an application and mail to Community Garden Application, Shoreline City Hall PRCS Department, 17500 Midvale Avenue N, Shoreline WA 98133. Do NOT include the \$30 application fee; the fee will be collected if a space becomes available and your application is accepted.

Applications for the wait list are still available at the following locations:

- on the City's webpage at www.shorelinewa.gov/communitygarden
- at the front desk of Spartan Recreation Center located at 202 NE 185th St
- at the Parks Department office in City Hall located at 17500 Midvale Ave N
- by calling (206) 801-2602
- or at the informational sign on site.

How will I be notified about the status of my position on the wait list? Plots will be reserved for the first 31 registrants. You will be notified of your plot assignment the week of April 9-13. Those who submit an application to be put on the wait list will only be contacted if a spot opens, then you will be notified by phone if a plot assignment opens for your spot on the wait list.

Can I adopt more than one plot? No. All garden plots are currently filled. Preference will be given to those on the wait list that do not have a plot.

Giving Garden – Volunteers needed to Help Provide Food for the Hopelink

If you did not receive a plot, you can still garden at the Twin Ponds Community Garden. A 20'x60' space will be created to grow produce that will be donated to the food bank. We hope all gardeners will consider donating some of their volunteer hours to helping in this much needed effort. If you are interested in the giving garden, more information will be provided on our web page in April.

Where is Twin Ponds Park? The park is located at 15401 1st Avenue NE in Shoreline. The garden will be located in the southeast corner of the park near the tennis court. There will be approximately 35 plots available to adopt in 2012.

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Do I have to live or own property in Shoreline? Yes.

Are the plots raised or in the ground? Plots will be 12" raised beds. Accessible plots will be raised to the height of 27" to accommodate those with wheelchairs. The giving garden is an in ground garden area.

How large is a plot? The standard plot is 10'x10'. Enabled plots for those with limited mobility are 4'x10'.

How much does it cost to adopt a plot? \$30.00 for a standard 10'x10' plot. \$20.00 for a 4'x10' enabled plot for those with physical limitations. There are no senior discounts, or other scholarships available at this time.

When will plots be available for gardening? Garden plots will be available for gardening on April 14 directly following a kick-off celebration for the entire community to celebrate the beginning of the new garden. Volunteer work still may need to be done to complete the garden design.

Is water included in the plot fee?
The City will provide and pay for water.

Does the site have a restroom nearby? There is a restroom at the park. It is located at the north parking lot near the playground.

Are tools available and is there a safe place to store them? A garden shed is already on site and will be secured. Tools, hoses and other necessary garden equipment will be available for community use.

Is there a place for composting? Yes. Composting bins are being constructed and will be available for use this spring.

Will there be a way to donate produce? Yes. There will be an in-ground garden area called a Giving Garden. You do not need to adopt a plot to participate in the Giving Garden. All food harvested from the Giving Garden will be donated to the local food bank.

Will I be responsible for caring for the garden as a whole? Yes. Every gardener is strongly encouraged to volunteer time to help maintain the collective areas of the garden in order to keep it functioning smoothly and looking beautiful. Working together to maintain common areas of the garden builds a sense of community and pride in the care and creation of a healthy community place.

The first work party is:

- **April 14 immediately following the Kick-Off Celebration**



Community members are invited and encouraged to participate in volunteer work to complete the garden site. Tasks may include adding soil amendments, laying gravel on pathways, painting the shed, installing shelving in the shed, moving garden tools into the shed, and adding additional amenities as identified in the design.

How will the garden design be constructed? City Staff will construct key elements of the garden in March and April. These improvements include: removing the asphalt from the site, installing water hydrants, constructing gravel pathways, building the raised beds and adding soil amendments.

Will there be an on-site garden coordinator? Yes. The City is in the process of hiring an extra help, seasonal position to support and coordinate the needs of the community garden. For more information visit the "Jobs" webpage on the City website.

Do you have additional questions? Contact the Parks Department at pks@shorelinewa.gov or (206) 801-2602 or visit our website at www.shorelinewa.gov/communitygarden.