



# WEEKLY WEEDER

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Mark Your Calendars: Saturday, September 24!!!

## The Sunshine All Gardener Meeting is 9/24 starting at 10 am

The second quarter all-gardeners meeting will be Saturday 9/24, 10 am, on the lawn in front of the trailer. The agenda will include 1) spring plant sale changes, 2) vines/plants on the new fence, 3) update (as available) on the completion of the installation of the automated front gate and card reader, and 4) ratification of board-adopted site rule amendments, including amendments relating to Sunshine hours and the penalty for the late recording of service hours. An all-gardeners email with details and background information will be sent out early next week. We hope to see all the Sunshine gardeners there!



*Jeff and Jen at last year's Plant Sale. Photo by Isabelle Encela*

## Fall Plant Sale for Sunshine Gardeners – 9/24 from 8 am to 3 pm

The Squeaky Frog Farm (former Sunshine gardeners Jen Woertz and Jeff Monks) fall plant sale for Sunshine gardeners will be Saturday 9/24, 8 am-3 pm in the GardenPort greenhouse. Plants available will be broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, Brussel sprouts, leafy greens, as well as some herbs and ornamentals. The specific varieties available can be found on the [Squeaky Frog Farm website](#). The price of plants for Sunshine gardeners will be \$2.00 and not the \$2.25 shown on the website. Gardeners will select and pay for plants on the day of the sale. There is no preordering. The sale is limited to Sunshine gardeners. — *Submitted by Jim Willmann*

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AUSTIN  
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# SEED GATHERING

THIRD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

## SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Lindsay Loftin | Culture & Arts  
Education Specialist | Parks & Rec  
will join us to share about butterfly life  
cycles, migration, and conservation of  
monarchs. 12:00 - 12:30 PM



## SEED ORGANIZING

After the presentation join us to learn  
& help organize our seed collection.  
Volunteers get first dibs on seeds!  
12:30 - 2:30 PM

## NEXT EVENT:

OCTOBER 15TH | 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM  
**YARBOROUGH BRANCH**  
2200 Hancock Drive, Austin, TX 78756

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## Aerobic Compost Tea Available This Weekend

Aerobic compost tea will be available this weekend starting Saturday, September 17 until it is gone. Please limit your use to TWO gallons.

Additional information from [GrowNetwork](#) (click link for full article): Aerobic compost tea is also known as aerobic worm tea, and it is known mostly for its ability to boost microbiological activity in soil by adding beneficial bacteria, fungi, actinomyces, and protozoa to the soil. Benefits include microbes that help plants by out-competing anaerobic and other pathogenic organisms within

the soil, speeding up the growth rate of microbes, and beneficial microorganisms that can occupy infected sites on plants' root and leaf surfaces.

— *Submitted by Ila Falvey*

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## Weeding Needed: TSBVI Garden and Raised Bed Paths

Need TSBVI Hours? If you still need to complete your TSBVI service hour(s), weeding the granite paths in the TSBVI garden and raised bed area would be a great way to complete your hours. The paths in both areas have been invaded by weeds after the recent rains and really need a good weeding. Please remember to rake smooth the paths after weeding. Both areas are used by gardeners with visual and mobility issues and the paths need to be kept weed-free and smooth. This is a truly helpful way to get your TSBVI service hour. —

*Submitted by Jim Willmann*

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## Reminder: No Plant Waste in Dumpster

Sunshine gardeners have been very good about putting Sunshine generated plant material in the compost area, but a few plants have started showing up in the dumpster. Remember NO plants – not even small amounts - go into the dumpster. The walk to the compost area is not that long and the exercise is



good for us. So please remember not to put plants or plant material in the dumpster. All plant material should be put in the appropriate pile in the compost area. — *Submitted by Jim Willmann*

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## Eggplant Benefits and Recipe

Eggplant is a [low-calorie, nutritious vegetable with lots of vitamins and antioxidants](#). Eggplant also is one of the vegetables that is still producing at Sunshine, despite a summer of extraordinary heat.

What to do with all of that eggplant? Try baking it as an [Eggplant Parmesan](#)—  
*Submitted by Ila Falvey*

## Garden Education by Ila Falvey

### Cover Crops

Cover crop help with soil erosion, soil fertility, water, pest, disease, and weed suppression. According to a newsletter from [Hoss Tools](#), favorite cool-season cover crops include crimson clover (adds nitrogen to the soil and suppresses weeds), Tillage radish (improves soil structure &

drainage, breaks up and aerates soils), winter rye (scavenges nitrogen, reduces erosion, adds organic matter to soils, and suppresses weeds) and SuperBee phacelia (builds soil, scavenges nitrogen, reduces harmful nematodes, and attracts pollinators).

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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 several 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.

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

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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.

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### **NEXT SCHEDULED WORKDAY**

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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**

- 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.

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## **PRIORITY TASKS**

- Mowing/trimming between fence and Sunshine Drive
  - Khaki weed
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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](mailto: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!

Contact both [Kristin Phillips](#) & [Maria Beach](#) to contribute the Weekly Weeder.



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