

Himmelgarten *

a neighborhood farm

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We're Sandy and Tom Farley, and it's our sixth year of turning the empty weed-filled lot next to our home into a small-scale urban farm, **Himmelgarten**. Our goal is to provide the freshest produce we can to our subscribers. Farming has risks [drought, pests], but the benefits [fresh, nearly organic food; closeness to the seasons; weekly exercise; meeting neighbors] far outweigh the costs. You can subscribe and eat very locally at least some of the year.

How a CSA works:

Here's how this **Community Supported Agriculture [CSA]** works. When you join **Himmelgarten**, you pay for three months to nine months of produce. Then you pick up your bag on Tuesday afternoons/evenings. You can send a neighbor if you are busy or away, or you can have us donate your share to Ecumenical Hunger Program. Can't commit to three months? Occasional bags are \$25 each. Any week that we are able to fill extra bags, we will send e-mail to our Occasional Bag list asking for a phone call to reserve a bag.

What you will receive:

We send you an e-mail notice each Tuesday when your bag is ready. We aim to fill a handled paper grocery bag with \$25 - \$30 worth of food. There will be fruit, vegetables, herbs, and a flower based entirely on what is ripe and at the peak of flavor. There may be seeds, honey, or preserves. Some weeks we'll have more than others because of weather cycles and planting schedules, but we hope to give you good value for your investment over the course of each 3-month period. You are welcome in the garden at any time to check up on the progress of the crops.

What you can give:

As a subscribing member, you are invited to spend some time with us on needed tasks, contribute materials, or offer excess food from your garden to share. For example: we're not growing lemons or kiwis, and our apricot trees are young. If you have an over abundance, please share. You will be contributing to the Ecumenical Hunger Program as well as to **Himmelgarten**. Also, weeders are always welcomed.

Community Commitment:

We donate at least one bag a week to Ecumenical Hunger Program to feed people locally. We plan occasional potlucks for subscribers and neighbors to get to know each other. Our bee hives are tended by a local bee-keeper to pollinate crops throughout the neighborhood. Year round, you are welcome to take or leave books at the Little Free Library on Rutherford Ave.

How to join:

An application form is available at <http://www.himmelgarten.org/application-2017.pdf>. Download, fill out, and drop off with a check made out to Himmelgarten. Stop to chat.

*Himmelgarten means Heaven Garden in German