

# WEEKLY WEEDER

# March 9, 2023

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Plant sale images by Iris Slevin. Many thanks to all of the photographers who documented a

## Plant Sale Round Up!

Y'all brought it for the Sunshine Community Gardens' Annual Plant Sale! It was beautiful to see everyone come together and cooperate on our sale. We sold out of nearly all of our plants! We normally have enough plants left over to give to public schools and non-profits, but this year Jim Willmann and the garden board will be buying extra from Gabriel Valley Farms to donate. Also, the compost sales are doing well, and we'll hopefully have the remaining compost sold by next week. Our profits were good, especially considering the number of plants we had for sale and inflation. Great job, everyone!!! Looking forward to next year's sale — it was so enjoyable working with everyone at the garden.

We are lucky to have a unique and wonderful community here at Sunshine Community Gardens.

Best,
Marsha Riti and Karl Arcuri





















# Garden Education by Ila Falvey

- After 25 + years, I just learned that tree tags could be attached to tomato cages for easy identification of tomato varieties. You need to write the variety but the tag will stay put ... and you won't have to look for the lost tag.
- From Real Simple: How to Store Lettuce

## Garden Tasks by Steve Camp

Howdy SCG Gardeners!

We can't thank you enough for volunteering and helping with our successful plant sale!

NEXT SCHEDULED WORKDAY - None scheduled in March but please feel free to join in post Plant sale cleanup any day next week.

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 <a href="mailto:jhwillmann@gmail.com">jhwillmann@gmail.com</a> 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.

### **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 and cleaning up overgrown/messy places in common areas.

Your Zone Coordinator may have more tasks than are listed here. Contact them or <a href="mailto:campinthegarden@yahoo.com">campinthegarden@yahoo.com</a> if you feel that you have run out of things to do.

Slow Down (3 MPH!) You're on Garden Time! Enjoy!

Contact both <u>Kristin Phillips</u> & <u>Maria Beach</u> to contribute the Weekly Weeder.







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