



WEEKLY WEEDER

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All Gardener Meeting: Saturday 9/24, 10:00 am

The second quarter all-gardeners meeting will be Saturday 9/24, 10:00 am. The agenda will include 1) spring plant sale changes, 2) vines/plants on the new fence, 3) update (as available) on the completion of the installation of the

automated front gate and card reader, 4) Sunshine hours, and 5) ratification of board-adopted site rule amendments. An all-gardeners email with details and background information was sent out this past Tuesday. We hope to see all the Sunshine gardeners there! — *Submitted by Jim Willmann*

Fall Plant Sale for Sunshine Gardeners: Saturday 9/24, 8:00 am -3:00 pm

The fall plant sale for Sunshine gardeners will be Saturday 9/24, 8:00am-3:00pm. Plants available will be broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, Brussel sprouts, leafy greens, as well as some herbs and ornamentals. The specific varieties available can be found on the Squeaky Frog Farm website (www.squeakyfrogfarm.com). The price of plants for Sunshine gardeners will be \$2.00 and not the \$2.25 shown on the website. — *Submitted by Jim Willmann*



Poblano harvest: which is from Sunshine? Image by Randy Thompson

Buckets at Sunshine

Did you ever wonder where all the buckets came from and how you could get one or two? Did you ever wonder why some of them are written on?

One of our members, Vic (aka Frosty), has a business that deals with lots of restaurants and other food businesses. Those businesses often have lots of empty buckets to deal with and we are lucky enough to have Vic share those

treasures with Sunshine. He brings them periodically and puts them by the tool shed in the “free” area left of the door. Next time you see Vic in the black work truck, please thank him! I always do.

As for those buckets with writing on them, they have a specific purpose. If you move them, please put them back. — *Submitted by Randy Thompson*

Garden Education by Ila Falvey

Cover Crops

Cover crop help with soil erosion, soil fertility, water, pest, disease, and weed suppression. According to a newsletter from [Hoss Tools](#), favorite cool-season cover crops include crimson clover (adds nitrogen to the soil and suppresses weeds), Tillage radish (improves soil structure & drainage, breaks up and aerates soils), winter rye (scavenges nitrogen, reduces erosion, adds organic matter to soils, and suppresses weeds) and SuperBee phacelia (builds soil, scavenges nitrogen, reduces harmful nematodes, and attracts pollinators).

Resources for Sunshiners

- [ACGA's most recent Cultivator newsletter](#)
- [Austin Sustainable Food Center](#)

Garden Tasks by Steve Camp

Greetings SCG Gardeners!

Some things have changed! We had several inches of rain in the last few days and the temperature is 10 degrees cooler. It's time to rejoin the garden community! The rain is increasing the need for mowing, trimming around the entire garden. I would like every member of this COMMUNITY GARDEN to at least come out and take a look at their plot. I'm not saying do anything if you don't feel like it but look at it and make future plans. If you feel like you can't manage it anymore, please let us know. We do have a waiting list.

I think that by now all have heard or read the new directives involving plant waste. I want to thank all of you that are participating for not putting

anything but plant waste in our compost pile. While loading the container we found virtually no trash.

There will be no more IOUs accepted as payment in the lockbox. Checks or Cash in an envelope would be great.

If you can't remember the last time that you had a Tetanus shot, it's time to get one! There are plenty of opportunities to be exposed to it at the garden. My doctor has recommended once every 7 years.

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.

PRIORITY TASKS

- Mowing/trimming between fence and Sunshine Drive
 - Khaki weed
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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 (who are blind) moving around garden). Mowing between fence and street along 49th St. and Sunshine Dr. along and 10' inside fence.
- Khaki weed removal.
- 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 campinthefarden@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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