



WEEKLY WEEDER

November 17, 2022

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Winter is Coming, and so are the Greens!!

A walk around Sunshine is now a feast for the eye: lovely lettuces,

mustards, cabbages, and other greens are providing color in all rows. And Susan Van Haitisma captured "one of John Lee's cabbages starting to form."



Academy 4 Gardening Club

Academy 4 provides mentoring for every child in underprivileged schools. Once a month, the mentors come to the school and either serve as a mentor or provide enrichment clubs the children can attend.

I am currently offering a gardening club at an elementary school in South Austin. It turns out they have a wonderful garden area already in place. With the permission of the school, I will be allowed to bring the students outside to this on-campus garden.

My ask is for 2 things:

1. I could use a volunteer for these sessions. I have two groups for 45 minutes at a time and each group has 10 students in it. I would love to reach each student's specific interest and they have very clear interests they have expressed. Examples would be: growing something edible, how do seeds work, what makes good soil, growing something beautiful to look at etc.

2. The garden area could use a little cleaning up with the hackberry trees. I don't have an illusion of cutting them all the way down but I would love to groom them so the students can see the beautiful arbor that already

exists. If anyone could volunteer to help me on a weekend for a couple of hours, we can get the trees cleaned up and really WOW the students.

Please [reach out to me](#) if you have an interest in either of these. There are seven more months to cover, so as a volunteer you would be giving a total of 14 hours to enrich the passion for gardening that brought them to the club in the first place. — *Submitted by Iris Slevin*

Adopt-A-Fence Launched + Gardeners Needed

Sunshine gardeners have expressed a strong preference for vines on Sunshine's new fence. To accomplish proper maintenance of the fence with vines, Sunshine has launched an Adopt-A-Fence program. Under the program, gardeners will adopt one or more of 81 panels of the fence along 49th St. and Sunshine Dr. Responsibilities of gardeners adopting a panel will be to:

- Maintain 0.5' to 1' weed and rock free strip on either side of panel, so can mow along fence without mower getting into vines or hitting rocks.
- Remove any hackberries and invasive weeds such as Johnson grass.
- Determine if vines are growing on the panel, and if not, notify the Adopt-A-Fence coordinator.

Participating gardeners can also provide input on the variety of vine grown on the fence panel(s) they adopt.

Twelve gardeners have already signed up for the program adopting a total of 19 panels, so 62 panels are still available for adoption. It is easy to do. The 81 panels are marked a numbered metal tag (1-81), and panels already adopted are also marked with a blue ribbon next to the tag. Gardeners just select the panel(s) they want to adopt and email Jim Willmann (jhwillmann@gmail.com) the number on the tag on the panel(s). Gardeners wishing to have input on the specific variety of vine grown on the panel(s) should indicate that in the email.

Please join your 12 fellow Sunshine Adopt-A-Fencers and adopt one or more of the remaining 62 panels. The panels are just 9' wide so consider adopting two. — *Submitted by Jim Willmann*

Thanksgiving Garden to Table Recipes by Ila Falvey

We are taking a short break from education this week. Thanksgiving week is upon us, and many gardeners will be harvesting in the days before. Here are a few ideas for bringing your harvest to the table.

For gardeners with favorite, well-used recipes or even new ideas, we have created a folder for Thanksgiving dishes straight from the community garden. Upload your documents (or check those of others) here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1bXFgZYsLdmmEjHnk_2QvOvRfaHKInrqq?usp=sharing

If you have issues with the format of this new idea, email phillips.102@gmail.com

Garden Tasks by Steve Camp

Greetings,

Beginning 11/17/22 the main gate will be open from 7am until 8:30pm.

Someone lost a nice piece of jewelry at the garden. Text me at 361-215-0122 and describe it to me. It will be returned.

ATTENTION!! - If you believe that you are the last person leaving the garden in evening, please CLOSE AND LOCK THE TRAILER! Any SCG garden member knows the combination and can let themselves in should the need arise.

NEXT SCHEDULED WORKDAY - TBD

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.

Sometime soon here may be workers at the entrance to the garden preparing the grounds for asphalt. Please go slow and follow their directions or park in the street. Sometime around the 16th, the entrance will be closed for 3-5 hours while asphalt operations are performed.

PRIORITY TASKS

- **Mowing and Trimming** Fenceline and lawn on either side of fence.

Note the North, East and South fenceline now have a number assigned to each panel. It is on a brass ring hanging on the panel. Please, either you or a small group please sign up for a panel that you will work to keep clean and neat looking. It may have certain vines on it if you wish. Check with staff about which vines are best.
 - **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 moving around garden). Mowing between fence and street along 49th St. and Sunshine Dr. along and 10' inside fence.
- PICKING UP TRASH IN COMPOST AREA AND ALONG FENCELINES.
- 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 campinthegarden@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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