

Forester's Report 8-2-2013

Two burning permits were issued since the last Forester's Report.

The reforestation service project at Harmon Park led Graham Smith, a Boy Scout, was successfully completed on Saturday, July 20. Graham, his brother, both parents and more than 20 other scouts and parents took part in clearing out buckthorn, honeysuckle and other undesirable weeds. They then planted 32 young trees including balsam fir, American plum, crabapple and bur oak. Plantra, a local company, donated tree protection tubes and stakes for all these trees. All the brush generated was chipped up into mulch and reused on site. Please stop by to see the amazing changes right by the Harmon Park sign.

The Musser Park and Harmon Park trails have been mowed and have had deadfall removed from them.

We mowed around the Black Hills spruce trees planted on the east side of Salem Church Road just west of Windy Hill Road intersection.

Clearance pruning along City Streets and chipping of storm damage branches piled along City streets was completed.

Rough Cutt completed the first mowing along City streets. Rough Cutt has been our service provider for mowing for many years.

The burdock (an undesirable weed) throughout the City recently got to the stage where cutting or mowing will nearly eliminate seed production for this year so we have mowed or cut the burdock along all City streets and in Harmon Park. While the individual burdock plants were growing robustly, the size of the burdock patches has declined significantly since we began aggressively mowing and cutting to limit seed production two years ago.

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