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Good Morning everyone. Week whatever of isolation! I hope this note finds you well and staying safe and healthy. I wanted to let you know about a few things that have happened in the gardens and a few things coming up. I attached a few pictures to whet your whistle.

Things to eat!

There are still strawberries coming on daily at Boulder. Lettuce is plentiful for snipping for micro greens. Radishes are still available as they mature. Sugar snap peas are still available in Boulder. Get em while they last. Maybe another week or two. The herb garden is also looking exceptional.

Irrigation

Larry and Sue have set up irrigation for the planted rows in Boulder and should have Briar Patch set up very soon. Thanks y'all.

Weeding

If you signed up for weeding in rows at either garden, please check your assigned area and make sure it is ok, either to maintain or to get ready for planting. Please do not let the weeds get ahead of you, and be sure to ask for help if you find them getting the best of you.

Planting

Briar Patch - We replanted some cucumber seeds in Briar Patch to fill in some failed spots and should make headway with cukes there. A couple of hot pepper plants have been added to the herb bed. We also added a couple of sets of cilantro plants in the SW corner, along the metal outer fence. The sugar snap peas are about finished for the year in BP and will be coming out soon, making way for more tomatoes and peppers. As stated before, we are still waiting on Country Farm and Home for the sweet potato and eggplants to arrive.

Boulder - We added more varieties of tomatoes and sweet peppers to the rows on the left side of the path. We also added a couple of sweet basil plants to the first raised bed as you enter the garden. More basil (sweet and thai) to come soon. We will be planting the empty rows on the left with tomatoes, peppers, and maybe more eggplant or other desirable veggies. We will plant more bean varieties in the raised beds once the lettuces get finished.

Flowers

Wow - what a job Noreen and the flower crew have done to get our flower arrangements ready for the year. Both flower gardens look wonderful and should provide lots of color once they come up a bit more. They have also worked on the perimeter of both gardens to add variety there. Thanks Noreen, Linda W, Linda KT, Phyllis and Marie.

Special Recognition

Noreen deserves big kudos for taking on the cleanup of Briar Patch around the perimeter and around the shed. She has enlisted a few folks to help with the job and it looks great. Thanks Noreen, Liz, Alan, Flocy, Linda H and Marie (Hope I didn't miss anyone) We still have a lot of trash to haul off, and will try to get that done this week now that the dump in Pittsboro is back open. If anyone has a truck to haul everything off to the dump, it would be appreciated so I don't have to load it into the back of my car. Please let me know if you are willing.

Path Spraying

Paths in both gardens have been sprayed and look so much better. Big thanks to Mike. I will be asking First Residential about getting us more grit for the paths (and an umpteenth request for an electrical outlet in Briar Patch)

Meeting thoughts

According to the club bylaws, we are required to have meetings monthly, and obviously that has not happened with our stay at home orders in place. I personally am not going to change anything Linda and I are doing in the coming months, so will not be arranging any in person meetings. I intend to let my weekly updates stand as our meeting replacement, but want to keep everyone updated on club business a bit better. What I do want to do is try to arrange a Zoom meeting to have next week to cover us for May. I would like to keep it short, but will provide updates on membership, updates on finances and maybe introduce new members and discuss any burning issues. I will discuss this with the officers and set a 7 pm call, hopefully next Tuesday evening, May 26. More on this later in the week.

Let me know if there are any questions you have or issues to discuss. Thanks for taking the time to read this. What else do you have to do except pull weeds and eat sugar snap peas?
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Stay safe and healthy

David

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