



WEEKLY WEEDER

October 13, 2022

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Flowers growing along Sunshine Drive

Traffic Alert: October 12 to November 30

Starting this week, expect occasional heavy construction vehicle traffic on the streets surrounding the Texas Department of State Health Services Central

Campus (1100 West 49th Street, including Sunshine Drive and Grover Street).

Additional details include:

- Two cranes will be transported and erected on site beginning on October 24, 2022. Large trailers will deliver the cranes, and other equipment and materials to the construction staging site occupying Parking lots 5, 6, and 7 on the DSHS Central Campus.
- Semi-trucks will be entering the worksite on Sunshine Drive and exiting on Grover Street.
- From October 28, 2022, and ending on November 21, 2022, construction activities will occur 24 hours a day.
- This will end approximately on November 30, 2022.

— *Submitted by Sue Brownlee*



A Few Reminders

Here are a few reminders, some from me and some from other gardeners:

- Sunshine follows organic practices, so no treated seeds or treated wood and only organic fertilizers.
- Sprinklers are not allowed at Sunshine, and neither is overnight watering.

- When harvesting our compost and leaves, organic debris left in the screen goes to the plant pile and inorganic debris to the dumpster. Please, no piles, full buckets or pouring on the wood chips. Certainly no chunking into the surrounding grass.
- 10 buckets from the purchased compost are still missing; please return.

— Submitted by Randy Thompson

Garden Education by Ila Falvey

For gardener's enjoyment: an interesting [article about crop rotation](#), as well as an interesting outing with mushroom folks ([2nd Annual Myco Bicycle Ride](#) — Central Texas Mycological Society).

In addition, Bob Easter submitted an article for gardener education:

- Carrots are packed with nutrients that help fight disease and are one of the seven veggies covered in this [article](#). Cook them whole!

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.

We have new Zone Coordinators!

Piper Ward And Brianna will be co-coordinating Zone 7.

Piperdraw@gmail.com

Cathy Camp will be co-coordinating with Steve Uecker in Zone 8.

Cathycamp621@yahoo.com

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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