



# WEEKLY WEEDER

April 6, 2023

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## Sunshine April Board Meeting Rescheduled

The April meeting of the Sunshine board has been rescheduled to Tuesday 4/18 at 6:00p. The meeting is currently planned to be an in-person meeting at the trailer but this could change to a zoom meeting. If so, we will notify membership.—*Submitted by Jim Willmann*

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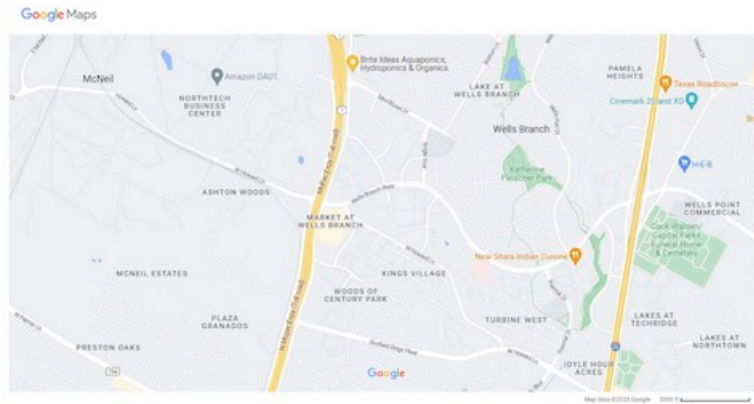


Pamela, who runs an after school program at Govalle elementary school, picking up donations for her school! Photo by Marsha Riti.

## Sunshine Donates 1200 Plants To Schools

Sunshine again donated plants remaining from its spring plant sale to schools for their school gardens. A smaller than usual number of plants were left after the sale, so an additional 650 plants were purchased. A total of 1200 plants (725 tomatoes, 100 eggplants, 150 peppers, 225 herbs) were donated with 850 going to 26 individual schools (21 elementary, 4 middle, 1 HS) and another 350 to PEAS and SproUTing Teachers which support school gardens. The feedback included: “Our students love planting these beautiful plants,” “My students are so excited,” “This is a huge boost for our schools,” and “I am so excited to share these with my kids!” —*Submitted by Jim Willmann*

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## Brite Ideas Moves Its North Location

Brite Ideas Aquaponics, Hydroponics & Organics is a longtime supporter of Sunshine. It has organic products, very knowledgeable staff, and offers Sunshine gardeners a substantial discount. It recently moved its north store (previously at Burnet and Rutland) several miles north to 14611 Burnet Rd. Ste. 110 (in shopping center located at the intersection of MoPac Service Rd. North and Merrilltown Dr.) Brite Ideas is located in the northeast corner of the shopping center. Take MoPac North and take either the Scofield Ridge Pkwy (immediately north of Parmer and last free exit) or Wells Branch Pkwy exit (on tollway briefly) and stay on Service Rd. to Merrilltown Dr. See maps and photos. —Submitted by Jim Willmann

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## Garden Education by Ila Falvey

- April in the Vegetable Garden: [Information and Advice from Sheryl Williams](#)
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## Garden Tasks by Steve Camp

Howdy SCG Gardeners!

Again, we can't thank you enough for volunteering and helping with our successful plant sale!

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NEXT SCHEDULED WORKDAY - On Earth Day, April 22, help beautify Sunshine. Contact Frank Genco [fcgenco@gmail.com](mailto:fcgenco@gmail.com) on day of. Hours will be 9 am to 12 pm. This will be first workday since plant sale, I'm sure there will be plenty to do!

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 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 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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