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Residents invited to learn about common invasive plants at volunteer work events

[Duluth, MN] - Duluth Invaders, a service initiative coordinated by Duluth Parks and Recreation, is hosting a series of informational volunteer work events during the 2016 summer season to educate and inform residents of common unwanted, non-native invasive species. Duluth Invaders staff will be on-hand and the events will cover identification, removal and disposal of five prevalent invasive plants: Garlic Mustard, Japanese Knotweed (informally known as "bamboo"), Tansy, Buckthorn, and Honeysuckle.

Tuesday, May 17 | 6-7:30PM | Garlic Mustard | SuperOne East
Meet at 5928 East Superior Street in the rear/right section of SuperOne parking lot

Saturday, June 11 | 10:30am-12:30PM | Japanese Knotweed | Forgotten Park
Take a right off Piedmont Avenue on West 13th Street, meet at end of road.

Monday, June 20 | 6-7:30PM | Japanese Knotweed | Duluth Animal Shelter
Meet at the Duluth Animal Shelter parking lot located across from WLSSD at 27th Ave West

Tuesday, June 21 | 6-7:30PM | Tansy | Brighton Beach
Meet near the pavilion at Brighton Beach

Tuesday, July 26 | 6-7:30PM | Buckthorn and Honeysuckle | Lincoln Park
Meet at lower parking area near the playground on Lincoln Park Drive just up from 3rd Street

Tuesday, August 2 | 6-7:30PM | Buckthorn and Honeysuckle | Lincoln Park
Meet at lower parking area near the playground on Lincoln Park Drive just up from 3rd Street

Saturday, September 17 | 1-2:30PM | Buckthorn and Honeysuckle | Chester Park
Meet at the Parks and Recreation table near the entrance to the Park. This event is being coordinated in conjunction with the Chester Bowl Fall Fest.

Saturday, September 24 | 1-2:30PM | Buckthorn and Honeysuckle | Lester Park
Meet at the Parks and Recreation table near the entrance to the Park. This event is being coordinated in conjunction with the Lester River Rendezvous.

These events are open to families, children ages 12+, individuals and groups; no-experience necessary. All necessary tools and equipment will be provided. Please dress for the weather and bring water. Registration is encouraged, as event locations and dates

are subject to change and are weather dependent.

For more information about these events, please contact Cheryl Skafte, Volunteer Coordinator, City of Duluth, at cskafe@duluthmn.gov or 218-730-4334.

Those seeking more information about terrestrial invasive plants are encouraged to visit the Minnesota DNR website at: www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/terrestrialplants

For more information about Duluth Invaders, please visit www.duluthmn.gov/parks/volunteer/duluth-invaders

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