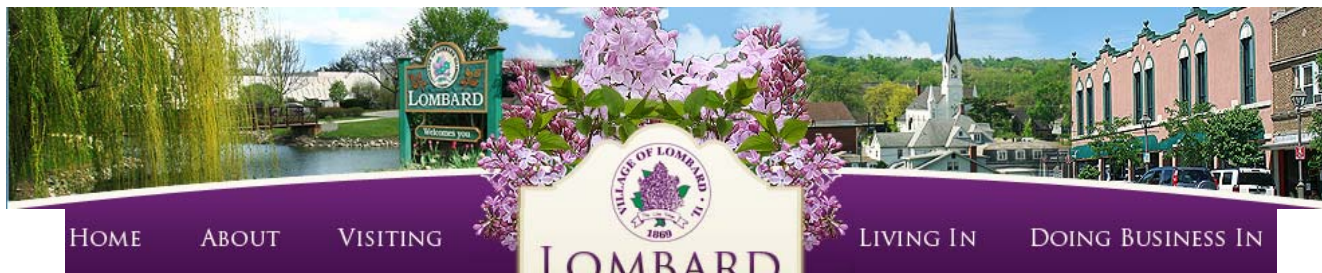


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Lombard PRIDE Week Trails Clean Up and Invasive Species Removal

April 28, 2012 from 9AM to Noon

Each year, Lombard PRIDE Week is the time to beautify the Village in preparation of Lilac Time, including the Lilac Parade on May 20th. PRIDE Week 2012 is April 22nd through the 28th. Groups of school clubs, civic organizations, businesses and neighbors join in to clean sections of the Illinois Prairie Path, the Great Western Trail and community parks.

This year, in addition to picking up trash, many will also remove invasive species, including Buckthorn, Honeysuckle, Japanese Knotwood, Beautybush and Garlic Mustard. Volunteers for this work must be at least 10 years old. All volunteers must sign a [waiver](#). The waiver may either be submitted before the event or brought that morning.

Information about removing buckthorn is available at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r5wnyx7Hc1g>. Volunteers are asked to bring their own loppers, handsaws, gloves and safety glasses. However, some glasses and gloves will available for those that need them. Bushes and trees smaller than two inches in diameter will be cut low to the ground and those larger may be girdled, which is a way of killing them by cutting around the trunk and leaving them in place. A useful identification sheet is at <http://www.inhs.uiuc.edu/research/CAPS/docs/WoodlandWeedsfinal.pdf>.

Cut brush and trash will be dragged to the nearest cross street where it will be picked up by Village crews on Monday morning. One adult per group will apply a pesticide that is approved for general use to each cut stump. Two members of the Village's Environmental Concerns Committee that are landscape architects will travel amongst the crews on bicycles to oversee the work. Each group will meet at their assigned section of trail, where they may begin work immediately unless they prefer to wait for the trail advisor before starting.

At least 200 volunteers are needed! Please contact Dave Gorman at (630) 620-5765 or gorman@villageoflombard.org to sign up to pick up trash or remove invasive species on a trail section. Anyone interested in cleaning a park should contact Bill Sosnowski at the Lombard Park District at (630) 620-7322 or bsosnowski@lombardparks.com. This is a rain or shine event and there is no rain date.

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