



Belmont Citizens Forum

Belmont Citizens Forum's Eighth Annual Lone Tree Hill Volunteer Day held in conjunction with the Judy Record Conservation Fund on April 30, 2022

Report to Land Management Committee for Lone Tree Hill
Submitted by Radha Iyengar, BCF Treasurer and Volunteer Day Organizer

Volunteers met at three different work sites on the LTH property, one to plant white pines along the Pine Allee, a second to clean up the trash along South Pleasant Street in the area across from Star Market and Artefact Home and Garden, and a third to hand pull garlic mustard, an invasive plant that has become widespread at the upper Coal Road

1. Planting white pines along the Pine Allee

. At the Pine Allee, the efficient volunteers planted 46 white pine saplings of which 40 saplings were store bought and 6 were transplants from Lone Tree Hill. The saplings were planted to either replace the large, downed trees along the Allee and/or to replace the saplings planted at the 2017-2019 Volunteer Days that had not survived.

2. Trash pick-up along Pleasant Street

The volunteers collected 11 bags of trash and 1 box of recyclables

3. Invasive removal at the Upper Coal Road

Volunteers filled 6 bags of garlic mustard.

Thank you

Many thanks to the Judy Record Conservation Fund for funding the Tree Specialists, Inc., ongoing work and purchasing the trees; Tree Specialists, Inc., experts David Ropes and Stephen Richards who flagged the Allee and supervised and instructed the volunteers; Habitat Sanctuary for sharing Boston College volunteers; Leonard Katz for supervising the removal of the garlic mustard; Anne-Marie Lambert for signing-in and directing the volunteers at the Coal Road site; and Michael Santoro, Department Public Works, Highway Division Manager, and his staff for picking up the trash

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Attached are some photographs from the event as well as a copy of the article from Belmont Wicked dated April 14, 2022 and the article from Belmont Citizens Forum's May/June 2022 newsletter.

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Trash Pick Up - Pleasant Street



Pine Allee – Tree Planting



Garlic Mustard Removal - Upper Coal Road



Volunteer Day to feature tree plantings, cleanup

Contributed content

After a two year hiatus, the Belmont Citizens Forum in conjunction with the Judy Record Conservation Fund is sponsoring its seventh annual Lone Tree Hill Volunteer Day, from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 30, and all are invited to participate—rain or shine.

This year, there are two different work sites, one to plant white pines along the Pine Allee, and a second to clean up the trash and remove invasive plants along South Pleasant Street, in the area across from Star Market and Artefact Home and Garden.

Pine Allee tree planting work

If you'd like to work on the Pine Allee, meet at the Belmont Citizens Forum white canopy in the Lone Tree Hill parking lot on Mill Street. Please bring a

shovel and gloves to plant the trees along the Allee. The Judy Record Conservation Fund is funding the Allee project to replace the trees that were either diseased or not viable in some other way. The Tree Specialists, Inc. will be supervising the work.

Trash cleanup at South Pleasant Street

If you'd like to work on the much-needed trash removal along South Pleasant Street, meet at the green-and-white "Belmont Bikes" Belmont Citizens Forum tent at the bottom of Coal Road, basically opposite the Star Market.

Removal of invasive plants at South Pleasant Street

If you'd like to work on the much-needed invasive plant removal along

South Pleasant Street, meet at the green-and-white "Belmont Bikes" Belmont Citizens Forum tent at the bottom of Coal Road, basically opposite the Star Market. Please bring a shovel and gloves to remove the knotweed at upper Coal Road.

Community service credits

High school and middle school students can earn community service credits—check in at the Belmont Citizens Forum tent or table, and make sure we sign off on your work. It is recommended that children under the age of 12 be accompanied by an adult.

It is suggested that participants wear closed shoes, long sleeves and long pants to protect against potential sensitivities to plants and insects. Bring gloves, bug spray, and a water bottle.

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Lone Tree Hill Volunteers Clean, Weed, Plant

By Radha Iyengar

On Saturday, April 30, a sunny but cool day, BCF, in conjunction with the Judy Record Conservation Fund, held its eighth annual Lone Tree Hill Volunteer Day.

At the Pine Allee, volunteers planted 46 white pine saplings of which 40 saplings were store bought and 6 were transplants from Lone Tree Hill. The new plants replaced some of the Allee's missing trees as well as some of the dead saplings from the 2017-2019 volunteer day plantings. At the other end of the property, the volunteers collected 11 bags of trash, one box of recyclables and six bags of garlic mustard.

The BCF is grateful to David Ropes and Stephen Richards of Tree Specialists, Inc. for supervising the planting, and the Judy Record Conservation Fund for funding their ongoing work and purchasing the trees. A big shout-out goes to Leonard Katz for supervising garlic mustard removal, to Anne-Marie Lambert for directing the volunteers at the bottom of Coal Road, to Sandy Vorce (Habitat) for sending six Boston College volunteers to help with planting, and to Michael Santoro, DPW Highway Division manager, and his staff, for picking up the trash.

Radha Iyengar is treasurer of Belmont Citizens Forum and organizer of BCF Volunteer Day.



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