Benefits of a spring garden
Gardening enthusiasm is high!
Fewer weeds/insects/diseases
Nice weather: Not too hot
More sunlight than when leaf canopy is out
Less watering

The importance of good soil
Site selection: Soil
Soil Test?
Soil Basics

What are you planting and where?
Site selection: Exposure
Vegetable variety and seed selection
Container selection

Vegetables you can plant today (outdoors from seed) and eat within 8 weeks*
Arugula, Asian Greens, Cilantro, Collards, Kale, Lettuces, Mustard Greens, PEAS, Radishes, Spinach, Swiss Chard

Planting calendars:  (key words to search: Zone 7 Spring Planting Guide)
www.burpee.com search Growing Calendar

Looking ahead: Intercropping, succession cropping, season exenders

Covers crops (benefits and the larger picture)
http://www.gardening.cornell.edu/factsheets/ecogardening/impsoilcov.html

A few favorites:
All New Square Foot Gardening by Mel Bartholomew
Weedless Gardening by Lee Reich
Week-by-Week Vegetable Gardener’s Handbook by Ron Kujawski and Jennifer Kujawski  www.growingwisdom.com  Dave Epstein

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