



THE STEW CREW NEWS

June 2018

Conservation Calendar

Tree Care at
Otto Armleder
Memorial Park 6/16

Tree Care at
Sharon Woods 6/26

Shaker Trace Nursery work:
Every Thursday year-round
and the first and last
Saturdays of each month.

Reminders

- Bring something to drink
- Wear sturdy gloves
- Consider bug repellent
- We recommend long pants, long-sleeved shirts and closed-toe shoes
- Have fun!
- Record your service hours



Trees Are Terrific!

Trees do wonderful things to increase the quality of our life. Trees:

- Moderate temperatures by shading our homes and our cities.
- Improve air quality by capturing pollutants and producing oxygen.
- Reduce flooding by slowing storm water runoff.
- Hold soil on hillsides and stream banks.
- Sustain wildlife.
- Increase property value.

We will lose most of our ash trees, which is 10 to 40 percent of our forest canopy, to the invasive emerald ash borer. The Asian longhorned beetle, recently discovered in Clermont County, can harm over 100 species of trees. High numbers of deer in some areas consume all the small trees so the next generation of trees is not available to replace the larger trees. Invasive plants such as honeysuckle and ornamental pear displace or prevent native trees from growing. There are many new threats to our terrific trees and forests.

Great Parks of Hamilton County is committed to protect and improve its forests by reducing the amount of honeysuckle and other invasive plants, and by planting and caring for trees.

June Stew Crew Projects

Badlands Trail Workday

What: Join our new Trail Specialist, Bryan Howell, and other volunteers in an effort to improve this challenging and unique park trail. In honor of National Trails Day, we'll be demonstrating best practices and working to implement techniques that help to improve trail sustainability.

When: Saturday, June 2, from 9 a.m.–noon

Where: Badlands Trail Head at Miami Whitewater Forest, 9001 Mt. Hope Road, Crosby Township, 45030

Register: RSVP by May 31 to Niki Marengo at nmarengo@greatparks.org

Hours: [Adopt a Trail Badlands \[Miami Whitewater\] Natural Resources](#)

Tree Care at Otto Armleder Memorial Park

What: Maintain planted trees, cut vines, repair tree guards and clean up the riverbank

When: Saturday, June 16, from 9 a.m.–noon

Where: Meet at the shelter farthest to the south, (turn right at the t-intersection) 5057 Wooster Pike, Cincinnati, 45226

Register: RSVP by June 14 to Tom Borgman at tborgman@greatparks.org

Hours: [Stew Crew \[Armleder\C&P East\]](#)

Ohio River Sweep at Fernbank Park and Woodland Mound

What: Grab your crew or come solo to help keep the Ohio River clean at two Great Parks locations! We're partnering once again with the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO) in one of the biggest multi-state litter pickups in the country.

When: Saturday, June 16, from 9 a.m.–noon

Where: Fernbank Park–Meet at the Lee Picnic Shelter, 50 Thornton Ave., Cincinnati, 45233

Woodland Mound–Meet at the Steamboat Bend Boat Launch, 8401 Steamboat Drive, Cincinnati, 45255

Register: RSVP by June 15 to Niki Marengo at nmarengo@greatparks.org

Hours: [Park Cleanup \[Fernbank\C & P West\]](#) or [Park Cleanup \[Woodland Mound\C & P East\]](#)

Tree Care at Sharon Woods

What: Rescue trees that were planted by volunteers by removing invasive vines and repairing fences

When: Tuesday, June 26 from 9 a.m.–noon

Where: Meet at the Sharon Woods Visitor Center 11450 Lebanon Road, Sharonville, 45241

Register: RSVP by June 25 to Mike Brech at mbrech@greatparks.org

Hours: [Stew Crew \[Sharon Woods\C&P East\]](#)

Shaker Trace Nursery Work at Miami Whitewater Forest

What: Join us as we work together to accomplish daily nursery tasks that will change with the seasons

When: Every Thursday year-round any time between 8 a.m. and noon, and the first and last Saturdays of the month from 9 a.m.–noon

Where: Shaker Trace Nursery, 8667 New Haven Road, Harrison, 45030

Register: None required – just stop by!

Hours: [Shaker Trace Nursery \[Miami Whitewater\] Natural Resources](#)



"To plant trees is to give body and life to one's dreams of a better world."

–Russell Page