

### **Flow of Responsibilities:**

**The City of Bridgeport** - eliminate blight, define blight, fine for blight, find and response to blight, debris pickups for large pickups, tree pruning, providing water, May 15th - Oct 15th, maintain contact with GVI

**GVI** - talk to the city about the incorporation of gardens into non- blight, maintain contact with Community Gardeners, two cleanups per seasons, bringing in soil 2-3 years per garden, provide cover crop, flowers, and other perennials, provide tools

**Community Garden** - when gardens have green city garbage bins put them out when trash is picked up, eliminate all trash on site, shoveling sidewalks when there is snow, keeping individual bed, pathways, perimeter, sidewalk, fence weed free of weeds (may1st - oct31st), planting cover crop to reserve soil and perennials, mowing/weed whacking, maintain communication with captains who will communicate with GVI, make sure GVI has access to gardens at all time (locks and/or keys)

### **Maintain a 'collabortive' 'friendly' environment:**

- Every gardener should be open to solving problems both hand-ons garden challenges and personal challenges
- When these issues cannot be solves within garden, they should be brought to captains and then GVI for support.
- Enter the garden with respect
- Volunteer for maintenance responsibilities
  - Captian is in charge of following up with gardeners and ensuring responsibilities are met.

### **NEXT YEAR ITEMS:**

**Talk to Audry Gaines**

**Parking + sidewalk shoveling**

**Trash used as art - clearance**

### **Flow of Expectations:**

**The City of Bridgeport:** the city will notify GVI of a blight issue (if issue isn't handled GVI will be fined),

**GVI:** GVI will then bill gardeners; repeated fines will result in a change of both gardeners and garden captains

**Community Gardeners:** maintain sites to avoid blight; all flowers bushes must be well pruned, weeds along perimeter must not be past 3'in common areas, pathways, weeds alongside garden bed are removed so wood is fully visible, weeds and grass on a sidewalk is not above ankle height, trash removed on a weekly basis from street and within garden, commit to planting clover seed or grass in pathways 2x per year to reduce weeds, compost area must be free of visible food scraps, bins must be upright, bins must be turned over weekly, structures may be requested to be removed is complaints are filed against them, when repairs within garden are needed to notify GVI, keep common areas and picnic tables weeded so furniture is clearly visible.