

# Himmelgarten\*

an urban neighborhood farm

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We're Sandy and Tom Farley, and it's our eighth 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. Subscribers pay ahead for three to nine months of produce. Then you pick up your bag on Tuesday afternoons/evenings. If you are busy or away, you can send a neighbor or have us donate your share to **Ecumenical Hunger Program** in East Palo Alto.

This year we offer 3 options: a smaller one-person bag, the regular bag, and a larger family size. Can't commit to three months? Occasional bags are \$15 to \$35 each. Call on Sunday or Monday to reserve a bag, if available.

## What you will receive:

We send you an e-mail notice each Tuesday when your bag is ready.

We use [and reuse] handled paper grocery bags. 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 have a bit 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 12-week season. 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 may contribute materials or excess food from your garden to share. For example: we're not growing kiwis, figs, or pomegranates. If you have an over abundance, please share. You will be contributing to **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. 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-2019.pdf>. Download, fill out, and drop off with a check made out to **Himmelgarten**. Stop to chat.

\*Himmelgarten means Heaven Garden in German