



# WEEKLY WEEDER

December 8, 2022

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Holiday Party Pics!

The weather was dreary but Sunshine was merry and bright. The Questionable Standards (as in jazz standards) provided wonderful musical entertainment and the food was delicious, It was great to mingle with our fellow gardeners.

Thanks to everyone who made this one of Sunshine's best holiday parties ever. — Submitted by Ila Falvey







## Visiting Gabriel Valley

Last week, Carol Limaye and I went to [Gabriel Valley Farms](#) to tour and drop off our Spring Plant Sale seeds (all procured by Randy Thompson). Philip (pictured with seeds and with Cathy, the owner) who works at the garden greeted us and gave us a wonderful tour. In fact, the empty greenhouse pictured will be used just for Sunshine Community Gardens -- to grow the plants for our Plant Sale next March. Gabriel Valley Farms is a

certified organic nursery.— Submitted by Marsha Riti



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## Micah 6 Donations

You may recall that in my recent Weekly Weeder report about donations to Micah 6 Food Pantry, I mentioned that the food pantry is struggling to keep up with demand. I also asked everyone to consider donating dry goods in addition to or as an alternative to fresh produce from your garden. After reading my plea, one of our fellow gardeners, Debra Mariano, asked if donating purchased fresh produce, such as citrus or apples, instead of dry goods would be acceptable. The answer is YES. Donating purchased fresh fruit, or vegetables for that matter, would be WONDERFUL!!

Thank you Debra for your suggestion and thank you Sunshine Gardeners for your generosity. Fresh produce is very much appreciated by the shoppers at the Micah 6 Food Pantry.

That said, dry goods are also needed. Non-perishable suggestions:

- Canned meats such as tuna and stew (pop-up tops preferred)
- Canned vegetables and soup
- Dry beans and rice
- Healthy cereals
- Peanut butter

Happy Holidays!— *Submitted by Walter Kuhl*

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## Want to Help New Gardeners?

The newly-formed team to help new gardeners and/or ones who are temporarily need help got to work yesterday. We helped clear the plots for two returning gardeners to Sunshine. It was living proof of the adage that “many hands make light the work.” Three to four people helped each gardener, and within two hours, they were ready to begin forming beds and deciding what to plant. The only thing we forgot was to take some pictures!

If you are interested in joining the team, contact Bill Cason ([wccason@gmail.com](mailto:wccason@gmail.com)) or Bill Gaventa ([bill.gaventa@gmail.com](mailto:bill.gaventa@gmail.com)) And thank you all who showed up last week: digging up and loosening soil as well as removing bermuda grass (as best possible) and really left the two new gardeners in good shape to begin plotting out their garden and planting. — *Submitted by Bill Gaventa*

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## Garden Education by Ila Falvey

Need fresh greens? Grow microgreens indoors. Just follow the easy steps f from Central Texas Gardener:  
<https://www.centraltexasgardener.org/2022/11/how-to-grow-microgreens-easy-fresh-food-indoors/>

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## Garden Tasks by Steve Camp

Howdy SCG Gardeners!

During the last two weeks of December, 2 zone coordinators and I will be looking at all garden plots for out of compliance conditions before the billing cycle in January. Now is a good time to visit your plot and check for issues that might affect you or your relationship with SCG.

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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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## 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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At some point soon the entrance will be closed for 3-5 hours while asphalt operations are performed. We will send out an email blast when that happens.

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## PRIORITY TASKS

- Mowing and Trimming Fenceline and lawn on either side of fence.  
*\*Note\** the North, East and South 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 a panel 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 are best.
- 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 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 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, 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.
- 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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