



WEEKLY WEEDER

May 18, 2023

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Annual All-Gardener Membership Meeting This Saturday, May 20

Sunshine's annual all-gardener membership meeting is this Saturday, May 20 at 10 am. The agenda will include:

- Reports and Presentations
- Site Rule Amendments Ratification
- Vines on New Fence / Adopt-A-Fence Panel Program
- Elections: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Nominating Committee

Refreshments will be served. So join your fellow Sunshine gardeners on Saturday May 20 to socialize, enjoy some breakfast tacos, and take care of Sunshine business.

The agenda and background information were sent out in a 5/15 email. —
Submitted by Jim Willmann

Earn Extra Workday Hours Before Saturday's Meeting

Prior to the meeting, there will be a workday from 8 to 10 am. Gardeners participating will be given one and a half times service hour credit for actual time worked. For example, if work 1 hour, will get credit for 1.5 service hours.
— *Submitted by Jim Willmann*

Repost: Nominees for New Sunshine Board



From Iris Slevin Bachman, Candidate for President

Hello fellow gardeners. My name is Iris Bachman. I am running for the position of President of the Board for Sunshine Community Garden. I work in the technology industry as my day job and my weekends are spent gardening, enjoying family time with my grown children and thrift shopping with my husband.

SCG has been an important place for me since I happened upon it a little over 3 years ago. I have gardened as a secondary gardener while volunteering in the Micah 6 garden, and I am currently serving as a Director on the Board. and currently have a plot in Zone G2 Plot 4 . Feel free to come by and have a chat.

As President, I would work on digital initiatives to improve collaboration and efficiency for the board, media, and website teams. Additionally, it is important to me to grow community engagement events. We have seen so many new gardeners join, it would be beneficial to have more events and get-togethers that are both planned and spontaneous, so our community is as interwoven as the fence and vines seem to be. 😊



From Marsha Riti, Candidate for Vice President

My name is Marsha Riti and I am running for Vice President of Sunshine

Community Gardens (SCG). I have been a gardener at Sunshine for five years.

You might know me from my work with the 2023 Spring Plant Sale which I co-organized with Karl Arcuri. I certainly learned a lot about the garden, flexed my logistic muscles to keep the sale on track, and kept the mood of the sale positive. I am part of the crew that works on Micah 6, and I have also served on the SCG board for two years. I think I would be a good candidate for the VP position. My goals for the vice presidency would be focusing on how SCG digitally interfaces with garden members and the public, community building, and outreach.

On a personal note, I am a mother to one vibrant and intelligent eight year old, Maple. I am also a visual artist and work primarily in the children's book field. I have a keen interest in ecological restoration and you'll probably see me walk/reading a book on that topic. My plot is in zone eight, corner plot H6-7 in front of the wood chip pile. Come by and say hi!



From Carol Limaye, Candidate for Treasurer

I have been a gardener at Sunshine Community Gardens for 18 years, and a treasurer or assistant treasurer for 14 of those years. As a retired CPA, I have over 30 years of experience in accounting and auditing. Sunshine Community Gardens is fortunate to be in a healthy financial situation, and I intend to keep it that way by responsible budgeting, tracking actual results, and making mid-course corrections as necessary.

In the past two years, the current treasurer and I have been working as a team to provide financial operations and oversight to the Garden. This has worked well and provides for better internal control through segregation of duties. We

would like to continue this arrangement whereby the assistant treasurer pays the bills, reimburses gardener expenses, issues refunds to withdrawing gardeners and manages PayPal and the bank accounts. The treasurer would provide general financial oversight, propose the annual budget, compare actual results to the budget and collect dues and fees.

My goals for the Garden are to maintain a good relationship with TSBVI, ensure financial stability, and comply with IRS and state requirements non-profit, tax-exempt organizations.

Garden Education by Ila Falvey

Items of interest to all Sunshiners:

- [Great presentation on Understanding Living Soil](#) from Austin Organic Gardeners

Upcoming events:

- Starting today, May 18: [Exit & Build Land Summit III](#), a gathering of those working towards building true generational freedom through homesteading, intentional communities, etc. Taelor Monroe will be presenting on how to build a food forest and a hands-on sauerkraut workshop at 10:30 on Sunday, and Austin Permaculture Guild will host a table all weekend. Virtual & In-Person, Bastrop, TX
 - Starting June 8: [5-Day Cob Building + Permaculture Workshop](#), [Cosmos Ranch, Del Valle, TX 78617](#)
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Garden Tasks by Steve Camp

Howdy SCG Gardeners!

NEXT SCHEDULED WORKDAY - Saturday May 20 from 8:00 until 10:00.

Contact Mary Gifford mgifford513@gmail.com on day of. Please see note above about extra hours earned. PLEASE COME OUT AND HELP US MAINTAIN OUR BEAUTIFUL GARDEN!

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.

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 I 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 for assignment options.

Thanks!

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.

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 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 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 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 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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