



WEEKLY WEEDER

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Tool "graveyard" by Bob Easter

Tools Headed for "Graveyard" & Hung Incorrectly

Gardeners, please help. Gardeners are breaking tools at an alarming rate. Tools no longer usable: 8 shovels; 6 rakes; 7 hoes; 5 digging forks; 2 hay or manure forks.

Broken tools and handles usually result when tools are improperly used for a job which requires a stronger tool. Using the wrong tools can also cause back & muscle problems.

Sunshine is the only Community Garden in Austin that offers such great gardening tools for FREE to members.

In addition, even though the Tool Shed has photos and written instructions (see image below) where to return clean tools, we find tools scattered and hung in wrong places.



Respecting our tools is your responsibility as a gardener. — *Submitted by Bob Easter*



Black Swallowtail by Maria Beach

Garden Supervisor

This Black Swallowtail (*Papilio polyxenes*) was in my plot yesterday. I believe the butterfly had recently hatched and was drying its wings because it did not fly away when I approached and stayed in one place for the whole time I was working in my garden. — *Submitted by Maria Beach*



September & Year-to-Date Micah 6 Food Pantry Donations

September / Year to Date Donations:

- Produce - 402 lbs / 2,512 lbs
- Dry Goods - 4 lbs / 184 lbs

September was a surprisingly good month. Produce donations this September were significantly greater than those from September 2021. Perhaps the rains a few weeks ago helped our harvests.

Speaking of good harvests, the harvest of Serranos and Jalapeños in Marsha Riti's Micah 6 garden this past week totaled 18lbs! See the photo of all those peppers (above). Thank you Marsha, and thank you, Susan Hoberman, for all

of your help harvesting peppers this spring and summer. You two were a great team!

Please consider donating your excess harvest to the Micah 6 Food Pantry. Donations of fresh produce may be left in the cool room (south end of the trailer) and in the trailer refrigerator. Dry goods (canned goods, dry beans, etc...) may be left in the cool room. **At this time of year one delivery per week is made to the food pantry ~ 9am Saturday morning.** Your generosity is very much appreciated. — *Submitted by Walter Kuhl*

All-Gardener Meeting Photo Album

Iris Slevin captured a few images (please see below) of our All-Gardener meeting last Saturday.

Thank you to all who attended! — *Submitted by Iris Slevin*





Garden Education by Ila Falvey

Fall Tomatoes with Tim Miller

This Saturday, join Tim Miller of Millberg Farms to learn how to grow the best heirloom certified organic tomato through the Fall/winter. Each participant will receive a tomato with instruction.

Where: Zilker Botanical Garden

When: October 1, 9 am to 11 am

Resources for Sunshiners

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

Garden Tasks by Steve Camp

Greetings SCG Gardeners!

It's time to rejoin the garden community! We need your help 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 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 (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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