

## Fabyan Preserve East Stewardship Days – 2022 to 2023

The Natural Resources Committee of Geneva, in conjunction with the Kane County Forest Preserve and other environmental enthusiasts are continuing their efforts to remove buckthorn and honeysuckle at Fabyan Preserve in Geneva. The goal of this stewardship work is to remove invasive species so that native plants may again flourish below the mighty oaks on the property. If you would like to volunteer a bit of time, please come out and join the crew; the time spent is a wonderful way to help save an endangered ecosystem while learning about nature and engaging with other volunteers. Jay Womack, the site steward provides hand saws, loppers, snacks, and beverages. You provide your own boots, appropriate attire for the day, and sturdy work gloves. We meet in the parking lot on Rte. 25, east side of the road (across from the windmill) just north of Fabyan Parkway and work from 9am till noon. For more information, contact Jay at [jay.womack@gza.com](mailto:jay.womack@gza.com) or by phone at 630.299.9945.

Our season for work goes from October 2022 to June 2023, this timeframe is best suited for woodland restoration since the leaves are starting to come off the trees, the bugs are gone, and the wildflowers we are saving are going dormant. If a group or business would like to schedule a day specifically for themselves, please do not hesitate to contact me to set something up. Below are the days we will be working this season, all of them are Saturdays. Thanks, I look forward to seeing you out there.

We will look at an opportunity to hold a Battle of the Brush Piles event this year. St. Charles North retained the trophy for 2020 and will defend its title in 2022. If your school is interested in participating, please let me know.

And if there is snow on the ground, we will burn brush piles from previous years. This is a chance to clean up piles and return the cut brush to the soil for plants and animals.

### WORK DAY SCHEDULE

October 8th and 22nd – 9 a.m. to Noon

November 5th and 19th – 9 a.m. to Noon

**Battle of the Brush Piles, Location and Date Still to be Determined**

December 3rd, 17th, 31st – 9 a.m. to Noon

January 14th and 28th – 9 a.m. to Noon

February 11th and 25th – 9 a.m. to Noon

March 11th and 25th – 9 a.m. to Noon

April 8th and 22nd - 9 a.m. to Noon

May 6th and 20th – 9am to Noon

Thank you, I look forward to another successful season of brush cutting and woodland restoration.

Jay

