



WEEKLY WEEDER

June 1, 2023

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Photo by Iris Slevin

Thank you, 2022-23 Board!

A heartfelt thanks to the Board for all of the work helping Sunshine over the last year:

Jim Willmann served as President

Steve Camp served as Vice President

Debra Mariano served as Treasurer

Kerry Drake served as Secretary

Kay McMurry, Juan Pedro Maestre, and Iris Slevin served as Directors

Thanks also to everyone that voted in the latest election. The votes have been tallied and we have our new Board members. Congratulations to our new

President - Iris Slevin

Vice President - Marsha Riti

Treasurer - Carol Limaye — *Submitted by Polly Porter*

Adopt-A-Fence Panel Program Successful

The Adopt-A-Fence Panel Program has met its goal of having Sunshine's entire fence line in the program. 29 gardeners have adopted all 70 of the fence panels available. Special thanks to those 29 gardeners for agreeing to maintain one or more fence panels. In addition to the snailseed and clematis vines remaining from the old fence, other native vines participants have indicated they plan to plant include coral honeysuckle, milkweed vine, and passion vine. When the vines are in bloom, the new Sunshine fence should be quite colorful and the subsequent berries attractive to birds. — *Submitted by Jim Willmann*



Photo by Walter Kuhl

May and Year-to-Date Sunshine Donations to Micah 6 Food Pantry

May / Year to Date

- Sunshine Produce -- 205.5 lbs / 535.75 lbs
- Dry Goods & Non-Sunshine Produce -- 20 lbs / 367.5 lbs

Donations increased during May -- especially squash! See the picture of a recent donation of zucchini and yellow squash. Beautiful and very much appreciated! We are also starting to receive other summer favorites like

eggplant, peppers, long beans, and tomatoes. June and July are our busiest months and are very important to our efforts to supply high quality produce to the Micah 6 Food Pantry.

Fresh Produce Donations:

During this busy gardening season, please consider donating 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) or in the trailer refrigerator. Most of the year one delivery a week (Saturday ~ 9am) to the food pantry is sufficient; however, in June and July, as donations increase, we add a second delivery on Thursday around 4pm.

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

Thank you! Your generosity is appreciated. — *Submitted by Walter Kuhl*

Garden Education by Ila Falvey

Items of interest to all Sunshiners:

- Summer is here in Austin, so it is time to think of the Sun at Sunshine! Here is an article with insights into [getting your plot to successfully beat the heat.](#)
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Garden Tasks by Steve Camp

Howdy SCG Gardeners!

My term as Vice President has today come to an end. I can't begin to tell everyone what an honor it has been to work with a very capable Board of Directors and all of the gardeners who chip in to make it work. I'm excited about the new Board and will endeavor to help them in future projects as well as daily activities. I will still be available to oversee the electric tools as well as our relationship with Whittlesy Farms in regards to compost among other things.

I was out with some health issues for a good amount of time during the last year and am extremely thankful for the folks that came together and filled in the gaps produced by my absence. Hats off to Jim Willman, Ila Falvey, Bill Cason, Kerry Howell, Kerry Drake, Randy Thompson, Janet Adams, Carol Limaye, Debra Mariano, Robert Jarry, Kristin Phillips, Kay McMurry, Jimmie Schneider, Iris Slevin, Walter Kuhl, Ray Porter, plus Zone Coordinators and others.

I'll see you at the Garden!

NEXT SCHEDULED WORKDAY - To be determined 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.

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.

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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