



WEEKLY WEEDER

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Rain Messes With New Gate Area
Board Looking at Improvement Options

The heavy rain this past Monday, washed quite a bit of gravel and dirt over the new front gate roller pad making opening/closing difficult.

The Board is looking at options for addressing the problem. The most plausible option currently on table is to dig out about 100' of driveway and replace with packed decomposed granite. The area between gate pad and sidewalk would also be dug out and filled with packed decomposed granite. A drainage swale along north side of driveway and some type of ridge across driveway will likely be installed to help divert water and reduce water flow down center of driveway. Other possible improvements options might be using concrete or asphalt instead of packed decomposed granite. The Board is in process of evaluating the pros and cons and costs of the various options. —
Submitted by Jim Willmann



Harvest, Plated

It's that in between time when a few summer vegetables are still producing, yet one wants to clear space and get fall seeds or plants in the ground to take advantage of the rain and daylight hours. I like being able to snack on Sun Gold tomatoes and okra in one half of the garden while preparing beds in the other half for the season to come -- and then taking home the extra for lunch!
—*Submitted by Susan Van Haitsma*

Compost is Heading Our Way!

The first of several loads of organic Super Rooster compost will be this Friday, August 26th, at an undetermined time.

2 dollars a bucket

20 bucket limit per full size plot

For use at Sunshine by Sunshine gardeners only

Please pay at purchase with cash, check or PayPal and no coins

Please return the buckets promptly

Given the ever changing weather forecast please keep the compost covered, the tools in the garden port and the wheelbarrows inverted when finished harvesting. —*Submitted by Randy Thompson*

Changes Compost Payment Options

Just a quick email to let you know there will be a change in how gardeners can pay for the compost Randy is having delivered this Friday. The change is there will be no payment by IOU.

Please be prepared to pay for the compost at the time you take it. Payment will be limited to cash, check, or PayPal at the time gardeners get the compost. There has been a significant “hassle” factor associated with the use of IOUs, and the board decided to eliminate as a payment option.—*Submitted by Jim Willmann*

Garden Education by Ila Falvey

Learn at summer insects from Wizzie Brown: [Summer Bugs, Trouble or Not](#)

Help divert blocks used for growing mushrooms and develop healthier soils! [Central Texas Mycological Society](#) is hosting several places where people can [pick up spent blocks to use as compost](#).

Resources for Sunshiners

- ACGA's most recent [Cultivator newsletter](#)
- [Austin Sustainable Food Center](#)

Garden Tasks by Steve Camp

Greetings SCG Gardeners!

Some things have changed! We had almost 4 inches of rain in the last few days and the temperature is 10 degrees cooler. It's time to rejoin the garden community! The rain is increasing the need for mowing, trimming around the entire garden. I would like every member of this COMMUNITY GARDEN to at least come out and take a look at their plot. I'm not saying do anything if you don't feel like it but look at it and make future plans. If you feel like you can't manage it anymore, please let us know. We do have a waiting list.

I think that by now all have heard or read the new directives involving plant waste. I want to thank all of you that are participating for not putting anything but plant waste in our compost pile. While loading the container we found virtually no trash.

There will be no more IOUs accepted as payment in the lockbox. Checks or Cash in an envelope would be great.

If you can't remember the last time that you had a Tetanus shot, it's time to get one!

There are plenty of opportunities to be exposed to it at the garden. My doctor has recommended once every 7 years.

NEXT SCHEDULED WORKDAY

Saturday, August 27 - 8 till 10 am. Steve Uecker will lead. Look for him around the trailer pulling Khaki weed.

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

- Speed limit is 3 MPH. (Primarily for safety, but also to keep the dust down.)
- 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.
- Cars may not be left idling while at the garden.
- 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.
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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

- 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.

- Maintaining common paths. (Gardeners are required to maintain a 2' strip of common paths adjacent to their plot.)
- Mowing and cleaning up overgrown/messy places in common areas.

Your Zone Coordinator may have more tasks than are listed here. Contact them or campinthefarden@yahoo.com 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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