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T-shirts are Here!

If you pre-ordered your t-shirts, you will be thrilled to know that they have arrived!

The logo was designed by Isabelle Ensela and Anthony Sanchez, and the shirts were printed by Feels So Good here in Austin.

For those who now want a shirt, please contact marshariti@gmail.com—

Submitted by Marsha Riti

Silent Auction Preparation for Plant Sale

After a hiatus last year, we are bringing back with silent auction as part of our SCG spring plant sale fundraiser. In the past, we've had our members donate items that sold very well and helped contribute to the overall success of the sale. Please contact me at karl.w.arcuri@gmail.com if you have any items that you would like to contribute. Items that have sold well in the past include artwork, garden books, and garden tools.— *Submitted by Karl Arcuri*



Improvements to Tool Cleaning Station

Over time the wood decking around the tool cleaning station in front of the

tool shed suffered serious rotting from the constant wetness.

Instead of replacing the wood decking just to have it rot out again, concrete squares were laid down. Laying down the squares required digging out the area and laying down a decomposed granite base for the squares. It looks great and should not need replacing.

Thanks to Robert Jarry for making the improvements.— *Submitted by James Willman*

Micah 6 Donations

December / 2022 Year Total Donations:

- Produce - 249 lbs / 3,355.5 lbs
- Dry Goods - 123.5 lbs / 326 lbs

The late December freeze capped off a difficult gardening year. Thankfully Sunshine gardeners were generous and 133 pounds of fresh produce was donated to the food pantry in the days immediately before the Christmas weekend freeze. The trailer refrigerator was full and the cool room was overflowing (see photo). Thank you for your generosity in December and for the entire 2022 year. As you can see above, last year Sunshine gardeners (you!) donated more than 3000 pounds of fresh produce and more than 300 pounds of dry goods to low income individuals and families in our community. Much Appreciated!!

Fresh Produce Donations:

Please consider donating your excess harvest to the Micah 6 Food Pantry. Donations of fresh produce (from your garden or purchased) may be left in the cool room (south end of the trailer) and in the trailer refrigerator. At this time of year, one delivery a week (Saturday ~ 9am) is made to the food pantry.

Dry Goods Donations:

Micah 6 Food Pantry is struggling to keep up with demand. Please consider donating non-perishable items in addition to produce this holiday season. Leave your donations in the cool room at the south end of the trailer.

Non-perishable donation 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 New Year! — *Submitted by Walter Kuhl*



Meet a Member

Saffi and Mariam were captured working in their plot on a beautiful January afternoon.

Their Mom, Andi, said "We all love to grow cucumbers and basil. Mariam, the toddler, loves to grow carrots and radishes as it is her mission to pull out every plant in the garden as often as possible." [Please note that this

image is used with permission for the Weeder only] — *Submitted by Susan Van Haitsma*

Garden Education by Ila Falvey

We all experienced the hard freeze; here are a few useful gardening tips on how to help your garden recover: <https://thegoodearthgarden.com/plant-recovery-after-a-hard-freeze/>

Garden Tasks by Steve Camp

Howdy SCG Gardeners!

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.

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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