

# NRH COMMON GROUND FEB/MAR '22 NEWSLETTER

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### A LITTLE HUMOR

A woman applying for a job at a Florida lemon grove seemed much too qualified for the job.

“Ma’am,” the foreman asked, “do you have any actual experience in picking lemons?”

“As a matter of fact, yes!” she replied, “I’ve been divorced three times!”

### JOIN US FOR 2022!

It is a new year and the perfect time to reach for your growing goals!

We have worked through our waiting list and we still have a few plots left to rent out. If someone you know (or yourself) is interested in renting a plot for 2022 – please visit our website ([www.nrhcommunitygarden.com](http://www.nrhcommunitygarden.com)) to read about our garden rules and member commitments, then email Rachel at [commongroundnrh@hotmail.com](mailto:commongroundnrh@hotmail.com) to get on the list!

# MONTHLY GARDEN TASKS



It's time for those early spring crops that love the cool weather to be planted! Don't forget to cover or protect the young seedlings from freezes - milk jugs with the bottoms cut off work well in a pinch.

## FEBRUARY

- Direct sow beets, carrots, chard, collards/kale, garlic, lettuce, peas, Irish potatoes, radishes, spinach, and turnips
- (Early Feb) transplant onion sets
- (Late Feb) transplant broccoli, brussel sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower,
- Prune shrubs that bloom on new growth

## MARCH

- (After last frost) direct sow beans, corn, cucumbers, mustard greens, okra, pumpkins
- (Late Mar) transplant tomatoes (or wait until April if you can)
- Plant berry-producing shrubs

**SAVE THE DATE!** Our informative **Spring Gardening Seminar** is back! Grab a notebook and a friend and come see us February 12, 2022 from 9am to noon at the NRH Library (9015 Grand Ave) to meet new gardening friends, build your knowledge, and maybe even win a prize!

# COOKING WITH THE SEASONS



## BROWN BUTTER RADISHES

4 small bunches of radishes (about 2lbs), tops removed and halved

1 Tbsp olive oil

2 Tbsp unsalted butter

Juice of ½ lemon (about 1 ½ Tbsp)

salt and pepper

Preheat oven to 450 degrees.

Toss the radishes with the oil, a pinch of salt, and a pinch of pepper in a large bowl. Transfer to a rimmed baking sheet and arrange them cut side down. Roast until the bottoms have browned a little and they are crisp-tender (about 10-12 min).

Melt the butter in a large frying pan over medium heat, swirling occasionally, until the butter has a nutty aroma and is toasty-brown (about 3 min). Remove the pan from the heat, add the radishes and lemon juice, toss to combine. Sprinkle with salt, and serve.



## MINTY SNAP PEA SALAD

1 lb sugar snap peas, tough strings removed

3 Tbsp olive oil

2 Tbsp lemon juice

1 tsp whole-grain or regular Dijon mustard

1 tsp minced shallot

1 lb fresh mozzarella balls, halved

1 small bunch radishes, tops removed and thinly sliced

3 Tbsp finely chopped fresh mint leaves

salt and pepper to taste

Fill large bowl with water and ice, then set aside.

Bring a large pot of water to boil. Add the snap peas and cook until just crisp-tender (about 2 min). Drain and immediately transfer them to the ice water.

Meanwhile, whisk together the oil, lemon juice, mustard, and shallot in a large bowl. Season with salt and pepper as needed.

Drain the snap peas and slice each in half on the diagonal. Add the snap peas, mozzarella, radishes, and mint to the dressing and toss to coat evenly.



**Did you know?** The NRH Farmer's Market (7700 Davis Blvd) offers a discount on gardening equipment and supplies to members of Common Ground. Make sure to stop by and see Annette and Robert next time you go shopping!

# GARDENERS IN THE WILD

This lovely young lady is Jordyn Deems! She is a high school student who wants to learn about gardening and growing food. She has little experience and is hoping to get a lot of advice and support from our garden community. We are glad she joined and know that she will have access to more wonderful advice than she will know what to do with!



The next garden work day is **February 19<sup>th</sup>**! Don't forget that each member of Common Ground needs to be at 4 (or more) of the monthly workdays every year. We can't wait to see everyone!



Say "hi" to Chassy Coffee! She recently moved here from Hawaii and wants to join a community that can guide her in adjusting her growing habits to fit the Texas climate. Make sure to give her a high five and welcome her to Texas when you see her around the garden!



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