



# WEEKLY WEEDER

February 2, 2023

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*Ice storm at Sunshine documented by Marsha Riti*

## All Gardeners Meeting Rescheduled

The National Weather Service forecast for this Saturday at 10am is 40 with a wind chill of 36. The board believes this is too cold for an outside meeting and doesn't want to hold indoors because of Covid/flu. The meeting is being rescheduled for the following Saturday, February 11th at 10am. The focus of meeting will be the spring plant sale. — *Submitted by Jim Willmann*

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## Micah 6 January 2023 Donations

- Produce - 54 lbs
- Dry Goods - 118 lbs

In spite of the late December freeze that wiped out so many of our gardens, January donations to the food pantry were not bad. A fair amount of beets, spinach, and kale were donated. Also quite a bit of dry goods were donated as well. Thank you for your continued generosity.

### **Fresh Produce Donations:**

Please consider donating your excess harvest to the Micah 6 Food Pantry. Donations of fresh produce (from your garden or purchased) may be left in the cool room (south end of the trailer) and in the trailer refrigerator. At this

time of year, one delivery a week (Saturday ~ 9am) is made to the food pantry.

**Dry Goods Donations:**

Micah 6 Food Pantry is struggling to keep up with demand. Please consider donating non-perishable items in addition to produce. Leave your donations in the cool room at the south end of the trailer.

Non-perishable donation suggestions:

- Canned meats such as tuna and stew (pop-up tops preferred)
- Canned vegetables and soup
- Dry beans and rice
- Healthy cereals
- Peanut butter

— Submitted by *Walter Kuhl*

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*Image for promoting Plant Sale was created by watercolorist and illustrator (and Sunshiner!) Amy Farrier*



## Plant Sale Countdown: Four Weeks Away!

1. The image above, created by Amy Farrier, will be used to promote the plant sale. Please help promote the sale by distributing postcards around town on message boards. [Marsha Riti](#) is having them printed, and they will soon be available in the trailer to pick up.
  2. Please review all the time slots that are available for the Plant Sale and pick one (or two!) that best work with your schedule. Click here and sign up! <https://signup.com/go/gRoksGQ>
  3. If you would like to be a cashier, please also contact Susan Wallar for training: [swallar@gmail.com](mailto:swallar@gmail.com) or 512-791-3683
  4. Reach out to Karl Arcuri ([karl.w.arcuri@gmail.com](mailto:karl.w.arcuri@gmail.com)) if you have anything to donate to the Silent Auction.
  5. If you wish to contribute to the meals for your fellow gardeners and volunteers, please check out the sign up sheet from Anita Keese: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45ACAD2FA1FA7-sunshine>
  6. Continue to collect boxes and black flat trays for the sale.—  
*Submitted by Karl Arcuri and others*
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## Passalongs Needed for Plant Sale

Too many succulents? Way too many multiplying perennials? Think about donating your extras to the “passalong” table for Sunshine’s spring sale. I’ve got my own bunch to donate and welcome any you think we’d be able to sell that first Saturday in March. Because of unexpected freezes you may need to hang on to frost sensitive plants until just before the sale. If you have questions email [dzane@austin.rr.com](mailto:dzane@austin.rr.com) or text me (Susan) at 512.762.2587 —*Submitted by Susan Prosperie*

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## Help Needed to Label Plants

Volunteers are needed to write labels:

1. You pick them up at the garden with directions and do them at home. Return them as soon as you're finished.
  2. Others will place them in the appropriate pots.
  3. For more information, contact Susan Hoberman at [susanhoberman@gmail.com](mailto:susanhoberman@gmail.com)
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## Greenhouse for Herbs Only

The herb team would like to remind all gardeners that no outside plants are to be brought into the greenhouse. Doing so risks spreading unwanted pests and diseases to our herbs. If the herb team sees foreign plants they will be removed. *Submitted by Suzanne Bradford*

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## Garden Education by Ila Falvey

- From Texas A&M Extension in Travis County: [What's Happening in the February Vegetable Garden](#)
- Are you interested in joining a new gardening club? Here is information about Tejas Garden Stars:

Tejas Garden Stars is an Austin-area garden club with the primary mission of serving Zilker Botanical Garden. We aim to further our work within the greater Austin Community in education, volunteering, and spreading the joy of gardening to all. Our next meeting will be Wed, Feb. 15, 2:00 pm in the Garden Center auditorium. Matt Morris, Zilker Botanical gardener, will give the program about volunteering in the butterfly garden, including photos and information about his favorite pollinator-attracting plants. We meet once a month on alternating 3rd Monday mornings and 3rd Wednesday afternoons of the month. Our dues are \$25 per year. There's no requirement to volunteer! If this is a busy time for you, we still want to see you! We would LOVE for you to join us! And bring a friend!

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## Garden Tasks by Steve Camp

Howdy SCG Gardeners!

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### **All-Gardener Meeting: Saturday, February 11 at 10 am**

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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.

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### NEXT SCHEDULED WORKDAY - TBD

February & March we may have multiple workdays to support the upcoming Plant Sale. Dates to be determined.

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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### NOTE

The North & East fence line 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 1 or more 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 will perform the best. Contact Jim Willmann [jhwillmann@gmail.com](mailto:jhwillmann@gmail.com) for assignment options.

Thanks!

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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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## 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 and Trimming everywhere but especially Fenceline and lawn on either side of fence. With the recent rains and more to come, mowing has become a primary task.
  - 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 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 moving around

garden). Mowing between fence and street along 49th St. and Sunshine Dr. along and 10' inside fence.

- Picking up trash wherever you see it.
- 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.

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## REGULAR

- 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](mailto: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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