



COMMUNITY SUPPORTED GARDEN at LA VISTA

☀ 2010 SEASON ☀

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) consists of a community of individuals who pledge support to a farm operation so that the farmland becomes, either legally or spiritually, the community's farm, with the growers and consumers providing mutual support and sharing the risks and benefits of food production. Members or shareholders of the farm or garden pledge in advance to cover the anticipated costs of the farm operation and farmer's salary. In return, they receive shares in the farm's bounty throughout the growing season, as well as satisfaction gained from reconnecting to the land. Members also share in risks, including poor harvest due to unfavorable weather or pests. — *USDA definition*

REGULAR SEASON

mid-May to mid-November

Full Share - \$550

◆ *pickup every week*

Alternate Share - \$300

◆ *pickup on alternate weeks*

PRE-SEASON

5 weeks starting in April

Spring Greens Share - \$35

◆ *1 pound each week*

Shares: On average, each weekly distribution provides a vegetable-loving diet for two adults or a vegetable-supplemented diet for a family of four.

Regular Season Shares are distributed from approximately mid-May through mid-November.

Spring Greens Shares are available only to Regular Season shareholders and provides one pound of gourmet salad greens during each week of the five week season.

Payment may be made in full when submitting the Shareholder Agreement /Volunteer Interest Survey. Or, two equal payments can be sent, *the first due by December 1, 2009 and the second due by February 15, 2010.* Upon request, other payment arrangements will be considered.

Community: Shareholders are encouraged to participate in the Garden community by volunteering three or more hours each month and by attending Shareholder Gatherings and Celebrations. A wide variety of volunteer work is needed, year-round, to maintain the low price of fresh, sustainably and locally grown produce.

Responsibility: Each Shareholder is a member of the community supported garden and agrees to act in a manner that is just and kind to the land, other members, and all creation when on the *La Vista* property. Each member benefits from the bounty of the garden, and also shares in the risks of each growing season.

Charity: The Garden is not-for-profit. Ten shares are offered, based on need, at a reduced price. Additionally, excess produce is donated to the local food pantry.

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2010 SEASON ♦ SHAREHOLDER APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT

Primary Shareholders (at one address – Secondary Shareholders complete separate application page)				
First Name1		Last Name1		
Phone1		Email1		
First Name2		Last Name2		
Phone2		Email2		
Address				
City		State		Zip

DISTRIBUTION PICK-UP PREFERENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesdays Noon to 7pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Fridays 2pm to 7pm
<input type="checkbox"/> No preference

Complete **BOTH** sides of application and send Secondary Shareholder application (if applicable) along with your check to:

Community Supported Garden at La Vista
c/o Cliff Ohlson
216 Bowman
East Alton, IL 62024

SHARES REQUESTED		Enter amt here
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Season, FULL Share <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Weekly pick-up, mid-May to mid-November, 27 weeks total 	\$550	
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Season, ALTERNATE Share <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Alternate week pick-up, mid-May to mid-November 	\$300	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Season, SPRING GREENS Share (limited # of shares available) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o One pound of gourmet spring greens, for each of 5 weeks o MUST be a Regular Season shareholder to purchase this 	\$35	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Contribution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Please consider making a donation to support the Garden – especially if you aren't likely to volunteer the suggested 3 hrs per month (3 hrs x 6 months = 18 volunteer hrs per season) 		
Make check payable to: CSG at La Vista	TOTAL DUE	
First half of payment due by 12/1/2009	AMOUNT ENCLOSED	
Second half due by 2/15/2010	BALANCE DUE	

Statement of Shareholder Agreement

*I wish to become a member of the **Community Supported Garden at La Vista** by sharing the economic responsibilities as well as the bounty of produce from this farm. I understand that the farmer is committed to using sustainable growing methods and that unforeseen crop difficulties may reduce the harvest. I understand that, as a Shareholder, I am a participant in this community supported effort.*

Primary Shareholder signature: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE BE SURE TO COMPLETE THE VOLUNTEER INTEREST SURVEY ON THE REVERSE SIDE

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*Garden shareholders are encouraged to volunteer three or more hours per month to support the work of the Garden.
If you are unable to donate time, please consider making an additional monetary contribution.*

Please indicate areas in which you have interest and skill to contribute to the Garden:

CELEBRATIONS

- ◆ Plan Shareholder Celebrations
- ◆ Help set-up before and clean-up after

COMMUNICATIONS

- ◆ Phone non-email members
- ◆ Write/edit/email Garden News
- ◆ Maintain bulletin boards in Distribution area
- ◆ Create posters advertising events
- ◆ Print weekly farmer Newsletter
- ◆ Write/edit/print Shareholder Manual

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- ◆ Promote outreach shares
- ◆ Review outreach applications
- ◆ Liaison with outreach members
- ◆ Liaison with Crisis Food Bank

CORE GROUP

- ◆ General oversight and guidance
- ◆ Supervise farmer
- ◆ Develop and implement policies
- ◆ Authorize hiring personnel and expenditures

EDUCATION

- ◆ Arrange programs for members
- ◆ Cook book and recipes
- ◆ Research store prices of organic produce
- ◆ Create informative labels for produce

FIELD WORK ***lots of help needed***

- ◆ Planting
- ◆ Weeding
- ◆ Harvesting

MEMBERSHIP

- ◆ Process shareholder applications
- ◆ Maintain online membership list

FINANCE

- ◆ Develop and oversee budget
- ◆ Maintain records of incoming checks
- ◆ Deposit checks
- ◆ Pay bills

GARDEN BEAUTIFICATION

- ◆ Plan and implement garden beautification around Distribution Center and U-Pick areas
- ◆ Maintain "Magpie's Garden"

GRANT WRITING ***high need area***

- ◆ Research and write grants

INFRASTRUCTURE

- ◆ Equipment repair
- ◆ Machine maintenance
- ◆ Electrical support
- ◆ Carpentry
- ◆ Fence maintenance

PUBLICITY

- ◆ Arrange speaking engagements
- ◆ Create and distribute CSG literature
- ◆ Attend events and staff CSG booth
- ◆ Contact local press and media

TECHNOLOGY

- ◆ Database development (MySQL)
- ◆ Photography at garden events (digital)

VOLUNTEERS

- ◆ Coordinate volunteers for work days
- ◆ Manage greeters for distribution days
- ◆ Make reminder calls to greeters
- ◆ Assist in coordinating volunteers for other garden jobs

OTHER

- ◆ I would like to discuss volunteer work not listed (Please describe)

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▶▶▶▶▶ **Secondary Shareholders** ◀◀◀◀◀◀

This page is required ONLY if you're sharing a share.

Some members prefer to "share a share" with the Primary Shareholder and are known as Secondary Shareholders. Secondary Shareholders should complete this portion of the application, including the reverse side, and submit their payment with the Primary's payment to assure that the account is credited properly. ***One check between both shareholders is preferred to reduce recordkeeping.***

***Secondary Shareholders are Full Members
with both the benefits and obligations of Primary Shareholders.***

Name of Primary Shareholder:				
Secondary Shareholder(s)				
First Name1		Last Name1		
Phone1		Email1		
First Name2		Last Name2		
Phone2		Email2		
Address				
City		State		Zip

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