



Sunshine Site Operations Report

September 2026 Report to the CGICT Board

Workgroup/ Committee/Team	Report	Date/ Lead
Beautification	In August, watering was the main activity. We had three new volunteers join, and we could tell they really appreciated the water offered on the office deck and stayed well hydrated.	9/8/26 Matt J Alison T
Children's Garden	[We] would definitely be interested in the kids helping to paint the [sustainability workgroup's] compost cylinder and learning about compost if it would work for that tbd Saturday in October, or another time later this fall.	9/8/26 Pam K
Facilities	Fixed loose door handle on tool shed door. Surveyed hose hanger stations and defined 8 stations that need replacing. On August 11, the workgroup received board authorization to form and to proceed the project of converting wood hose hanger uprights to metal drawing \$600 from the infrastructure fund budget line item.	9/8/26 Robert J Brian K
Groundskeeping	Due to the lack of rain, turf entered dormancy in August. Outside the fence line, ragweed spires and tufts of Johnson grass have been handled with the line trimmer. Khaki weed continues to proliferate and is in various stages of development with some seed already dropping. The redbud tree outside the fence line is dead and requires removal. We request replacement with a Haupt fig. On August 11, the groundskeeping workgroup received board authorization to form. We are requesting approval for \$493.07 for research and implementation of a khaki weed suppression program.	9/8/26 Scott M
Irrigation	Our first annual Irrigation Workshop was held, with guest speaker Rick Iverson who helped install the system in 1983. Attendees cycled Sunshine's main valves, identified valves to open in a freeze and conducted an emergency hose bib replacement in the E-5 section. They learned about valve types and fitting specifications, how to prepare and seal steel fittings, prime and cement PVC, and proper torquing methods.	9/1/26 Tia M Pramuka P Mike H Scott M
Micah 6	August Donations / 2026 Cumulative Total Sunshine Produce -- 236.75 lbs / 2559.75 lbs Purchased Dry Goods & Produce -- 92.25 lbs / 492.5 lbs	9/8/26 Walter K Dana K Denise K

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Pest Control	The Sunshine Rabbit Survey was published and collected 30 responses. Rat bait boxes were replenished twice in August, and two are missing. A can of mosquito repellant is being kept on the office deck area for gardeners due to the high number there. Wasp nests were repeatedly treated in "The Cage" behind the tool shed and in the F1 section.	9/8/26 Ron L Will L Patrick H
Power Equipment	All gas- and battery-operated power equipment is working.	Steve C Ray P
Sustainability	The site experienced 0.25 inches of rainfall in July. The high temperature was 109.9F which occurred on August 22 nd . There are 40 cubic yards of leaves, down 33% from last month. That decrease is in part due to volume reduction and use by gardeners. Approximately 10 yards of the leaf pile is a core of composted leaf mold. Gardeners have mined a significant amount of "black gold" from the southern end of the leaf pile. Temperatures have dropped 20 degrees to 104F as the pile as dried out significantly. Wood chips decreased 16% to 80 cubic yards. There is still an excess of wood chips, and this will become a disposal problem, as this material becomes both unsuitable for composting or trail mulching. A new landscaper and arborist registration program will help manage intake to prevent the accumulation of wood chips in the future. On August 11, the sustainability workgroup received board authorization to form. We are requesting approval for \$589.93 to conduct research and to publish a report on the feasibility of a new composting program.	9/8/26 Mary D Allison D Rachel M Scott M
The Plotters	We helped a gardener transferring from a half plot to a full one, G8-9, to clear it of a mass of Bermuda grass. This had been untended too long. It was slow and hot work. Bill C is also talking to another gardener who is ill about our helping with her plot.	9/2/26 Bill C Bill G
TSBVI	The TSBVI garden team was responsible for maintenance of the TSBVI Garden from June through mid-August while TSBVI was on vacation. Maintenance included watering, harvesting produce (for Micah 6), clearing and covering unplanted beds with leaves, weeding, maintaining paths, etc. The team also planted fall crops of okra, green beans and tomatoes. A special project during the summer was converting three existing ground level beds to raised beds. The TSBVI students have difficulty bending over and the raised beds makes gardening easier for them. Another project has been experimenting with using a vinegar solution to control weeds	9/4/26 Jim W

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	in paths which shows some promise. Team will continue to provide support during fall and spring seasons by maintaining paths, assisting with watering, and providing such other support as Aaron M (TSBVI employee Garden Supervision) may request. Aaron designed braille markers for the garden's 17 beds, and SCG provided the EMT conduit pipes needed to install the markers.	