

Forester's Report 11 26 2014

Two burning permits were issued during October.

Received permission from property owners at 7 Acorn Drive to treat small Oriental bittersweet infestation and about two dozen plants were treated with herbicide. This site will be monitored next year to assess effectiveness of treatment. A short article regarding Oriental bittersweet was written for the Quarterly.

Clearance pruning along Charlton Road was completed.

Good news on the 6 Acorn Drive brush pile issue. The property owner's contractors have been chipping brush, burning brush, removing additional buckthorn and picking up the last of the firewood pieces. While there are still more brush piles to be dealt with the work so far has made a dramatic improvement in reducing potential fuel sources for wild fires

Attended Planning Commission meeting to participate in discussion regarding animal permit guidelines and requirements.

Did a site visit to assess Lee's renovated playhouse chicken coop and chicken run. They are located at the original site of the playhouse, within the size guidelines, and no closer to the property line than the permit specifies. It appears that the coop and run are suitable for their small flock.

The first meeting of the Parks and Public Spaces 5-year Plan Committee will be on Wednesday, December 3, at 7 pm at St. Anne's Church.

The first meeting of the Firewise Committee will be on Wednesday, December 10, at 7 pm at St. Anne's Church.

I recommend that we have an aerial deer count this winter to assess the size of the deer population in the City. The same organization that have counted the deer for us before has offered to do it again and the cost is likely to be \$600-\$700. They coordinate counts with many cities and are able to keep costs relatively low by coordinating schedules and flying time.

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