

# GARDEN NOTES

## AND SO IT GOES

Time seems to speed up at this point in our season! Seems like just yesterday we were tilling beds and prepping to grow and all of a sudden, things are popping up all over, especially the weeds. Thanks go out to Walt again for helping by mowing in and around the flowers! Next up, we need to get in and around the flower stems to open space for the sting trimmer to work its magic. Still talking about (and will schedule soon, after another trip to California in early June) a general cleanup workday - relocating stored materials into one central location and piling down tree limbs and branches for chipping or burning. Before too long we should have word (hopefully approval) on tree trimming and see a lot of activity on cleanup of dead limbs, thinning of the tree canopies, removal of a few dying trees and CHIPPING of all of the debris they generate.

## BIG DAY OF PLANTING

The Marion Polk Food Share (MPFS) folks had the second of four plant give aways Saturday 5.11.24. A Thank You here to Beth Mathews (and her Daughter) at Meals on Wheels for picking up MANY more plants for our program while we were away - the greenhouse was stuffed, beyond normal capacity!

This past Saturday, 5.18.24 saw many of these new arrivals placed in the ground to do their thing - GROW. I'm calling it the BIG DAY OF PLANTING (BDOP) as approximately 7 - 72 cell starter flats of Cabbage, Kohlrabi, Collards, Lettuce, Onions, Broccoli and more were emptied. Additionally, we were able to get more weeding done, feeding and watering of the existing plants and setting of the posts set for the fruit trees to be espaliered. Another shout-out here to our friend Xuan Xuan (shin shin) Villeneuve, who along with Heather (and Daisy), volunteered to spend their Saturday in the dirt!

MPFS has two more plant give aways scheduled May 25 and June 8, which will be followed by BDOP 2 to start filling in the remaining 50% of our open ground. Probably Saturday June 15.

I'm spending more and more time onsite now that the weather is warming and the plants are growing. If you'd like to join me, pull a few weeds, maybe toss a plant to two in the ground - come on over and jopin us (Daisy will be on-duty!).

We do have a couple of returnees to the boxes from last year, they are just getting their feet on the ground as well.

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## PICTURES



Greenhouse (After Planting)



Garlic, Asparagus, Strawberries, Raspberries



Blocks 2, 3 planted



Daisy, Garage, Hose checks

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## CALENDAR

ALWAYS - weeding, cleanup (limbs and leaves, debris)

### MAY

Plant, Grow, Water\*, Weed, REPEAT

tbd - Garden Project 5 year look ahead planning meeting (ideas? - please share)

11 - MPFS Plant Start give-away #2 of 4

12 - MOTHERS DAY

25 - MPFS Plant Start give-away #3 of 4

27 - MEMORIAL DAY

### JUNE

8 - MPFS Plant Start give-away #4 of 4

### JULY

7-14 - BEACH WEEK (MANZANITA, OR) for the Brophy's

Thanks All

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