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Sunshine sunset

Sunshiners Featured in News

A recent story in the *Austin American-Statesman* featured photos of two of our members: Ila Falvey and Walter Kuhl. The story was a feature on drought and rainfall in Austin. [Check out the story](#). — Submitted by Susan Van Haitsma



Jim Willmann pulling remaining bermudagrass. Image by Kerry Drake

Children's Garden - Tiny Update

The intense heat of summer was at least good for the solarization process in killing the bermudagrass in the area for the Children's Garden. Plastic was laid down in July and removed last Saturday, October 15th.

In the coming weeks the frames for the beds and the surrounding mulch will be laid out. Thank you to Robert Jarry for constructing 10 3x3 garden beds for the space. Thanks to Jim Willmann, Bill Cason, Kerry Howell, and Steve Camp for furthering along the area for the children's garden (latter three pictured taking a

breather from prep work).



Several gardeners emailed about wanting to sponsor a child gardener, and we will be in touch when the beds are ready. More information is coming soon, as the space gets shaped up further in anticipation of our youngest gardeners. — *Submitted by Kerry Drake*

Next Wednesday: Happy Hour for Gardeners

Now that weather is not setting new temperature records please come out and share the company of other gardeners at the [Brewtorium](#) on Wednesday 10/26/22 from 4:30 on at the picnic tables outside. — *Submitted by Randy Thompson*

Workday Saturday

Please join your fellow gardeners for a Workday led by [Cathy Camp!](#) Saturday 22, October from 8:00 - 11:00.

Tetanus Reminder

This information is quoted from a [WebMD article](#). Please also check out this [UT article on insect bites](#) for additional information.

"It is important to prevent the possibility of getting a tetanus infection. Skin broken by an insect bite could become infected with tetanus bacteria. You can prevent this type of infection by keeping up to date with tetanus shots. Adults should have a tetanus booster shot every 10 years. Mosquitoes, biting flies, bedbugs, and some spiders usually cause mild reactions. Yellow jackets, honeybees, paper wasps, hornets, and fire ants cause more severe reactions."
— *Submitted by Bob Easter*



Monarch at Sunshine. Image by Susan Van Haitsma

Monarch Waystation

After the rain, this was the first bloom to open on my Mexican Sunflower (*Tithonia*) plant in my plot, and it attracted a Monarch on its way to Mexico. I think that this year, the majority of migrating Monarchs are passing through West Texas or along the Gulf Coast, and we are not seeing as many come through the Austin area. So, each one that stops at Sunshine is special! —

Submitted by Susan Van Haitsma

Garden Education by Ila Falvey

[Gossamer Winged Butterflies by Wizzie Brown](#)

In keeping with the butterfly theme, gardeners can learn much from Wizzie Brown's posts. The one above is on Gossamer winged butterflies, the second largest family of butterflies. There are over 6,000 species in the world with over 100 species in North America! [Read on](#)

Garden Tasks by Steve Camp

Greetings SCG Gardeners!

It's time to rejoin the garden community! WE NEED YOUR HELP 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 really don't want to start writing non compliance emails, but will if some action isn't taken. It could result in you being terminated from your plot. If, you feel like you can't manage it anymore, please let us know. We have folks waiting for your plot if you are not going to use it or fail to keep it up.

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. Since we started the new system we've hauled off 130 cubic yards of weeds and brush! Keep up the good work.

We have new Zone Coordinators!

Piper Ward And Brianna will be co-coordinating Zone 7.

Piperdraw@gmail.com

Cathy Camp will be co-coordinating with Steve Uecker in Zone 8.

Cathycamp621@yahoo.com

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 10/22/22 8:00 - 11:00 Contact Cathy Camp (cathycamp621@yahoo.com) on Saturday

Also on Saturday I will be providing a 20 - 30 minute electric tool orientation at 10:00 at the southern end of the tool shed.

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

- 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 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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