



THE STEW CREW NEWS

March 2018

Conservation Calendar

Tree Planting Prep 3/6

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Removal 3/13

Lesser Celandine
and Honeysuckle
Removal 3/20

Shaker Trace Every
Nursery Work Thursday
Year-Round

Reminders

- Bring something to drink
- Wear sturdy gloves
- We recommend long pants, long-sleeved shirts and closed-toe shoes
- Have fun!



Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB)

Tom Borgman, Conservation & Parks Trainer

In June 2011, the Asian longhorned beetle was discovered in Tate Township in Clermont County. This invasive beetle has no known natural predators and poses a threat to Ohio's hardwood forests (more than \$2.5 billion in standing maple timber) and the state's \$5 billion nursery industry which employs nearly 240,000 people. Our best defense is to find it when it first shows up.

Below are some signs of ALB:

Visible Asian longhorned beetles. Adult beetles have bullet-shaped bodies from 3/4 inch to 1-1/2 inches long, shiny black with white spots and long striped antennae, 1-1/2 to 2-1/2 times the size of its body.

- Chewed round depressions in the bark of a tree.
- Pencil-sized, perfectly round exit holes in the tree.
- Excessive sawdust (frass) buildup near tree bases.
- Unseasonable yellowed or drooping leaves.

For more information about ALB, visit www.beetlebusters.info.

March Stew Crew Projects

Tree Planting Prep

What: Fences can impede the movement of wildlife and in this case, trap them along a road. Help us remove an old fence along Sheffield Road and clean up debris in preparation for a future tree planting project.

When: Tuesday March 6, 9 a.m.–noon.

Where: Glenwood Gardens Technical Center,
377 Sheffield Road, Woodlawn 45215.

Register: RSVP by March 5 to Tom Borgman at
tborgman@greatparks.org.

**Please record your hours under: Stew Crew
[Glenwood Gardens\Conservation & Parks Central].**

Pear and Honeysuckle Removal

What: A variety of trees were planted along the bike trail and river at the Bass Island area of Little Miami Golf Center. Invasive pear trees and honeysuckle are beginning to crowd out the desirable species. Help us rescue the native trees in this area so they can thrive.

When: Tuesday March 13, 9 a.m.–noon.

Where: Little Miami Golf Center,
Bass Island parking lot.
3811 Newtown Road, Newtown 45244.

Register: RSVP by March 12 to Tom Borgman at
tborgman@greatparks.org.

**Please record your hours under: Stew Crew
[Little Miami\Conservation & Parks East].**

Lesser Celandine and Honeysuckle Removal

What: Spray lesser celandine and cut honeysuckle along a wooded stream near the Mitchell Memorial Forest Mountain Bike Trail.

When: Tuesday March 20, 9 a.m.–noon.

Where: Mitchell Memorial Forest Mountain Bike Trail,
5401 Zion Road, Miami Township 45002.

Register: RSVP by March 19 to Tom Borgman at
tborgman@greatparks.org.

**Please record your hours under: Stew Crew [Mitchell
Memorial Forest\Conservation & Parks West].**

Shaker Trace Nursery Work

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.

Where: Miami Whitewater Forest, Shaker Trace Nursery,
8667 New Haven Road, Harrison, OH 45030

Register: None required – just stop by!

**Please record your hours under: Shaker Trace Nursery
[Miami Whitewater Forest\Natural Resources].**

