



# WEEKLY WEEDER

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## Sunshine Provides Plants to AISD Schools

This fall Sunshine again donated plants to Austin schools for their gardening projects. As part of the fall plant sale, 500 plants were purchased from Squeaky Frog Farm at a discounted price.

The response of schools to the availability of plants was significant, and it

quickly became clear that there would not be enough plants for every school to get the number it wanted. Ultimately, **28 schools** received up to a maximum of 20 plants. Receiving plants were 23 elementary schools, 3 middle schools and 2 high schools.

The schools were very appreciative with one school emailing, “Thanks for the plants for Graham Elementary School! Plants are in the bed and growing. We appreciate all the free transplants over the years.” —

*Submitted by Jim Willamnn*

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## Want a New Sunshine T-shirt?

We are gauging interest in t-shirt sales for the Spring Sale. If you would be interested in buying a Sunshine Community Gardens t-shirt with the logo designed by Tony Sanchez and Isabelle Encela (see above), please fill out this survey: <https://forms.gle/EYoEV4hBCVMBzxzN7>

If we do decide to sell these shirts they will be screen printed on the front of a tri-blend white shirt priced at \$20. — *Submitted by Marsha Riti*

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Susan Van Haitisma sent a lovely photo that highlights the change of season: dew on greens in the garden!

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## Garden Education by Ila Falvey

### Sunshine Event: Soil Blocker Technique

Matthew Johnson, coordinator of Sunshine's flower gardens, will give a demonstration on how to use a soil blocker. Winter crop and flower seeds will be sowed. You are welcome to come and learn and try this technique. Hope to see you there.

When: Sunday Oct. 30 at 11 o'clock

Where: Sunshine Porch

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It is time to take herbaceous cuttings to propagate in your greenhouse!  
This post describes the steps: <https://travis-tx.tamu.edu/2022/10/26/last-chance-for-fall-plant-cuttings/>

# Garden Tasks by Steve Camp

Thanks to volunteers that showed up for last Saturday's Workday!

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**ATTENTION!!** - If you believe that you are the last person leaving the garden in evening, please **CLOSE AND LOCK THE TRAILER!** Any SCG garden member knows the combination and can let themselves in should the need arise.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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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.

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## **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.

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## **PRIORITY TASKS**

- **Mowing and Trimming** Fenceline and lawn on either side of fence.

- **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 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 IN COMPOST AREA AND ALONG FENCELINES.
- 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 [campinthegarden@yahoo.com](mailto: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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