



Weekly Weeder

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Volunteers Needed for TSBVI Garden

TSBVI students have left for the summer and the TSBVI staff who maintain the TSBVI garden will also be gone for most of the summer. John Braziel and Jim Willmann, SCG liaisons for the TSBVI garden, have agreed to keep the TSBVI beds weed free and ready for planting when the TSBVI students and staff return in August. The work will include clearing tomato plants from a couple of the beds, clearing a buckwheat cover crop from several beds, and covering all cleared beds with leaves and wood chips.

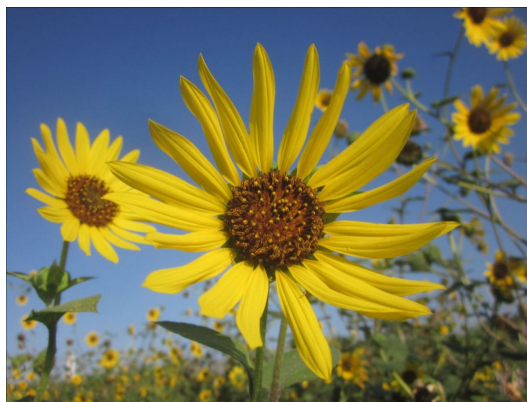
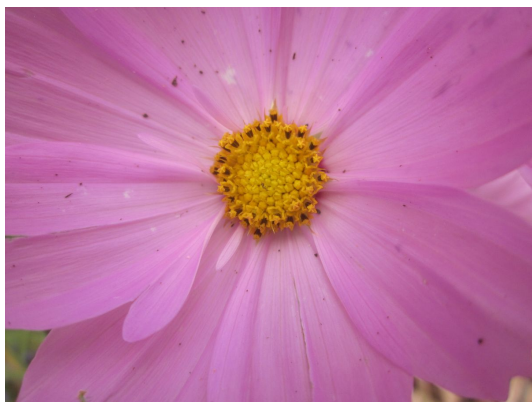
Three to four gardeners will be needed to help accomplish these tasks. If you are available and interested in helping, contact Jim at jhwillmann@gmail.com. TSBVI service hours will be earned.

— *Submitted by Jim Willmann*



The Fireworks of Sunshine

It's time to "appreciate the silent fireworks of the gardens' flowers," thanks to gardener Susan Van Haitsma!





Know-How and Learning: Visual Soil Assessment

Check out an upcoming talk, Visual Soil Assessment, from Austin Organic Gardeners:

Guest Speaker: Kara Kroeger

Date & Time: Monday, July 11, 2022 @ 6 - 9 p.m. CST

Location: Zilker Botanical Garden & Streaming via [Zoom or YouTube](#)

Kara Kroeger demystifies how to visually assess soil health by walking you through how to easily and cheaply identify soil porosity, compaction, aggregation, infiltration, water holding capacity, and nutrient cycling. She will also give tips along the way of how to address what you see such as improving microbiological diversity and increasing electrical conductivity to the plants.

Submitted by Ila Falvey



Micah 6 Harvest

June Donations:

- Produce - 816 lbs
- Dry Goods - 16 lbs

Year to Date Totals:

- Produce - 1238.5 lbs
- Dry Goods - 132 lbs

Sunshine gardeners donated generously to Micah 6 Food Pantry in June -- over 800 pounds! - Thank you! - See photos of beautiful tomatoes and eggplant recently donated.

July is also a busy harvest month, so twice a week deliveries will continue. In addition to the usual 9am Saturday delivery, there is a delivery on Thursday afternoons around 5pm.

Please consider donating your excess harvest to the Micah 6 Food Pantry. Donations of fresh produce may be left in the cool room (south end of the trailer) or in the trailer refrigerator. Dry goods (canned goods, dry beans, etc.) may be left in the cool room.

Thank you again for your generosity. —*Submitted by Walter Kuhl*

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.

NEXT SCHEDULED WORKDAY JULY 23, 2022 from 0:800 till 10:00

Please contact Frank Genco fcgenco@gmail.com on that Saturday morning for instructions or just show up.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

TSVBI

>Weeding paths in TSVBI 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 TSVBI 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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