



Sunshine Site Operations Report

August 2026 Report to the CGICT Board

Workgroup/ Committee/Team	Report	Date/Lead
Volunteer Coordination	The new Sunshine Project Planner Google Sheet was used to plan, prioritize and execute projects during a workday held on Sunday, July 26. The event drew about 40 participants including volunteers from the waiting list. Volunteers worked a combined estimated 120 hours. Informal workdays were also conducted on July 4, 11, 18 mornings with mowers staged and refreshments made available to respond to Groundskeeping needs.	8/11/26 Jessica M
Groundskeeping	While the beginning of the month was rainy and produced rapid turf growth, a drier weather pattern has set in reducing the frequency of mowing. July activities included hackberry removal, mowing and line trimming, accessibility garden maintenance, greenhouse weeding, khaki weed removal, and the removal of a large palm tree. Mowers were repaired by Ray P and all are working now. Khaki weed coverage has increased significantly. We are requesting approval for \$500 for research and implementation of a khaki weed suppression program.	8/11/26 Scott M
Facilities	We replaced a picnic bench seat and a toilet seat in the office trailer. Replacement of the raised TSBVI beds was completed. Several hose hangers were re-attached with carriage bolts. An emergency repair on the front gate was conducted, and a monitor installed in the conference room. The team requests funding to resume the project of converting wood hose hanger uprights to metal. We are requesting approval for \$600 to complete the remaining wood-post stations to metal.	8/11/26 Robert J Brian K
Sustainability	The site experienced 4.25 inches of rainfall in July. There are 60 cubic yards of leaves and 95 cubic yards of wood chips remaining. The leaf pile has a 30 cubic yard core that is composting at 123 degrees. There is an excess of woodchips currently, and we need to find a way to slow intake. We are requesting approval for \$500 to conduct research and to publish a report on the feasibility of a new composting program.	8/11/26 Mary D Rachel M Scott M
Micah 6	This has been a good year so far. Sunshine produce donations through June total 2626 lbs. Dry goods and non-Sunshine produce total through June is 400.25 lbs. Plants for fall garden have been ordered and we now need to decide how to protect our fall crop from rabbits. Last winter our	8/11/26 Walter K Dana K Denise K

	broccoli crop was reduced by probably about 25 lbs due to rabbits, and the rabbit problem looks much worse this year.	
Tools	Repaired a few wheelbarrows this month and sharpened and repaired multiple loppers and a few rakes. Replaced a few Scuffle hoes which seem to walk off more than other tools. All tools are used as pry bars unfortunately. Any suggestions on replacement needs? Don't really know what folks want/need. One Rubbermaid garden cart is at the end of its useful life. Purchasing records were searched to determine the Rubbermaid carts give a long life. Wasps nesting in the tool shed stung a gardener, prompting several repeated nest treatments over 3 weeks.	8/11/26 Mike P
The Plotters	In July, we responded to two requests: Worked with Liz R and Samuel K (new gardeners) and partner to clear I1-4n, is in zone 3. Cleared pathway around F63W. There is a current gardener. Her plot is full of sunflowers, so we did not go further to take them out. Preparing to help with G8-3, for a gardener who is transferring to this plot near his. plot G8-9 in Zone 10 and it is a true mess. We will "git'er done" (hopefully).	8/10/26 Bill G Bill C
Beautification	July is usually dedicated to watering but we have done some planting and cleaning away. We probably had 3 volunteers. We planted some native plants like devils bouquet (from a plant rescue) and mugwort "silver king". We also planted two flats of summer snapdragons that were written off from the natural gardener. We're also clearing out spent sunflower, Spanish needle and 4 o'clocks which no longer look good. But mostly watering. Not a lot will be different until the weather gets cooler. At the August 9 workday, the Beautification Committee focused on two tasks (1) cleaning up the construction crew's damage to the plants in the bus stop bed and (2) watering all the ornamental areas. There were no volunteers, likely because of the hot, humid weather. We also surveyed different garden sections and discussed which plants are handling the hot, dry conditions well, such as the Lippia alba. We hope to get additional starts from the mother plant that Polly takes care of. We also plan to reduce the population of plants that need too much supplemental water in the summer months to look good, such as the Spanish needle. We observed large numbers of bees around plants as diverse as the basil and the queen's wreath.	8/11/26 Matt J Allison T
Chicken Co-Op	The chicks (about 20) that were purchased from Ideal at the end of April are doing well. The older ladies seem to be OK also. The summer is hard on the chicks but we have a misting system running for a few hours in the heat of the day. Egg production has dropped because of the heat-averaging about 5/day. The young chicks haven't started laying yet.	8/11/26 Team Lead Ila F