

# Cherry Lawn Community GARDENS

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**Cherry lawn Community Gardens**, established in early 1970's by the Garden Club of Darien, from property purchased by the Town, brings together gardeners of all ages. This unique spot in one of Darien's most popular parks, offers gardeners of all levels to cultivate and harvest organic herbs, flowers and vegetables from spring through autumn.



Our logo is inspired by a tulip that represents the beginning of spring and start of the equinox. The body of the tulip, the green portion shaped as a bird, represents our community garden that is shared with the birds, bees and other wild life. From the middle of the three tulip flowers, the bright orange stigmas, represents the diversity of our community garden. The middle one being a new born; the right hand side one a young child; and the left hand side one an adult which makes our garden an exciting place for the whole community to interact, while working alongside with nature.

## Cherry Lawn Gardens 2012



Video produced by Gary Khachian

## Membership Information

- **Membership**
  - Membership is limited to Darien residents
  - Currently there are no garden plots available
  - To get on the waiting list or for further information please contact Dorothy Shergalis at 203-252-4507
  - The applications are mailed to the current Members
  - Current members need to complete the Cherry Lawn Community Gardens Application, the Town of Darien Contract and send them with appropriate fees before the designated deadline

## Coordinating Committee

- **Coordinating Committee**
  - **Chairperson** - Dorothy Shergalis
  - **Co-Chairperson** - Jim Brewer 203-655-4436
  - **Treasurer** - Tom Dunn

## Rules and Regulations

- **Rules and Regulations**
  - All gardens must be started by the middle of May
    - Failure to start by the middle of May will result in forfeiture of dues and reassignment of garden plot without further notice
  - Participation in one clean up day by gardeners is required
    - Lay down newspaper and wood chips on north/east sides of your plot
    - Staking and setting up garden hoses
    - Repairing perimeter fencing
  - Each gardener is responsible for keeping the North and East paths around their plot free of weeds, rocks and crops
    - Please clear 4' wide path so that the gardening carts can get through
    - No plastic or grass clippings may be used in paths since they become slippery when wet
    - Newspaper or biodegradable landscape cloth covered with chips work best
  - Plots will be inspected during the season for having clear paths and weeds
    - Plot's paths must be cleared of weeds or rocks throughout season
    - Garden plots should have less than 25% weeds
  - Turn off water at spigots and rewind hoses as a courtesy to other gardeners
    - Do not leave watering unattended
    - Do not mix hoses or leave them tangled for other gardeners
  - Dispose of all organic materials, weeds and unwanted rocks in dumping area located outside back gate
    - Do not throw over fence
    - All non-organic items (such as seed packages, pots, etc.) must be taken away and disposed of
  - Clean and return community tools and wheelbarrows to center of garden near spigot
    - Place wheelbarrows upright to keep water out when it rains
  - Only fertilizers and dusts are allowed
    - Do not use Preen, Round-up or any other herbicide or pesticide, that remains in the soil
    - Fertilizers and dust may be used only in such a way as to not affect adjacent gardens and grassed areas
  - Do not let vines grow on Community Garden's outside fencing
    - Be sensitive to your plants casting shade onto your neighbor's gardens
  - Close the garden gates
    - Please close the gates when you enter or exit the garden
  - All gardens must be cleaned at the end of the season by the end of October
    - Failure to clean your garden at the end of the season, by the end of October, will result in reassignment of your garden plot next year
  - Gardening hours are from sunrise to sunset
  - No potatoes are to be planted due to serious infestation
  - No Pets Allowed in the garden

## Contact Us

- **Information or Questions**
  - Dorothy Shergalis, Chairperson
    - Phone: 203-252-4507
  - Parks & Recreation
    - Phone: 203-656-7325

## Gardening Information

- **Home Gardening by Cornell University**
  - [Vegetable Guides](#)
    - A detailed description, growing instructions, site and soil requirements, varieties, and solutions for managing pests and diseases for more than 58 variety of vegetables
  - [Vegetable Growing Basics](#)
    - Basic information on how to grow vegetables
  - [Managing Insect Pests](#)
    - Learn how to manage insect pests in vegetable gardens
  - [Minimizing Diseases](#)
    - Learn to minimize diseases in vegetable gardens
  - [Solving Common Vegetable Problems](#)
    - Here are some of the most common vegetable gardeners problems
  - [How to Grow Annuals Flowers](#)
    - Annual plants grow and flower through one season and die in the fall, learn how to grow them
  - [How to Grow Perennials Flowers](#)
    - Perennial plants grow and flower year after year, learn how to grow them
  - [Explore Cornell Home Gardening](#)
    - The educational features offered here are designed to bring you ecologically sound, science-based practices for use in your gardening projects
- **Organic Gardening**
  - [Organic Gardening Tips](#)
    - Over two hundred organic vegetable growing tips
  - [Organic Herb Gardening](#)
    - Organic herb growing guide
  - [Johnny's Seed Catalog](#)
    - Organic products for Disease, Pest Control and Repellents, Fertilizer and Organic Plant Foods
- **Gardening Web Sites**
  - [Weeds and Your Garden](#)
    - You can learn to recognize weeds that thrive under many conditions and compete with neighboring plants
  - [Vegetable MD Online](#)
    - Disease Fact Sheets Listed by Crop
  - [White Flower Farm](#)
    - A family-owned mail-order nursery located in northwestern Connecticut providing Kitchen Garden seeds and fully rooted seedlings
  - [Pinetree Garden Seeds](#)
    - Provides home gardeners with seeds in appropriately sized packages
  - [Seed Savers Exchange](#)
    - A non-profit organization of gardeners dedicated to saving and sharing heirloom seeds
  - [Essential Planting Guides](#)
    - Essential Planting Guide for popular herbs and plants that are suitable to our area
  - [Garden Care Calendar](#)
    - Garden Care Calendar to find out what to do and when to do it!
  - [Home & Garden Education Center of University of Connecticut CANR Cooperative Extension System](#)
    - Home and Garden Fact Sheets

## Community Links

- **Community Resources**
  - [The Darien Times Answer Book](#)
    - It provides answers to more than 450 questions commonly asked about the Darien community
  - [Darien Community Information Network](#)

- Information about the schools, organizations and businesses in Darien
- [Darien Community Calendar](#)
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- [Darien Library](#)
  - Great place to obtain gardening books, magazines, and DVDs
  - [List of available gardening books](#)
  - [List of available gardening DVDs](#)
- [Town of Darien](#)
  - The Town of Darien Web Site
- [Darien Parks and Recreation Department](#)
  - Information about parks, sport fields and how Darien residence can obtain park permit

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