

# DOUDEN COMMUNITY GARDEN THYMES

# NEWSLETTER

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Community x Gardens = Lifelong Friendships

## Beautification Initiative



The Beautification Initiative is meant to bring gardeners and neighbors together in an effort to help clean up some garden pathways due to adverse effects of Covid. In September, the garden committee made headway in section 5 with the help of the juvenile detention helpers. After the garden committee cleared out the pathway, they covered it with weed barrier. Once again we are asking gardeners and neighbors to volunteer in the effort to beautify the areas. The next cleanup days are December 16, 2023, January 20, 2024, and February 24, 2024 from 8-11am. Please join us. Contact Ken Tiller (210) 665-1217 with any questions.

## What's Growing On

"Every Gardner knows that under the cloak of winter lies a miracle waiting to happen"  
~Luther Burbank

Committee Meeting: Are you looking for ways to get more involved with the gardens? Please consider joining our committee. The next committee meeting will be held December 12th at 9am at the Wyndham on The Island. Contact our email for details.

New Email: PIPOA has graciously assigned an email specific to garden correspondence. You can reach out at [Gardenspots@pipoa.net](mailto:Gardenspots@pipoa.net)

Notice to Clear Beds The committee is working toward having overgrown beds cleared by January 1, 2024. A notice was sent out via email and PIPOA website in the "Gardenspots" link. Gardeners please contact the gardens email to update contact information.

## New Year's Resolution

As a community, how can we come together to keep up with the beautification of the gardens? In 2024, we are seeking your ideas for the purpose of keeping our neighborhood desirable. Your ideas matter to the Garden Committee.

We are looking to combine efforts in order to create a real impact. How can we engage people to get involved? Please send thoughts to [Gardenspots@pipoa.net](mailto:Gardenspots@pipoa.net)



## Planta Claus

**Rosemary** This beauty can be trimmed in the shape of a tree and decorated for a festive display. Not to mention it smells delicious. This plant can be snipped to dry or replanted.

Winter plants are a great gift idea. Low maintenance varieties can be decorated to generate a warm holiday feel

**Christmas Cactus** A succulent with gorgeous blooms is a welcome site for the winter months. It is great in a pot indoors or outdoors. Propagation is easy with this seasonal plant.

**Lemon Cypress** This slender plant mimics the look of a pine tree. Small varieties add vibrant green and texture to any holiday table. It is easy to maintain. Planted outside this variety can add privacy.

**Amaryllis** The trumpet shaped flower grown as an indoor plant can shake off any gray rainy day. It takes 4-6 weeks for the bulb to flower, so, now is a good time to pot if you want buds by the holidays.

## Recipe

### Beer Bread

This is an easy and delicious homemade bread recipe.

**3 c Self Rising Flour\***

**1/4 c sugar or Honey**

**12 oz Stella Artois Beer** (any beer except light beer)

**1/4 c of melted butter**

**Pinch of Salt**

**Toppings** - Can include: herbs, parmesan, or sundried tomatoes

## Steps

1. Preheat oven to 375
2. Mix the dry ingredients and the beer
3. Place into a greased loaf pan
4. Pour melted butter over the top of the loaf
5. Add any toppings you prefer over the loaf
6. Bake for 50-60 minutes
7. Let sit for 15 minutes

\*You can substitute with All Purpose Flour and 1 tsp of baking soda

Recipe from Local Garden Member