Green Village Initiative

Farm and Garden Volunteer Guidelines

Thank you for volunteering with Green Village Initiative! Please read the guidelines below for each of our programs.

Guidelines for Green Village Initiative Volunteers
We ask that farm and garden volunteers:

- Wear heavy-soled, closed-toe shoes, plenty of sunscreen, and farm-appropriate clothing (like long pants), and bring extra sunscreen, any snacks or lunch they may want, and a refillable water bottle.
- We suggest you wear layers in the spring and fall, as the day can start out cool and end hot.
- Please be aware that we have beehives at many of our sites; volunteers who are allergic to bees should bring an Epi-pen or appropriate medication in case they get stung.
- If your group includes youth high-school age or younger, we require a ratio of one adult chaperone for every 5 youth; the adult chaperones are required to work alongside the youth throughout the volunteer time.
- Please print out and distribute this document and the appropriate photo opt-out forms (pages 2 and 3) to your group. If any volunteer or visitor does not wish to appear in GVI photos, they should bring a signed photo opt-out form with them on the volunteer day.

Volunteer Opportunities at Green Village Initiative

Reservoir Community Farm
We host volunteers at our urban farm, Reservoir Community Farm, on Saturdays, 10 a.m to 2 p.m., from April 15 to November 1. Tasks include weeding, trash pick-up, planting, turning beds, and additional gardening projects. Individual volunteers are welcome to drop by during our volunteer hours on Saturdays during the growing season. For groups of 3 or more volunteers on Saturdays, or Tuesday through Friday with advance scheduling, please contact us at farm@gogvi.org. The farm is located at 1469 Reservoir Avenue, and parking and the entrance are on Yaremich Avenue.

Community & School Gardens
Green Village Initiative oversees 13 community gardens and 23 school gardens in Bridgeport. Volunteer days held at these sites are scheduled in advance with the respective program manager. For community gardens, please contact us at communitygardens@gogvi.org. For school gardens, please contact us at schoolgardencoordinator@gogvi.org.

We are thrilled to have you volunteer with us!
Your help is invaluable to urban agriculture in Bridgeport.
Please let us know if you have any questions.
Photo Opt-Out Form for Adults

During this event, there may be photos, videos, or recording taken in connection with Green Village Initiative (GVI) activities. GVI may reproduce, broadcast, distribute, and publish photographs, videos, and recordings. We may use these photos, videos and recordings, and other relevant information about you for informational, promotional, and all other legal uses, including newsletters, brochures, newspapers, press releases, and online services.

This form allows you the option to not allow GVI to use photographs, videos, or recordings of your voice or likeness for the purpose of GVI.

Failure to exercise this option releases, and discharges GVI from any and all claims arising out of the use of photographs, videos, and recordings, or any right that the parent, guardian, or minor may have.

☐ I do not give GVI permission to take my photo or photographs in which I may be involved with others for the purpose of promoting GVI.

I am 18 or older, and am able to contract for myself in the above regard. I have read the above statement and fully understand its contents.

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Signature                  Date

Name (Please Print) ____________________________________

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**Photo Opt-Out Form for Minors**

During an event today or an upcoming event, there may be photos taken of your minor in connection with Green Village Initiative (GVI) activities. GVI may reproduce, broadcast, distribute, and publish photographs, videos, and recordings. We may use these photos and other relevant information about your minor for informational, promotional, and all other legal uses, including newsletters, brochures, newspapers, press releases, and online services.

This form allows parents/guardians the option to not allow GVI to use photographs, videos, or recordings of their minor children’s likeliness or voice for the purpose of GVI.

Failure to exercise this option releases and discharges GVI from any and all claims arising out of the use of photographs, videos, and recordings, or any right that the parent, guardian, or minor may have.

Please feel free to contact us at our office 203-227-5320, or email us at info@gogvi.org if you have any concerns.

☐ I do not give GVI permission to use photographs, videos, or recordings of the voice or likeliness of the minor named below, or photographs, videos, or recordings in which the minor may be involved with others for the purpose of promoting GVI.

I am 18 or older, and am able to contract for the minor named below, in the above regard. I have read the above statement and fully understand its contents.

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Signature                  Date

Name (Please Print) _______________________________

Minor’s Name (Please Print) ___________________________