



WEEKLY WEEDER

May 4, 2023

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Tree Falls onto Chicken Coop

A hackberry tree blew over last Friday night and landed on the chicken coop. Fortunately, the chickens are all fine. -- *Submitted by Ila Falvey*



Crop Photos

Susan Van Hartsma captured growing corn in John Lee's plot as well as a bounty of grapes growing under the direction of Matthew Johnson and volunteers near the trailer. Kerry Drake posted in Instagram a lovely photo of carrots that she harvested (see below).



Annual All-Gardener Meeting on May 13

Sunshine's annual membership meeting will be Saturday, May 13 at 10:00 am.

The agenda will include:

- Reports and Presentations: President and Treasurer reports; ABCTX donation
- Ratification of Site Rule Amendments: New Gardener Requirements; Plot Compliance
- Elections: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Nominating Committee (please see last week's Weeder for current nominees)
- Vines on New Fence / Adopt-A-Fence Panel Program
- Open Discussion

Background information will be sent out in an all-gardener email. Refreshments will be served. So join your fellow Sunshine gardeners on Saturday May 13 to socialize, enjoy some breakfast tacos, and take care of Sunshine business. --

Submitted by Jim Willmann

April and Year-to-Date Sunshine Donations to Micah 6 Food Pantry

April / Year to Date

- Sunshine Produce -- 76.25 lbs / 330.25 lbs
- Dry Goods & Non-Sunshine Produce -- 154.5 lbs / 347.5 lbs

The amount of donations to the food pantry continues to be excellent. Many of you have donated dry goods and non-Sunshine produce in addition to your garden's produce. Thank you! We especially appreciate these extra donations during this time of year when our garden yields are low.

On the other hand, within a few weeks our gardens will be overflowing with beautiful crops. **May, June, and July are very important months for our efforts to supply fresh produce to the food bank. In fact, almost half of all Sunshine produce donations to Micah 6 Food Bank are from these three months.** Please remember Micah 6 these next few months when you harvest more vegetables than you can use.

Fresh Produce Donations:

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) or in the trailer refrigerator. At this time of year, one delivery a week (Saturday ~ 9am) is made to the food pantry. An additional delivery on Thursday will be added by late May or June as donations increase.

Dry Goods Donations:

Micah 6 Food Pantry is struggling to keep up with demand. Please consider donating non-perishable items in addition to produce. 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

Thank you! Your generosity is appreciated. -- *Submitted by Walter Kuhl*



Future Swallowtail Found in Nasturtiums

This lovely find (a Swallowtail caterpillar) was discovered near nasturtiums on a garden plot and hence named "Sturshy".

"She brings us a lot of joy and I wanted to share the photos with others".--
Submitted by Andi Harrington

Garden Education by Ila Falvey

Items of interest to all Sunshiners:

- The May Vegetable Garden by Sheryl Williams: [Summer Season Has Arrived in the May Vegetable Garden](#)
- Webinar recording of [Red imported fire ant management](#)

Upcoming events:

- May 8 from 6-9pm at Zilker Botanical Garden 2220 Barton Springs Road: [Understanding and Building Fungal-Rich Soil](#), a talk by Andie Marsh
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Garden Tasks by Steve Camp

Howdy SCG Gardeners!

NEXT SCHEDULED WORKDAY - Saturday May 13 from 9:00 until 11:00. contact Mary Gifford mgifford513@gmail.com on day of. PLEASE COME OUT AND HELP US MAINTAIN OUR BEAUTIFUL GARDEN!

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.

NOTE

The North & 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 1 or more I 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 will perform the best. Contact Jim Willmann jwillmann@gmail.com for assignment options.

Thanks!

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.
 - 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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