



**City of Newport  
Park Board Meeting  
February 26, 2015**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

Board Members present – Emily White; Marge Meconis; Anita Perkins; Tom Aguilar-Downing;

Board Members absent – Heidi Tweeten;

Also present –Matt Yokiell, Executive Director;

**3. APPROVAL OF PARK BOARD MINUTES**

**A. Park Board Minutes of January 22, 2015 Regular Meeting**

**Motion by Meconis, seconded by Aguilar-Downing, to approve the Park Board Minutes of January 22, 2015 as presented. With 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, the motion carried.**

**4. PRESENTATION FROM SUSAN LINDOO ON INVASIVES IN BAILEY SCHOOL FOREST**

**Chairperson White** - We have with us Susan Lindoo who has done a lot of things with the City. She has done a project for the City and will do a report on it.

Susan Lindoo presented on this item as outlined in the February 26, 2015 Park Board packet and the attached PowerPoint.

**Chairperson White** - How do you control garlic mustard?

**Susan Lindoo** - The best way is to pull out the plant when it's early infestation. I went to a workshop where the speaker recommended concentrating on the second year plants with heavy infestation. I found that you need to go back every few weeks if you do weed whacking. In a smaller infestation, you go in during the spring and pull them out. You need to make sure you get the root. We used round-up for heavy infestations.

**Tom Aguilar-Downing** - How long for removal?

**Susan Lindoo** - This year. With your approval and sponsorship, I would volunteer to work on the garlic mustard in Bailey. I would start working on it as soon as it's not too wet to walk in there.

**Chairperson White** - If you were to go in and pull them out can you just leave them lay?

**Susan Lindoo** - You can if they haven't started flowering. If they started flowering, I would pull them out and remove them.

**Chairperson White** - Because you wouldn't want to compost them would you?

**Susan Lindoo** - No.

**Chairperson White** - We all really appreciate the work that you've done on this. I'm wondering if we should have slides

running at Pioneer Day and maybe even getting some of the garlic mustard when it's really small to display. It would be really nice to show what it is like we have the buckthorn display. Pictures would help as well.

**Susan Lindoo** - Yes, I could work on that. Another request is if you'd consider having me do Loveland at some point as well.

**Chairperson White** - Maybe we could advertise it and get a group of people up there to help you.

**Marge Meconis** - We had a group from Oltman that did a spring day a couple years ago and pulled buckthorn. If they decided to do another day like that we could get them involved.

**Susan Lindoo** - If you do it early enough in the spring, it's the only thing that's green.

**Tom Aguilar-Downing** - Early being late March early April.

**Susan Lindoo** - Probably late April.

**Marge Meconis** - If you go into Woodbury on Glen Road, you will see garlic mustard in bloom on the roadside.

**Chairperson White** - Thank you very much Susan, we really appreciate all your work.

## 5. REVIEW GOALS

### A. Discuss 2015 Goals

The Park Board reviewed the 2014 Year-End Summary as outlined in the February 26, 2015 Park Board packet to determine the 2015 goals. Updates are as follows:

#### Program Goals:

- **Winter Family Fun Night:** This took place on Saturday, February 7, 2015.
- **Adopt-a-Park Volunteer Recruiting:** This will be on the March agenda for review.
- **Adopt-a-Park Volunteer Thank You Notes:** These will go out in the spring.
- **Pioneer Day:** This will be August 9, 2015. The Park Board would like to request a different spot.
- **Fun Walk:** This will continue in September 2015 and may be along the Pedestrian Bridges as a Fun Walk / Dog Walk. Chairperson White recommended September 26, 2015.
- **Buckthorn Pull:** This will be October 24, 2015 at Bailey School Forest.
- **Creation of Loveland Park Interpretive Piece:** This is still pending and will remain on the 2015 goals.
- **Natural Resource Mgmt Plan:** This was removed from the 2015 goals.

#### Facility Goals:

- **Natural Plantings at Overlook Park:** This was removed from the 2015 goals.
- **Signage at Frances and Henry James Pocket Park:** Executive Director Yokiell will look into the status of this for 2015.
- **Solar Panels at Phillips Pavilion:** Executive Director Yokiell will look into the status of this for 2015.
- **Disc Golf Course:** This was removed from the 2015 goals.
- **Warming House Renovations at Loveland Park:** This was completed in 2014 and removed from the 2015 goals.
- **Veterans Memorial at Pioneer Park:** This was completed in 2014 and removed from the 2015 goals.

#### Administrative Goals:

- **Joint Governance Committee for Bailey School Forest:** This will continue in 2015.

#### The following items were added to the 2015 goals:

- **Garlic Mustard Pull:** Susan Lindoo volunteered to pull garlic mustard from Bailey School Forest in April / May 2015. Anita volunteered to work with her on this as well.
- **Loveland Park Invasives Survey:** Susan Lindoo volunteered to survey Loveland Park for invasives in 2015.

**6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT** - Nothing to report.

**7. BOARD REPORTS**

**A. Marge Meconis** - I was not at the Family Fun Night. I saw an article in the Pioneer Press about Buckthorn Pull that they are doing in Cottage Grove Regional Park. They received grant money for it. It is a regional park so maybe that's why they're getting more partners to help. There's a lot of buckthorn removal going on, they're doing a winter clearing by cutting down everything and poisoning it as they go and then burning it. It was a very informative article.

**B. Anita Perkins** - I did attend the Family Fun Night, it was a beautiful evening.

**C. Tom Aguilar-Downing** - I attended the Family Fun Night, it went well. We expected more kids but I didn't get the flyers to Anita in time to hand out at the school. We had it on the website, newsletter, and posters throughout town. We had probably 30 or so throughout the evening. The Fire Department was there and allowed the kids to come in and take tours of the fire engines. The Fire Department also had a tug-of-war with the kids. We had some races around the rink. Thanks to Laura's husband for providing the music.

**Anita Perkins** - Maybe next year we can advertise the tug-of-war with the Fire Department.

**Emily White** - We had talked about that and might also advertise that the Fire Hall is open.

**Tom Aguilar-Downing** - The deadline for the Winter Photo Contest is March 31st. There will be two categories, black and white and color with adult and youth divisions for each category. We're looking forward to all of the entries. They can be submitted to Renee Eisenbeisz.

**8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Executive Director Yokiel** - Looking at the CIP for the parks that John put together, are the top three items for each park the order of your goals for each year?

**Chairperson White** - Yes.

**Executive Director Yokiel** - For the Family Fun Night, we could do a trophy for the tug-of-war too that could be kept at the Fire Hall.

**Tom Aguilar-Downing** - I have been taking pictures of informational boards at different parks and will send that out for consideration for design.

**Chairperson White** - Do you have a planning session where you decide what you're going to do where in the City?

**Executive Director Yokiel** - I'm still learning so I don't know for sure. I think informally for sure.

**Chairperson White** - We'll just ask for updates at each meeting to keep us updated.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Aguilar-Downing, seconded by Perkins, to adjourn the Park Board Meeting at 8:03 P.M. With 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, the motion carried.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Emily White, Chairperson

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Eisenbeisz  
Executive Analyst

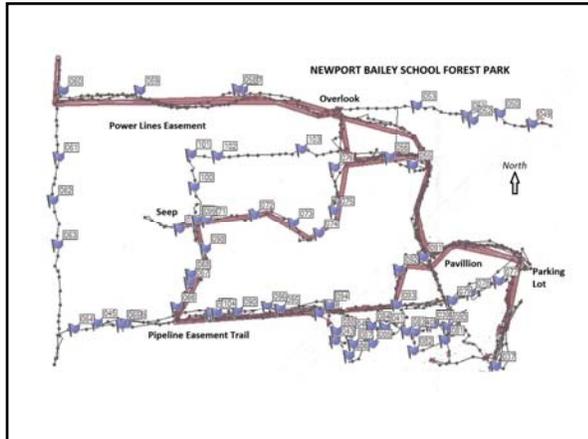
**Survey of Invasive Plants – Bailey School Forest**



Susan Lindoo, Master Naturalist Capstone Project, Oct-Nov 2014



Aerial view of the park



**On the Invasive terrestrial plants list  
(MN Dept of Natural Resources)**

“... species that are not native to Minnesota *and* cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health.”

- Amur maple (*Acer ginnala*)
- Common and Glossy buckthorn
- Exotic (non-native) honeysuckles
- Garlic mustard

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/terrestrialplants/index.html>

**On the Restricted Noxious Weeds List  
(MN Dept of Agriculture)**

“... plants that are widely distributed in Minnesota and are detrimental to human or animal health, the environment, public roads, crops, livestock or other property, but whose only feasible means of control is to prevent their spread by prohibiting the importation, sale, and transportation of their propagating parts...”

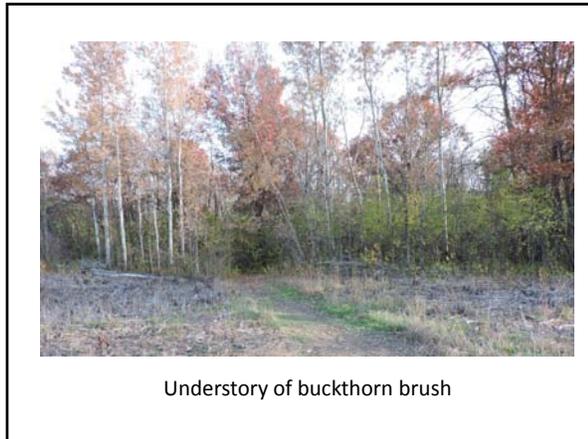
1. Common or European Buckthorn, *Rhamnus cathartica* (L.)
2. Glossy Buckthorn (and all cultivars), *Frangula alnus* Mill.
3. Multiflora Rose, *Rosa multiflora* Thunb.
4. Common Reed – non-native subspecies, *Phragmites australis* (Cav.)
5. Garlic Mustard, *Alliaria petiolata* (Bieb.)

<http://www.mda.state.mn.us/plants/badplants/noxiouslist.aspx>

Table: Species reviewed by the Noxious Weed Advisory Committee in 2014 and their listing recommendation.

| Species – Common Name | Scientific Name                     | Recommendation                                | Date of potential implementation after MDA committee review (recommendations) |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| Bell's Honeysuckle    | <i>Lonicera x bishii</i>            | Restricted                                    | Jan. 2017   |
| Blonnie's Honeysuckle | <i>Lonicera morrowii</i>            | Restricted                                    | Jan. 2017   |
| Japanese Honeysuckle  | <i>Lonicera japonica</i> L.         | Restricted                                    | Jan. 2017   |
| Amur Honeysuckle      | <i>Lonicera maackii</i>             | Restricted                                    | Jan. 2017   |
| Palmer Amaranth       | <i>Amaranthus palmeri</i>           | Prohibited: Eradicate (Emergency designation) | Jan. 2016   |
| Russian Knotweed      | <i>Acerophora repens</i>            | Prohibited: Eradicate                         | Jan. 2017   |
| Chinese Knotweed      | <i>Campylopus distans</i>           | Prohibited: Eradicate                         | Jan. 2017   |
| Eleocharis            | <i>Imula heterophylla</i>           | Watch (no listing at this time)               |   |
| Tree of Heaven        | <i>Ailanthus altissima</i>          | Restricted                                    | Jan. 2017   |
| Porcelainberry        | <i>Amopelopsis brevipedunculata</i> | Restricted                                    | Jan. 2017   |
| Burnet sagebrush      | <i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>      | Continue reviewing in 2016                    | Jan. 2017   |

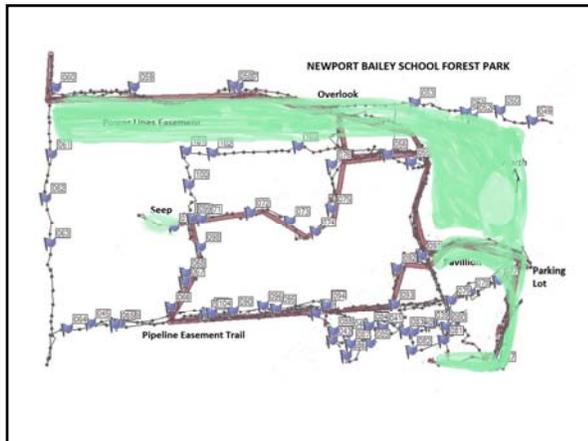
From the DNR's Forest Insect and Disease Newsletter February 2015



Understory of buckthorn brush



Two days after Buckthorn Removal Day, 2014



Garlic mustard along pipeline easement trail



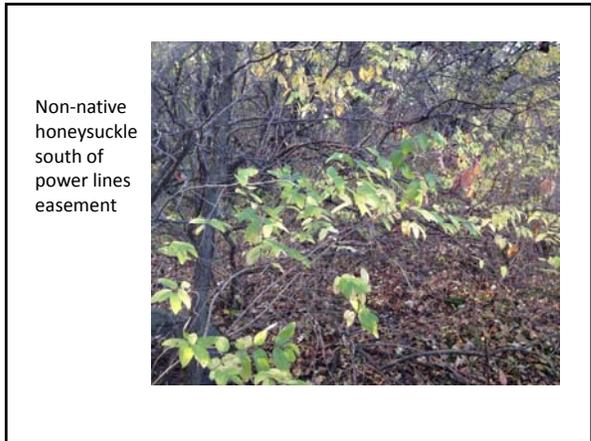
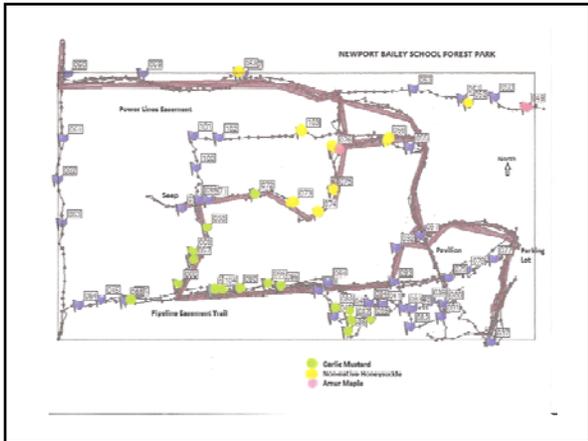
2<sup>nd</sup> Year Garlic Mustard Plant

**Garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*)**

**Ecological Threat:**

- Garlic mustard spreads into high quality woodlands upland and floodplain forests, not just into disturbed areas.
- Invaded sites undergo a decline on native herbaceous cover within 10 years.
- Garlic mustard alters habitat suitability for native insects and thereby birds and mammals.
- This European exotic occurs now in 27 midwestern and northeastern states and in Canada.
- Garlic mustard is a MDA [Restricted noxious weed](#) in Minnesota.

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/terrestrialplants/herbaceous/garlicmustard.html>

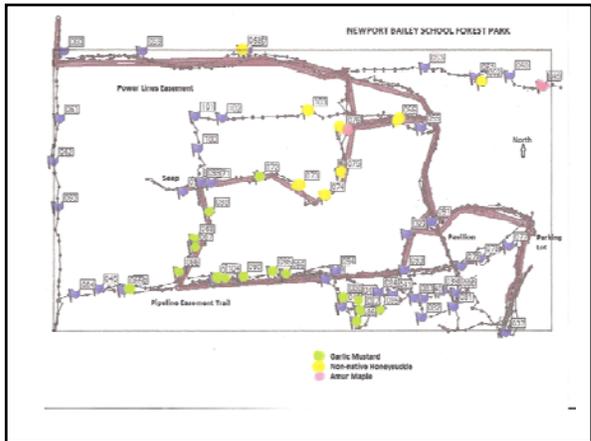
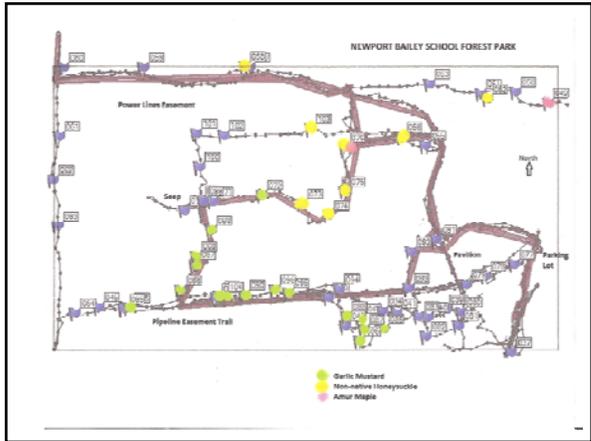


**Exotic honeysuckles (*Lonicera tartarica*, *L. morrowii*, *L. x bella*)**

Ecological Threat:

- Exotic honeysuckles replace native forest shrubs and herbaceous plants by their invasive nature and early leaf-out. They shade out herbaceous ground cover and deplete soil moisture.
- Seeds are readily dispersed by birds.
- Some research suggests that the plant inhibits the growth of other plants in its vicinity.
- Introduced to North America as ornamental shrubs and beneficial to wildlife. Commercial propagation continues with many cultivars available from nurseries.

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/terrestrialplants/woody/exotichoneysuckles.html>



### **Recommendations**

1. Put most effort into controlling common and glossy buckthorn AND garlic mustard.
  - Remove female (fruiting) buckthorn plants first.
  - Eradicate garlic mustard now, in its early stages of infestation.
2. Remove non-native honeysuckle and Amur maple plants located in this survey.
3. Watch for and remove non-native honeysuckle and Amur maple plants as they are found.