



March 1, 2010

RE: Park Clean Up

Dear Neighbor,

In addition to the annual restoration project scheduled to take place at Churchill Park by the Glen Ellyn Park District, we are proposing that additional **Volunteer Weekend Clean-Up** dates be scheduled for Danby, Glen Ellyn Manor, Panfish, and Ellenwood Nature Preserve.

The intent for the restoration workdays is to remove the buckthorn, honeysuckle, mulberry, and box elder that are sprouting in areas where natural species are threatened by their existence. Buckthorn is an invasive species that destroys natural areas. All exotic buckthorns produce a fruit that is readily eaten by birds. The severe laxative effect of these fruits readily distributes seeds. These shrubs readily resprout from cut or damaged stems. Removing the invasive species will allow the desirable plant materials to thrive and flourish.

Under the direct supervision of staff, invasive species will be cut, stacked and chipped. Herbicide will be applied to cut stumps. Smaller plants will be pulled or stems will be hand-wiped with herbicide. Mature, fruiting female trees existing in current "non-work" sections may be identified and removed. Pruning equipment and refuse bags will be provided. Restoration workdays correlate to appropriate seasonal work (i.e. garlic mustard removal in the spring before it sets seed). Restoration work dates are scheduled for:

- March 20 / Danby
- March 27 / Glen Ellyn Manor
- April 10 / Panfish
- April 17 / Ellynwood Nature Preserve

Volunteers must supply their own gloves and safety glasses, and should plan to begin promptly at 9:00 am at the locations noted. Clean-up efforts will conclude at 12:00 pm. All volunteers must sign a waiver on site prior to participating in any of the scheduled restoration projects. Staff will be present at each location to coordinate all work. Maps for each location can be obtained at [www.gepark.org](http://www.gepark.org).

Thank you for your efforts and willingness to contribute to Glen Ellyn's restoration projects! We look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Maintenance Department at 630-858-6037.

Regards,

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