



WEEKLY WEEDER

January 5, 2023

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Photos by Susan Hoberman (top left) and Steve Camp

Road Paved Near Garden Gate

Yesterday we made a great improvement in the entryway to SCG!

Asphalt will make it much easier and safer for pedestrians to get in and out of the garden.

Please pay attention and observe the 3 MPH speed limit. — *Submitted by Steve Camp*



Photo edited from Google Maps

Plot Renewal Deadline

The plot renewal deadline is February 1. If you are not intending to renew your membership and retain your plot, please let us know right away so that we can avoid sending you a bill for the next year's plot fee and any unworked hours from last season. Bills go out around January 15.

There is a withdrawal form on our website under the pulldown menu "SCG Contacts and Forms". You can also email the [treasurer \(Carol and Debra\)](#), [Kay McMurry](#) or your zone coordinator to give notice. Notification must be written so that we have a verifiable record of your intent.— *Submitted by Kay McMurry*



A Sunshiner Happy Hour!!!!!!

Please come out and enjoy the company of other Sunshine gardeners on Thursday the 12th at the [new Lazarus location \(4803 Airport Blvd\)](#) from 4:30 on. — *Submitted by Randy Thompson*

Garden Education by Ila Falvey

Did you know that 2023 was declared Year of the Broccoli?

Master Gardener Paula Wolfel wrote about this as well as an extensive [January Gardening Checklist](#) for the Travis County Agrilife Extension.

Garden Tasks by Steve Camp

Howdy SCG Gardeners!

Please see the story about the road improvement at the top!

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.

NEXT SCHEDULED WORKDAY - in January, day to to be determined.

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.

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 and Trimming everywhere but especially Fenceline and lawn on either side of fence. With the recent rains and more to come, mowing has become a primary task.

Note the North and East 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 leaders about which vines are best. Thanks!

- 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 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.
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REGULAR

- 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 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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