

JANUARY 2024

WHAT'S GROWING ON?

TCFPC Community Gardens and Urban Agriculture Working Group

The CGUA newsletter team will be putting down our pencils and taking a small break for the month of January, but we promise to return with your regularly scheduled newsletter in February. We're spending a bit of time these holidays with our families and in our gardens, and we hope that everyone who comes across this newsletter has been able to do the same.

We'd like to extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who does take the time out of their busy day to read this little newsletter. We take pride in it and we hope you find valuable and helpful information within it - whether it be: timely gardening tips like when to plant onion slips (now!); what's going on in the area's gardening and ag worlds; thoughts from a local farmer; or perhaps a tasty recipe to try out with seasonal, local produce.

We write it all because we know it, we love it, and we care about the community around it, which means we care about you! We'd love to extend an invitation to every reader to come out and get involved in any of the great meetings and events we'll have in 2024.

We are also looking for newsletter submissions, both big and small! If you have a poem, pictures, events or articles to share, please send them over to tarrantcountyfoodpolicycouncil@gmail.com Stay tuned for more information about those events and on-goings, and "we'll see you in the funny papers."

The next CGUA meeting will be on January 25th at 3pm. Location TBD.

For questions and information about CGUA, contact our co-chairs, Dave Aftandilian at d.aftandilian@tcu.edu or Lauren Hickman at lauren.hickman@tafb.org.



HAPPY NEW YEAR



JANUARY GARDEN TO-DO

Watch the weather forecast and prepare your frost protection for cold nights.

Plant onion transplants (slips) whenever the soil is workable.

Start tomatoes and peppers indoors towards the end of the month.

Plant asparagus root crowns as soon as they are available at the nursery.

Add quick-growing winter crops like lettuce and radishes to empty spaces when the weather is mild.

Events & Classes

NEXT CGUA MEETING

January 25th, 3pm
Location: TBD

TCFPC GENERAL MEETING

TCFPC Networking Meeting
Thursday, March 7th
Time & Location TBD

FW BOTANIC GARDEN

Starting Seeds Indoors
Jan. 13th, 10am-12pm
<https://fwbg.org/calendar-events>

TOFGA CONFERENCE

Pruning & Tool Maintenance
January 28th-30th
<https://www.tofga.org/2024-conference>

NTX SCHOOL GARDEN NETWORK

Farm to School Professional Development
Jan. 20th, 9am
<https://ntxschoolgardennetwork.org/events>

MINDFUL MARKET

Jan. 6th, 11am to 2pm
<https://coactntx.wixsite.com/funkytown-mindful-ma>

COWTOWN FARMERS MARKET

EVERY Saturday, 8am to NOON
www.cowtownmarket.com