



# Weekly Weeder

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## Gardening Demonstrations with Matthew

Last Saturday, Matthew Johnson showed gardeners how to plant and design

hanging baskets at an educational event at Sunshine. The baskets are displayed on a hook near the trailer. Watch how they will grow and thrive. Plants in containers require more attention, fertilizer, and water than those planted in the ground.

This Sunday at 10 o'clock, on the front porch, will be a second demonstration. This time, Matthew will show gardeners how to use soil blockers - a very efficient, environmentally friendly way to start seeds. Hope to see you there. -- *Ila Falvey*

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## Lowering the Thermometer

Knowing how hot it is this June, Bob Easter sent in this pic from just a few months ago. Hard to believe, but cool your heels with the memory before heading outside!

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## Snaps from the Sunshine Social at the Brewtorium!

Sunshiners enjoyed a fun happy hour at the Brewtorium at the end of May. Look for an announcement of future social events and enjoy the Sunshine community!







## Tomatoes in These Times

Just a few words about this year's tomato crop. Sometimes the weather wins: nighttime lows above 75° and daytime highs above 95° stop tomatoes from setting fruit. Some varieties have a little wiggle room and point to the value of making planting charts and noting how individual varieties fare.

Knowing which disease your plants have is of little value for the current season; the heat has won. Preparing for next year's crop should be the goal. Promptly get rid of diseased plants. Practice hygiene. Start adding compost and mulching before planting tomatoes again. Next time plant the varieties that made the most of an



off year like the one we are having. Talk to your fellow gardeners and walk around Sunshine to see what did okay. Finally, hope it rains. --  
*Randy Thompson with a harvest face from June 14 by Kerry Drake  
(who is still getting tomatoes!)*

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## Sunshine's New Plant Waste Disposal Working Well, But ...

Sunshine gardeners are following the new plant waste disposal process very well. With only a few minor exceptions, no plant waste is being put in the dumpster.

However, some nonplant material (plastic plant pots, etc) has been found in the Plant Waste Pile. The plan is to contract with a company to haul off the plant waste and convert it to mulch. The company being considered to do this has no tolerance for trash in what it calls "brush dumps." So it is important Sunshine keeps nonplant material out of the Plant Waste Pile.

Sunshine gardeners are asked to please remove any nonplant material before putting plant material in the pile and if they see any nonplant material in the pile, to please remove and dispose of properly.  
-- *Jim Willmann*

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## Sunshine's New Automated Front Gate

Sunshine is getting a new gate as part of TSVBVI's replacing the perimeter fence. At the annual meeting Saturday, the TSBVI Executive Director of Operations Brian McDonald described the new gate and answered gardeners' questions.

The gate will be an automatic programable sliding gate. It will be programed to be open a set time each date, e.g., 6:00 am – 9:00 pm. During after hours, the gate will automatically open when a vehicle approaches the gate from the inside. So any gardener who is in the garden when the gate closes will be able to exit.

Entry during after hours will be by a card reader and only Sunshine gardeners issued a card will be able to enter.

The Board will set the hours when the gate will be open and develop policies for who will be issued a card to enter Sunshine during after hours.

In addition to the vehicle gate, there will be an automatic programable pedestrian gate which will operate similarly to the vehicle gate. -- *Jim Willmann  
(note that this article was meant to run last week)*

## GARDEN TASKS - By Steve Camp

Greetings!

I hope everyone is having a great June! Please take care of yourselves during this record breaking weather. Stay hydrated and know the signs of heat exhaustion/stroke. Stay safe!

I think that by now all have heard or read the new directives involving plant waste and trash. Just in case ... absolutely no plant waste is to go into the dumpster. No trash from home is to go into the dumpster. Plant waste should be taken down the hill close to the compost pile. There is a new marked area for all plant waste. Please do not put anything that is not plant waste into that pile.

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### **NEXT SCHEDULED WORKDAY JUNE 25, 2022 from 0:800 till 10:00**

Please contact Steve Camp [campinthegarden@yahoo.com](mailto:campinthegarden@yahoo.com) on that Saturday morning for instructions just show up and look for me. This will be the last chance of the season to earn hours, TSVBI or otherwise.

Workdays often evolve into social events! SCG is a fantastic place to meet new friends and learn both new and old gardening techniques. There's a wealth of knowledge here and experienced people that love to share it.

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### **NEW GARDENERS**

There are several new gardeners at SCG! Please don't hesitate to introduce yourself and y'all get to know each other a little and share garden knowledge and tips. Let's emphasize the COMMUNITY in Community Garden.

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Please read handbook and site rules. Any hardware (hoses, sprayers, nozzles, splitters etc.) attached to garden faucets and maintenance of said items are the responsibility of individual gardeners.

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### **ROADS AND PARKING**

A. Speed limit is 3 MPH. (Primarily for safety, but also to keep the dust down.)

B. Sunshine's roads provide access to plots and common areas.

Gardeners should not 1) park on roads except to unload a heavy load from vehicle, 2) drive on roads when wet, 3) drive around barriers, 4) drive into another gardener's plot, or 5) put plants or other items in the road.

C. Cars may not be left idling while at the garden.

D. Park only in the front parking area or your common area. On weekends there are parking spaces on Sunshine and 49th Street.

Handbook and Site rules specifically state that **PARKING ON GARDEN ROADS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED**. Park in the parking lot or common areas only. When the emergency vehicle enters SCG, they may(I hope not)be coming to assist YOU. How inconvenient it would be for them to have to wait for folks to move cars.

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## **Priority Tasks**

Khaki Weed Season is Upon Us!

For the uninitiated, Khaki weed is an invasive plant that infects the garden in late spring, summer, and fall. We are determined every year to eradicate it as much as possible. To this end, we are allowing digging up khaki weed to be counted as TSVBI hours until further notice.

>Maintaining common paths and common areas. If you have plants extending into common paths, trim them. The common paths are designed to allow the biggest wheelbarrows that we own to traverse them unimpeded.

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## **TSVBI**

>Weeding paths in TSBVI garden and wood chip areas on west side. (This is normally needed. Try to get out roots. Be sure to smooth out paths after weeding to facilitate TSBVI students (who are blind) moving around garden). Mowing between fence and street along 49th St. and Sunshine Dr. along and 10' inside fence.

>Khaki weed removal.

>Cleaning the street curb gutters of dirt and debris buildup. (At places in the curb gutter along Sunshine Dr. And 49th St. soil has built up and grass is beginning to grow. Scrape off with shovel and put in wheelbarrow. If debris is gravel it can be put in low places in the parking lot, otherwise, destination is dumpster.

Note: TSVBI hours can also count as regular hours.

## **REGULAR:**

1.Mowing, edging (Please check area around trailer and greenhouses).

The mowing season is picking up (if it ever rains, it will pick up exponentially.) It's way easier to keep it mowed than try to catch up when it gets overgrown.

2. Maintaining common paths. (Gardeners are required to maintain a 2' strip of common paths adjacent to their plot.)

3. Mowing and cleaning up overgrown/messy places in common areas.

Your Zone Coordinator may have more tasks than are listed here. Contact them if you feel that you have run out of things to do.



Slow Down (3 MPH!) You're on Garden Time! Enjoy!

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