

GARDEN NOTES

END OF THE OLD YEAR / START OF A NEW ONE

Our donation total is up to 1944 lbs of organically grown produce with our next to last donation on 11.25.24. The final drop of the year will be Potatoes harvested 11.24.24. We received a very nice letter from Aware Food Bank here in Woodburn, thanking us for our donations which helped provide "... over 43,000 meals' worth of nutritious food ..." inside our community.

THANKS to be GIVEN - to the Church members and their continued support of the Garden, to Cynthia for all of the kind words and positive feedback on what the Garden is providing, to our VOLUNTEERS!, none of it would be possible without you and we hope to have you all back - in fact, bring a friend and we'll have even more fun!!

For Halloween, we grew and donated Spinner Gourds and mini-pumpkin gourds to both pre-schools (Family Building Blocks and HeadStart) as well as decorated the entries of the church with corn stalks out of the Garden.

THE WEEDS

Our Number One nemesis this year! With Big Thanks out previously to Margaret and Cindy for their dedication to eradicating the weeds by hand pulling - no simple task as they seem to grow faster than we can pull them! - we've taken delivery of several rolls of weed control fabric which will be rolled out this Spring and knock down our Labor needs (and sore knees!).

SEASONS END

With the current growing season 98% complete, we are in the process of cleaning / clearing out the beds and rows and putting the garden to sleep for the Winter. We have planted Garlic and will be planting more as weather allows and will follow with cover crops of Clover, Fava Beans and Cow Peas to help provide green manure for our Spring crops.

A number of planned projects as noted below, will be commencing soon and will provide additional growing areas for both food and flowers as well as areas for walks and reflection (or just a nice place to have lunch?!).

As always if you have some spare time and are looking for something to do, give a call or just come on over and we'll fill your needs!

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PICTURES



Daisy

The only picture for this note is of my protector, my buddy and garden aficionado - DAISY. Faithful as the day is long, dedicated to watching over me while I'm in the garden and always ready to hit the back seat of the truck (for a better view of the garden!).

As to the Garden itself, keep in your thoughts the previous pictures shared in these Garden Notes of the colors, the produce we have been able to donate and of the picnic this Fall. Know that the ground is now covered with leaves and other green matter like a blanket, all to be turned into compost over the Winter, helping provide nutrients for our Spring plantings and another happy growing season.

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

28 - THANKSGIVING DAY

Clear the growing beds

Plant Garlic and cover crops (Red Clover, Fava Beans and Cow Peas)

DECEMBER

7 - PEARL HARBOR DAY - Thank a Veteran for their service, especially if they were there!

21 - WINTER formally begins

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25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

26 - BOXING DAY, HANUKKAH begins

31 - NEW YEARS DAY

More Garlic and cover crops (as weather allows)

Best Fishing Days - 7, 8, 15 and 16.

PROJECTS

CHIP DISTRIBUTION

EXPANDED GROWING AREA (behind HeadStart)

MEADOW AREA (behind the Entry Garden - former blackberry patch)

UPDATE GARDEN SIGNAGE

GARDEN ART

DONATE / TRANSPLANT RASPBERRY STARTS

REBUILD GARDEN BOXES

REBUILD SHADE STRUCTURE

THANKS ALL!

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