

Riverbend Community Garden
Newsletter
<https://riverbendcommunitygarden.weebly.com/>
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Catch a fish and you eat for a day.
Learn to garden and the whole neighborhood gets tomatoes. Author Unknown

**Let's Schedule a Meet & Greet,
Pizza & Seed Swapping Party**

A number of new garden members last year and this year have expressed interest in meeting all garden members. So, let's gather at the garden this Friday, June 25th, from 6 to 8 PM for a Meet & Greet, Pizza and Seed Swapping Party. We will supply the Pizza. Please bring your own beverage of preference. Desserts are always a welcomed treat.

This party is limited to all garden members and one (1) guest. We need a head count by Wednesday, June 23rd by 5:00 PM in order to properly schedule delivery of the Pizza. Please let us know if you have any food allergies and/or pizza preference and we'll do our best to accommodate your request.

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Where Are the Bees?



Like me, many of you are wondering why we haven't seen any or many bees this year. The article in the following link explains why:

<https://blogs.scientificamerican.com/observations/honey-bees-are-struggling-with-their-own-pandemic/>

Briefly, honey bees are struggling with their own pandemic. A parasitic mite, aptly named *Varroa destructor*, originally infested only colonies of Asian honey bees, *Apis cerana*, but jumped to infect Western honey bees, *Apis mellifera*, the species that dominates the modern commercial pollination around the world.

I hope you find this article as informative and/or somewhat disturbing as I did.

Next on the Agenda



We are in desperate need of playground chips in between plots. All garden members are responsible for maintaining the playground chip area(s) adjacent to their plot. **This is not a work day activity.** Please remove the weeds in between and surrounding your plot this week as we are trying to schedule delivery of the playground chips for next Monday's work day.

At the same time garden members must remove any garden supplies that they are storing in between plots in the playground chip paths or in the stone dust paths. If the items are not removed this week, they will be thrashed.

We are looking for ways to properly dispose of the dead wood behind the shed. One garden member has volunteered to saw the wood into manageable pieces as a work day activity. Please let me know if we have any other volunteers who would like to work on this task.

Work Days

The first work day is next Monday. Please remember to let us know when you would like to fulfill your work day requirements. The list of scheduled work days is contained in the 2021 Garden Handbook that was emailed to you last week.
