

Hollis Hills Bayside CSA

2017 Membership Agreement

Community Supported Agriculture – CSA (referred to as “Food Share”) is a mutually beneficial partnership where urban consumers receive fresh, nutritious vegetables while helping to sustain the livelihoods and stewardship of regional farmers. In a CSA arrangement the farmer pre-sells “shares” of their farm’s upcoming harvest to individuals, families, and companies.

Please complete the Membership Agreement, include your check made payable to “Hollis Hills Bayside Jewish Center” (write “CSA/Ross Fund” in the memo line) and mail to: Hollis Hills Bayside Jewish Center, 210-10 Union Turnpike, Flushing, NY 11364 - Attn: CSA

Contact Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Best phone number to reach you: _____ Email: _____

Are you splitting your share? ___ yes ___ no

If you split your share, you must coordinate with the other member(s). It might be helpful to make yourself a schedule showing: 1) who will be picking up each week; 2) are they taking the entire box; 3) are they dividing the box at distribution for the other member(s).

Share partner name: _____

Address: _____

Best phone number to reach you: _____ Email: _____

How did you hear about the Hollis Hills Bayside CSA? _____

Have you been a CSA member before? ___ yes ___ no

CSA Share

CSA members receive from *Golden Earthworm Organic Farm* a weekly vegetable share consisting of 5-8 items sufficient to feed 2-4 people. Shares vary in size/variety at different times during the season. You can purchase a fruit share from *Briermere Farm* (not organic).

Sharing the Risk

Members support the farmer by sharing in the inherent risks (poor weather, drought, frost, etc.) of agriculture and rewards of a good harvest. Though farmers use growing techniques that protect the harvest, minimize risk and optimize rewards, I understand principles of farming and agree there is no guarantee of amount or type of produce I receive.

Share Price

Full vegetable share: **\$540 for 24 weeks**. The farm struggles with the final week of the season so they have reduced the season by 1 week. Please note we are starting 1 week later due to an additional holiday during Memorial Day week. The price has been adjusted accordingly.

Fruit share: **\$125 for 18 weeks**. Share includes fresh, seasonal fruit from *Briermere Farm* in cooperation with *Golden Earthworm*. Based on feedback from the farm's survey, they are bringing back a longer fruit share from July through October (not organic).

All signed Membership Agreements must be received by April 27 accompanied by a check for the full amount. Payments are not refundable.

Schedule Changes

There will be 3 Tuesday delivery weeks because of the holidays:

Tuesday, September 19

Tuesday, October 3

Tuesday, October 10

Member Commitment

As a member of the Hollis Hills Bayside CSA for the 2017 season, I commit to:

- Support the farm with up-front payment.
- Pick up my share weekly on Thursdays from June 8 - November 16 at HBJC's Annex, 80-11 210th Street, Hollis Hills between 5:00 pm and 7:30 pm.
- If I am unable to pick up, it is my responsibility to send someone for my share. I must tell the shift volunteers who will be picking up my share.
- Food not picked up is donated to the American Martyrs Church pantry.
- All members are required to volunteer 4-5 hours during the season.
- All shifts must be covered. When I cannot work my shift, it is my responsibility to find a replacement. I can find my own sub, or choose from the "Standby List". I need to tell Irina Sirota, shift coordinator, the name of the person who will sub for me. Irina's email is: irina_k_sirota@yahoo.com and if I am unable to cover my shift, my name will move to the "Standby List" for the shift I missed.

Ideas for Work Fulfillment and Volunteer Sign-in Agreement

To keep the CSA running, each member has to sign up for some volunteer work requirement consisting of 4-5 hours. **Working shifts is the most important job and 6 volunteers are required each week**. Shifts are Thursdays 4:45 pm to 6:15 and 6:15 to 7:45 pm. If you are unable to work a shift, below are some ways members can fulfill their work obligation:

- 1) Shift volunteers at distribution: set up, distribute, break-down boxes, clean up, close up.
- 2) Shift coordinator: make sure members contribute the agreed upon amount of work time, set weekly schedule for members working at distribution, confirm shifts and make sure all shifts are covered.

- 3) Shift volunteer reminder callers: call all shift volunteers to remind them about their shift time and make sure they are coming or getting a sub if needed.
- 4) Standby volunteer for shifts: substitute for someone who is unable to work their shift with a maximum commitment 3 times.
- 5) Treasurer: keep accounting of monies raised and disbursed, collect and deposit checks, pay the farmer.
- 6) Food pantry coordinator: set weekly schedule for pantry delivery volunteers.
- 7) Food pantry delivery volunteers: make sure unclaimed food is delivered to pantry.
- 8) Research recipe volunteer: submit recipes based on the contents of the share.
- 9) Social media volunteer: post information/pictures on our Facebook page and any other social media.
- 10) Public relations volunteer: help with developing ideas for promoting/marketing our CSA.
- 11) Programming volunteer: share your talent with the CSA by giving a health talk, presenting a food demo, conducting an exercise/yoga class or other health/wellness related ideas.
- 12) Equal Exchange coordinator: order products, keep inventory, and communicate with EE shift volunteer.
- 13) Equal Exchange shift volunteers: take pictures for 2 months of EE items sold at the end of the shift and email/text to EE coordinator.

Members use "SignUpGenius.com" to sign up for shifts. You will get an instruction email from Irina Sirota, shift coordinator. You can select your shifts within a week after your completed application and check is received. Please sign up as soon as you get the email.

I will purchase the following share:

_____ Vegetable - \$540 - (\$517 paid to farmer, \$20 admin fee, \$3 Just Food donation)

_____ Fruit - \$125 - (\$118 paid to farmer, \$5 admin fee, \$2 Just Food donation)

Name: _____

CSA – job choice: _____

Member signature: _____ Date: _____

Registration is not considered complete until you have selected a job, signed the Membership Agreement, and sent in your check. Please make the necessary arrangements to volunteer – our CSA depends on it. We look forward to welcoming you!

CSA membership fee is not tax deductible as a charitable contribution.

Hollis Hills Bayside CSA - Core Group

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