

GARDEN NOTES

OH MY GOODNESS !

With a little heat bump from Mother Nature a few weeks back, our little green growy friends are no longer so little! Things are really starting to crank up on the production side and we've made several trips to the Aware Food Bank, delivering nearly 280 pounds of fresh, organically grown produce so far. For comparison, we didn't make our first delivery last year until August 6th... If we could just find a market for the weeds, we'd be in really "TALL COTTON"!! Big Thanks out here to Walt and Roger for keeping an eye on watering while I was out for a week during the hottest stretch of weather so far this season (Hope the diagram wasn't too detailed!).

Produce so far has included Squash, Kohlrabi, Lettuce, Broccoli, Garlic, Kale, Potatoes and Dried Herbs.

With the trees now trimmed and thinned we not only have LOT'S of chips to use on pathways (yet another project) and for mulch, but we also have better natural light conditions, everywhere. The real bonus is a new area behind the HeadStart Playground we'll be expanding into next year. Over the course of the coming Winter, plans will be developed for the delivery of water and alignment of planting beds / rows for best use of the sunlight.

Speaking of HeadStart, the kids started some Pae seeds in their classroom and we've moved them into one of our boxes so they can watch them continue to grow. At harvest time, we'll be asking Chef Rich to prepare a dish, fresh from the garden, for lunch!

BIG DAYS OF WEEDING

Big Thanks out to Walt and Kathy for your help in pulling / trimming weeds! Bigger Thanks (SORRY) go out to one of our returning garden box "Owners - Justin Shaw - who has spent the better part of the past 3 weeks on his knees, pulling weeds - starting with the Strawberries (his favorite) and working Eastward toward the grapes on the South Side of the main path. Justin also had a run-in with a nest of hornets in the berries but has gained the upper hand using dish soap and LOTS OF WATER!

I also learned that one of what we call "weeds", is a source of food to others - it is the most prevalent of what we have been pulling! Unfortunately, these plants have now bolted (like Basil!) in the heat and no longer in season. Maybe next year we get these plants harvested earlier as a food source and minimize our downstream weeding needs.

There are plenty of opportunities to pull more weeds and our target load is greatly diminished. Come on out, I'm usually there in the mornings and can point you in a needed direction and as always - Daisy will be on Guard duty (possibly from the back seat of my truck!).

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PICTURES



Boxes



Rows



Beds I



Beds II

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Watch Dog

CALENDAR

JULY

WATER
WEED
HARVEST

AUGUST

SAME AS JULY
PREPARE BEDS FOR FALL / COOL SEASON CROPS

PROJECTS

CLEANUP (One of these days)
PATHS / CHIP DISTRIBUTION
EXPANDED GROWING AREA (behind HeadStart)
MEADOW AREA (behind the Entry Garden)
UPDATE GARDEN SIGN

THANKS ALL!

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