

WEED WARRIORS UPDATE

December 2020



NOVEMBER 21 REPORT, Stacy Park

After canceling the original date due to heavy rain, we had a terrific turnout on Nov 18 for clearing invasives out of the Stacy Park Prairie. When volunteers arrived, there were large sections of green denoting bush honeysuckle. It stood out easily amidst the native grasses and plants that were already dormant. Volunteers were able to easily walk into the prairie using the mowed pathways. This helped them get in close, and to remove the cuttings afterward.

Within the two hours of work, all the green sections were gone! The volunteers achieved much more than we thought possible! **Thank you everyone!!**

Lower Prairie Panorama AFTER. Bush Honeysuckle stands are green areas within the tall grass.



Lower Prairie Panorama AFTER. All green stands of Bush Honeysuckle eliminated!



Bush Honeysuckle leaves out first in the spring, and loses its leaves last in the fall, which helps it out compete native plants. But this also makes it really easy to spot when trying to get rid of it! Fall is a perfect time to attack Bush Honeysuckle!

DECEMBER 12, 2020 - PROJECTS

This month, Weed Warriors will be back in the Stacy Park Prairie. However, instead of cutting invasives, volunteers will be seeding! A diverse pollinator mix from Pure Air Natives will be scattered. The mix is comprised a native tall grass prairie flowering plants, but not grasses, to diversify the plants already established in the Prairie.

Volunteers will also be deadheading existing plants and dispersing the seeds.

2021 STACY PRAIRIE BURN

It's been a couple years since the prescribed burn was conducted in the Stacy Park Prairie. City Horticulturist, Brian Azcona and volunteer Burn Boss Gerald Axelbaum have begun the permitting process for 2021. The crew hopes to complete the burn in January, conditions permitting. For more information on the prescribed burn process, please OlivetteParksandRec.com/Prairie.html

WEED WARRIORS 2020-2021 SEASON

SATURDAYS 9:00-11:00 AM

DECEMBER 12 JANUARY 9 FEBRUARY 13
MARCH 13 APRIL 10 MAY 8*

*May hours 8-10AM

Olivette

JANUARY 9, 2021
Next Weed Warrior Day! Location TBD

OlivetteParksandRec.com | 314.991.1249

Parks
Make
Life
Better!