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Originator

Item

**Invasive Species Removal Events**

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Date

5/13/2015

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Description

The City's annual buckthorn bust will take place from 10 am to 12:00 pm on Saturday, October 10 at Pond Dakota Mission Park located at 401 East 104<sup>th</sup> Street in Bloomington. Organized by the Parks and Recreation and Park Maintenance Divisions, the event will focus on removal of buckthorn from the Minnesota River Valley overlook area and other parts of the park. Past events at Pond Dakota resulted in the removal of a significant amount of buckthorn, opening up one of the best views of the valley to be found in the city. Participants are asked to wear sturdy shoes, jeans, long sleeve shirts, eye protection, and dress in layers. Some cutting and removal tools will be provided but people should bring a bow saw, handsaw, lopping shears or hand shears if they have them. Please label tools with your name and phone number. Water and snacks will be provided for volunteers. Tools and instructions will be provided upon arrival at the park. This is a rain or shine event.

Another Buckthorn event will take place on June 2 when approximately 100 employees from US bank will remove invasive species including buckthorn, burdock, and black locust from Pond Dakota Mission Park. This event is part of Parks and Recreation's volunteer program and is the second year in a row that US bank has done a large volunteer event with the City.

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Requested Action

No action required.

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Attachments: