



OVF Newsletter

January 2023

GARDEN CALENDAR

1/14 Saturday Workday 9am- 12pm

1/21 Board Meeting 9:30am

1/29 Sunday Workday 1-4pm

GARDEN NEWS

At the December 10, 2022 general meeting, members did not approve the proposed budget which included a plot fee increase. The plot fee will remain at \$88 and associate fee at \$10 for 2023.

At the January 21 board meeting, the board will vote on a revised budget, which will be presented to the membership at the February 11 general meeting for a membership vote.

Required community hours stay the same at 9 hours per plot.

WATER CONSERVATION

As we go into winter, we welcome the rain. Members can help conserve water by reducing their watering during the rainy season. The cooler nighttime temperatures and shorter days mean that the soil does not dry out very quickly. Except for newly sown seeds and seedlings, members can probably get by with watering every 10-12 days. Use compost, horse manure or bagged organic amendments to mulch your seedlings which encourage earthworms, keep down weeds and retains soil moisture.

Check your soil moisture with a moisture meter (available at most nurseries) or your fingers. If the soil is moist 3-4 inches down, you don't need to water.



PLOT PRIDE



OVF Member Michelle Larwood gardens in Phase Lower 2, D39. She started out as an associate and became a member in 2016. As a child in the Philippines, she and her family grew many tropical fruits and vegetables. When asked to become an associate, Michelle wasn't sure what she was getting into, but was excited at the prospect of growing vegetables for her family.

Michelle says that the friendships she's made at OVF are one of the best perks of membership. She enjoys talking to other members and exchanging gardening tips and knowledge.