



Belmont Citizens Forum

Belmont Citizens Forum's 10th Annual Lone Tree Hill Volunteer Day held in conjunction with the Judy Record Conservation Fund on April 27, 2024

Report to: Land Management Committee for Lone Tree Hill

Submitted by: Radha Iyengar, Belmont Citizens Forum Treasurer and Volunteer Day Organizer, co-chair Land Management Committee for Lone Tree Hill

Volunteers included Girl Scouts Troop 82339, Cityside Subaru employees, and citizens from Belmont and the surrounding communities met at two different work sites on the Lone Tree Hill property to: 1) plant white pines along the Meadow Edge Trail and removing invasives, 2) clean up the trash along South Pleasant Street and to hand-pull garlic mustard, an invasive plant that has become widespread at the upper Coal Road.

1. **Planting white pines along the Meadow Edge Trail**

At the Meadow Edge Trail, the efficient volunteers removed garlic mustard and planted 40 white pine saplings. In a few years the saplings planted will be a greenery screen for the houses on Summit Road. .

2. **Trash pick-up and invasive removal along South Pleasant Street**

The volunteers collected 11 bags of garlic mustard and a total of 20 bags of trash (10 bags of trash were disposed of in the Cityside Subaru dumpster).

Thank You

Thank you to Judy Record Conservation Fund for funding the ongoing work of Tree Specialists, Inc., including purchasing the white pine saplings. Thanks to David Ropes, Shawn, Seth, and Cole of Tree Specialists, Inc., for supervising the planting of the white pine saplings. And a big shout-out goes to Joe Hibbard for suggesting this white pine planting project and marking the planting location ahead of the Volunteer Day; to Nancy Kougeas for obtaining permission from the Woodland Trustees for Tree Specialists to park their trucks on Summit Road; to Leonard Katz and Art Kreiger (Belmont Conservation Volunteers) for supervising the removal of the invasives; to Vincent Stanton and Dean Hickman for supervising the Cityside Subaru volunteers picking up trash; to Anna Churchill for signing in volunteers at the bottom of Coal Road; to Scott McCue, Erika Harimoto, and Hannah Fletcher for sending some of the Habitat volunteers to help with the tree planting; and to Jay Marcotte and his staff from the Belmont Department of Public Works Division for collecting the trash bags.

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Attached are photographs from the event as well as copies of the flyer advertising the event and the Belmont Citizens Forum's May/June 2024 *Newsletter* article. If you would like to see more photographs of the event, please go to: <https://www.belmontcitizensforum.org/2024/04/28/lone-tree-hill-volunteer-day-2024/>

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Girl Scouts Troop 82339
volunteers



Trash and garlic mustard from
the Mill Street site



Dominic Cityside Subaru
volunteer



Volunteers



Dave Ropes instructing Habitat
volunteers



Volunteers planting white pines



Joe Hibbard planting a white
pine



Meadow Edge Trail after the white
pine plantings



Dean Hickman with Cityside
Subaru volunteers



Nancy Kougeas picking garlic
mustard



Tree Specialist removing dead
trees at the Meadow Edge Trail



Trout lilies at Coal Road



Belmont Citizens Forum and Judy Record Conservation Fund

10th Lone Tree Hill Volunteer Day

Saturday, 4/27, 9 am–noon, rain or shine!

Meadow Edge Trail Tree Planting,
Invasives Removal, and Trash Pickup

✳ ✳ Students Earn Community Service Credits ✳ ✳

✓ For tree planting, meet at the green & white BCF tent, Lone Tree Hill Parking lot, Mill Street

✓ For invasives removal and trash pickup, meet at BCF table on S. Pleasant St. at Coal Road kiosk (across from Star/Artefacts parking lot)

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By Radha Iyengar

See more photos at bit.ly/LTH-2024

On Saturday, April 27, a glorious sunny day, the Belmont Citizens Forum (BCF), in conjunction with the Judy Record Conservation Fund, held its 10th annual Lone Tree Hill Volunteer Day. The volunteers included Girl Scouts Troop 82339, Cityside Subaru employees, and citizens from Belmont and the surrounding communities.

Many hands made light work. At the Meadow Edge Trail, volunteers removed garlic mustard and planted 40 white pine saplings. In a few years, the trees planted will be a greenery screen for the houses on Summit Road.

At the other end of the property, the volunteers collected 11 bags of garlic mustard and a total of 20 bags of trash (10 bags of trash were disposed of in the Cityside Subaru dumpster).

BCF is grateful to David Ropes, Shawn, Seth and Cole of Tree Specialists, Inc. for supervising the planting, and the Judy Record Conservation Fund

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It took a village to have a successful volunteer day.

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



Lone Tree Hill Volunteer Day volunteers. From left to right: Jeffrey Pike, Art Krieger, Anna Churchill, Radha Iyengar, Dean Hickman, and Leonard Katz

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