



# COMMUNITY SUPPORTED GARDEN at LA VISTA



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## ☀ 2017 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 end of October

#### Full Share - \$600

◆ *Pick up every week*

#### Alternate Share - \$340

◆ *Pick up on alternate weeks*

### PRE-SEASON SPRING GREENS—

5 weeks starting in April

#### Spring Greens Share - \$35

◆ *1 pound each week*

**Communication:** We communicate with our shareholders primarily via email. If you do not have an email address, please indicate so in the address section of the application. **Sign up for our weekly newsletter ([www.lavistacsa.org](http://www.lavistacsa.org)) to ensure you get important messages.** "Like" us on Facebook!

**Shares:** On average, each weekly distribution provides a vegetable-loving diet for two adults or a vegetable-supplemented diet for a family of four. Extra produce may go to local Farmers Market.

**Regular Season Shares** are distributed from approximately mid-May to end of October.

**Spring Greens Shares** are available only to Regular Season shareholders and provide 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.

**Community:** Shareholders are encouraged 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 a 501(c)(4) Illinois Corporation. A percentage of shares are offered, based on need, at a reduced price. Additionally, excess produce may also be donated to the local food pantry.

**TO GET OUR NEWSLETTER, PLEASE GO TO [WWW.LAVISTACSA.ORG](http://WWW.LAVISTACSA.ORG) AND ENTER YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS.**

# COMMUNITY SUPPORTED GARDEN AT LA VISTA 2017 SEASON ♦ SHAREHOLDER APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT



**Primary Shareholders** (Sharing a share is welcomed, however, primary shareholders are responsible for sharing information with secondary shareholders. )

First Name1		Last Name1	
Phone1		Email1	
First Name2		Last Name2	
Phone2		Email2	
Address			
City		State	Zip

**\*\* IMPORTANT: TO RECEIVE GARDEN NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, PLEASE GO TO [WWW.LAVISTACSA.ORG](http://WWW.LAVISTACSA.ORG) AND ENTER YOUR INFORMATION IN THE MAILING LIST SIGN UP BOX TO THE RIGHT OF THE HOME PAGE.**

DISTRIBUTION PICK-UP PREFERENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> Farm Pick-up	Tuesdays 2:00pm-7:00pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Farm Pick-up	Fridays 2:00pm-7:00pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Edwardsville Delivery	Tuesdays 5:00pm-6:30pm
<input type="checkbox"/> St. Louis Delivery	Saturdays 7:00am-9:00am

Complete **BOTH** pages of application and send your application and check to:  
**Community Supported Garden at La Vista**  
**4350 Levis Lane**  
**Godfrey, IL 62035**

SHARES REQUESTED	Fee	Enter Amount
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Season, FULL Share (25 Weeks of produce) <i>Mid May to end of October</i>	\$600	
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Season, ALTERNATE Share - Full share every other week o <i>Check here for weekly alternate share pick-up (half share each week, farm pick-up only)</i>	\$340	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Season, SPRING GREENS Share (limited number of shares available) o <i>One pound of gourmet spring greens, for each of 5 weeks</i>	\$35	
<input type="checkbox"/> One-time delivery fee (for delivery to Edwardsville or Garden Heights Nursery in St. Louis)	\$35	
<input type="checkbox"/> Donation in lieu of volunteer hours (see pg. 2) (Suggested donation in lieu of volunteer hours is \$30)	\$30	
<i>Make check payable to: CSG at La Vista</i>	TOTAL DUE	
<i>If making payments, half due with application, second half by May 1</i>		
	AMOUNT ENCLOSED	
	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.  
 The Community Supported Garden at La Vista is not responsible for any accidents or injuries incurred while doing volunteer work for the Farm. Refund of any fees is solely at the discretion of the Garden Core Group.*

Primary Shareholder signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# COMMUNITY SUPPORTED GARDEN AT LA VISTA 2015 SEASON ♦ SHAREHOLDER VOLUNTEER INTEREST

*Shareholders are encouraged to volunteer at least three hours per month in support of the Garden. We can accommodate most physical abilities and skill levels.*

*If you can't donate time, please consider making an additional monetary donation for farm assistant salaries.*

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

FUNDRAISING

- ♦ Help with wine tasting event
- ♦ Help with Taste of the Farm dinner
- ♦ Help with yard sale event

GRANT WRITING

- ♦ Research possible grants

FIELD WORK/GARDEN BEAUTIFICATION

- ♦ Year-round planting, weeding, harvesting, making soil
- ♦ Plan and implement garden beautification around Distribution Center and U-Pick areas
- ♦ Adopt-a-crop (Care for a particular crop throughout the season)

CELEBRATIONS (one or all)

- ♦ Plan Shareholder Celebrations
- ♦ Help set-up before and clean up after:
  - Welcome/Orientation (May)
  - Tomato Fest (August)
  - Harvest Party (November)

WEB SITE MAINTENANCE

- ♦ Help maintain garden web site

GREETER (PICKUP DAYS)

- ♦ Greet members as they arrive
- ♦ Assist new members with the pick-up process
- ♦ Keep bins of produce full
- ♦ Keep share room neat

BECOME A CORE GROUP MEMBER

- ♦ Be a part of the garden management team

Other

- ♦ I would like to discuss volunteer work not listed

Example: Help keep the cover towels washed

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So we can better manage our publicity efforts, please tell us how you know about La Vista, especially if you are a new member.

I know another shareholder \_\_\_\_\_ (name)

Radio program: WBGZ (Z-1570 Morning Show) \_\_\_\_\_ KDHX (Earthworms) \_\_\_\_\_

News article in \_\_\_\_\_ Our website \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_