

**Question 1: Overall, how satisfied are you with your experiences with the Community Garden?**

Very Unsat.	Slightly Unsat	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	Rating Ave.	Response #
7.3% (3)	0.0% (0)	4.9% (2)	26.8% (11)	61.0% (27)	4.34	43

**Question 2: Regarding camaraderie and support from other gardeners, how satisfied are you with your experiences at the Garden?**

Very Unsat.	Slightly Unsat	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	Rating Ave.	Response #
7.3% (3)	2.4% (1)	12.2% (5)	36.6% (16)	41.5% (18)	4.02	43

**Question 3: How satisfied are you with the support from the Garden Board?**

Very Unsat.	Slightly Unsat	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	Rating Ave.	Response #
9.8% (4)	2.4% (1)	9.8% (4)	34.1% (15)	43.9% (18)	4.00	42

**Question 4: In general, how adequately do you think rules are enforced at the Garden?**

Very Unsat.	Slightly Unsat	Neutral	Well	Very Well	Rating Ave.	Response #
4.9% (2)	4.9% (2)	19.5% (8)	51.2% (22)	19.5% (9)	3.76	43

**Question 5: Overall, how satisfied are you with communication from the Garden Board?**

Very Unsat.	Slightly Unsat	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	Rating Ave.	Response #
7.3% (3)	0.0% (0)	9.8% (4)	43.9% (18)	39.0% (18)	4.07	43

**Question 6: How successful were the volunteer commitments and scheduled work days?**

Very Unsat.	Slightly Unsat	Neutral	Successful	Very Success	Rating Ave.	Response #
0.0% (0)	4.9% (2)	12.2% (5)	51.2% (21)	31.7% (14)	4.10	42

**Question 7: What do you like most about the Community Garden? (Short answer comments)**

- ❖ That it is a place not far from my house where I can garden inexpensively. I enjoy all of the resources (equipment, compost, mulch, etc.) that my membership in the garden provides.
- ❖ The People
- ❖ JUST GETTING A PLACE SO i CAN GARDEN AGAIN.
- ❖ It's closeness to my house. The weekly email gardening tips. The provision of tools in good working order, compost & mulch. The socials.
  
- ❖ The help, the tools, the ground, the people who have been teaching so much more.
- ❖ gardening and gardening around other people is a delight to soul and body.
- ❖ I like the weekly newsletter that gives advice about growing and other community garden related issues. Very valuable!

- ❖ The availability of equipment to use as needed
- ❖ The shed was improved so tools were accessible. equipment in big shed in better working order.
- ❖ nice people to work with
- ❖ Fun place to have a garden & crops do well
- ❖ The community and help from the board, the weekly letter and of course the wonderful fresh food
- ❖ Provides a great opportunity to all interested people of the community at very low cost. Helps connect people from all strata of the community.
- ❖ Produce
- ❖ The opportunity to have quality time with fellow gardeners, and to have a place to grow wholesome vegetables. The exercise that I get at the gardens makes up the majority of my daily need. I get a lot of good out of the weekly newsletter.
- ❖ i like that all the equipment was available so that students can garden without a huge expense
- ❖ The fact that there is a "Community Garden"! I also think that the current board has done an excellent job of improving things to include care and maintenance of the equipment, providing timely mulch and compost and even such small things as upgrading the gas cans. The community garden news letter is also fantastic even for experienced gardeners.
- ❖ It bring's people together with a common interest
- ❖ That it is there.
- ❖ I like having a place to garden and I do like meeting other gardeners.
- ❖ The soil, the space, and the sunshine that enables me to grow veggies! I also like having my plots next to each other because it makes gardening so much easier.
- ❖ Great soil and reasonable priced.
- ❖ Excellent growing space and soil. Comraderie with other gardeners is good and you can learn from them by example.
- ❖ excellent soil,water close,directions on what to do with certain crops.
- ❖ In addition to the condition of the soil, the interactions with other gardeners.
- ❖ the abiity to have my own plots year after year having compost available at the garden having the sheds, equipment, tools provided at the garden great soil and gardening location Having the expertise of Chuck Marr at the garden
- ❖ availability of quality tools, water
- ❖ digging around in the dirt. i am not a production gardener, i need the hort therapy :- )
- ❖ I like the availability of tools that I don't have. I also really appreciate the newsletter. I learned quite a bit from it.
- ❖ Available equipment& water, compost, mulch.
- ❖ People are friendly and helpful.

Answered question    31

Skipped question    11

### **Question 8: What suggestions do you have to improve the Community Garden? (Short Answer Comments)**

- ❖ More updates from the community garden board about the status of the North gardens would be greatly appreciated!
- ❖ none really
- ❖ More sites in different parts of town. More frequent communication from Board, especially now when we don't know if the north gardens will exist next year. An official way to report garden vandalism to determine how much of a problem it is. Quicker response to out-of-control weedy plots.

- ❖ I don't know how it could be possible, but my biggest concern is that i don't feel safe at the garden alone, because of the neighborhood. Maybe a tall fence around the area, but honestly I don't see it a very possible solution.
- ❖ Need more deliveries of soil and chips from dump for fall prep.
- ❖ keep us informed about the move
- ❖ Make a decision on the future of the north gardens, are we moving or not?
- ❖ Not everybody keeps the weeds down & some plots do not look very good
- ❖ Some serious problems could result by losing half of the present space and receiving unconditioned and less accessible land in exchange.
- ❖ The socials are great.
- ❖ I don't have any suggestions to improve the Community Garden. It seems like when something needs to be done, it gets done in a timely manner..
- ❖ I would like a little reminder to other gardeners about courtesy- we had several people walk through our plot instead of going around- ruining plants- also please remind people not to put their trash in other peoples compost piles.
- ❖ None other than keeping the North Gardens.
- ❖ I would pay more attention to the one's that are wasing ground just because they've been there for awhile
- ❖ none
- ❖ Rules enforcement could be beefed up a bit. It was pretty hard not to notice the 4 foot tall pigweed in my neighbor's plot. I wasn't perfect either, but I didn't let the weeds get that tall! I would like to get a 3rd plot next year, but don't know if that's possible with the Howie's fiasco.
- ❖ There is an opportunity for the community gardens to grow in this community if we had more and stable garden space. It is one of the 'best kept secrets' in Manhattan.
- ❖ Right now, we need better communications from the board about what will happen next year. I realize that a lot of things are not yet finalized. However, many of us are preparing for next season, and we need to know whether we are likely to lose plots. At least we can then determine where is the best place to the plant garlic, etc. to assure that they are in our plot (or plots) next summer. Second and much less important point: It seems like the mowing along the railroad was rather infrequent this summer. That should be monitored better or those who have plots next to the tracks should be told that they should mow it.
- ❖ some of the garden plots have been allowed to get weedy with nothing done about it, while others are apparently enforced. Some of the plots were allowed to get very weedy and become an eyesore to the gardens, but the board apparently did not enforce the weed rules on specific gardeners. Work days- I think 1 1/2 hr each work day should be sufficient. I notice that many workers get tired and lose steam. If all gardeners put in solid work for 1 1/2 hr 2X a year, a lot will get done. But ther work days have been very successful in my opinion.
- ❖ some way to keep people from stealing crops
- ❖ I'm next to the railroad tracks and seem to have a bunch of small rocks from the rail bed but that is a small issue...I don't expect anything to be done. I'll just throw them into Chuck's garden...just kidding.

Answered question    21

Skipped question    22

**Question 9: Do you have any additional comments to share?** (*Short Answer Comments*)

- ❖ I saw quite a few garden beds turning into weeds or not getting to their full extent this past summer. I recommend limiting the number of plots a gardener can obtain to increase the number individuals who can obtain a garden plot and to utilize the garden to its fullest extent.
- ❖ I will need to have someone rototill my spot when my green beans come off. Who shall I contact? Thanks.
- ❖ Save the north gardens. Great maintenance/improvements to shed and equipment.
- ❖ I think the rules pertaining to each gardener's responsibility to the walking paths adjacent to their plots needs to be more closely enforced.
- ❖ It was a good experience for me, & hope I can do it again next year
- ❖ No
- ❖ I am quite happy with the way the garden is being run and have no additional comments at this time.
- ❖ I think that kudos need to go to the board for their good job as noted above and as well to Linda for keeping us updated on the changes coming re. the north garden. I have also particularly noticed Pat, Dick and Chuck's contributions. I'm sure that a number of other board members have contributed as well but I have not been as familiar with their work.
- ❖ I hope we still have the north gardens next year
- ❖ It would be great if the North Gardeners knew how to plan for next year.
- ❖ I definitely think that MCG is a valuable community resource and expanding it would be beneficial for a lot of people, especially in these hard economic times. My goal is to grow almost all the veggies my husband and I eat for the year, but doing that in just two plots is impossible. It would likely take 3-4 plots, depending on size. Thanks for all the hard work that the MCG Board puts into keeping the Gardens functional!!
- ❖ Need a periodic update on what is happening with garden expansion/loss of North gardens.
- ❖ Thanks to the current board for all of the work.
- ❖ please keep us up to date on the move to collins lane. as a single gal, i would prefer to stay in town if possible. i know it is early daze, but could that be a consideration?
- ❖ Thanks for the new hoses. It made watering very easy.
- ❖ I think the garden is an excellent asset of the community. The board might consider a \$ fine system for rules abusers. Clearing weeds...if the gardener isn't responsive then a fine is tacked on to the next years renewal fee...just a thought. The socials are good...a lot of work but good. Thanks for the opportunity to speak.

Answered question 16

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