

Forester's Report 10 31 2014

Six burning permits were issued during September.

Dead elms and cottonwood trees along with street clearance pruning was completed along Angell Road. Clearance pruning was completed along Greive Glen, Zehnder Road, 55th Street, and Acorn Drive. While pruning along Acorn Drive I discovered what I thought was an infestation of oriental bittersweet, a prohibited and particularly noxious weed, and it has been confirmed by the MN Department of Agriculture. I have met with the homeowner about this infestation.

Harmon Park trail was mowed and the tree tubes protecting young trees in Harmon Park have been maintained.

Street clearance pruning has been started along Charlton Road including taking down a few dead elms, two dead willows and two dead silver maples that could have blocked the street if they fell the wrong way during a storm.

Have continued to monitor firewood harvesting at 6 Acorn Drive and believe it is time to send a letter encouraging the landowner to deal with substantial amounts of brush generated by the firewood harvest process. A possible letter and attachments have been forwarded to the planner and attorney for their input.

Various tree, animal and brush burning questions were answered as they came up from city residents.

Several large dead elm trees have been removed along the west side (Mendota Heights side) of Delaware Road. The removal of these trees may be directly related to an inquiry from a Sunfish Lake resident to me that was forwarded to my Mendota Heights counterpart who then contacted the county about these trees since Delaware Road is a County Road at this location.

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