

# Woodcrest Villa Nature Trail & Arboretum

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April 2023 Newsletter

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*Woodcrest Villa Arboretum is Dedicated To Those Recognized with Trees*

**Green Master Plan to be revealed at May 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting, See Page 2**

## Trail Crew removes Asian Wineberry



*Bruce Metzler, Charlie Graybill, Dave Warfel, & Jim McCoy (from left) formed a work party to remove the invasive Asian Wineberry from the Nature Trail & Arboretum. The berries are nice, but the plant was taking over and driving out native plants like native black raspberry, milk weed, and wild flowers.*



Wineberry (*Rubus phoenicolasius*) is an invasive shrub in the same genus as raspberries and blackberries. Wineberry creates spiny, impenetrable thickets that reduce an area's value

for wildlife habitat and recreation. It was introduced to North America in the 1890s as breeding stock for raspberries. It was found invading natural areas by the 1970s, and it is currently recorded in most states east of the Mississippi River. Wineberry replaces native vegetation, including native edible berry shrubs. It is differentiated from other berry-producing canes by the reddish appearance of its stems (caused by a dense coat of red hairs), silvery under-leaf surfaces, and bright red berries.

## Thanks for Donations

Thanks to those that donated \$450 for us to buy wood chips and saw blades for the Trail Crew.

Donations for the Nature Trail & Arboretum should be made out to:

**Mennonite Home Communities**  
with the note:

**WCV Nature Trail & Arboretum**

Since MHC is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, all donations made out this way are considered tax exempt donations for tax purposes. Send all donations to:

David Suh, Treasurer  
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Lancaster County Senior Living Sustainable Campuses  
**Green Master Plan Presentation**

**Join Us on Monday, May 1st**  
**Bus will depart at 9:15 AM**  
**from Hummingbird and Viva**

*Meeting is from 10 AM to 1 PM*  
*at Landis Homes*

*Lunch will be provided!*

**Meeting Agenda:**

- Landis Homes Project Walking Tour (1 hour)
- Lunch & Group Presentation (1 hour)
- Woodcrest Villa Breakout Session (1 hour)



**RSVP: The event is free, but advance registration is required. Register for this event, including the WCV bus to the event, by calling John Carpenter at X2814 or in the signup book in the Bistro area by April 15.**

**We are limited to 30 attendees from Woodcrest Villa.**

**If you have any questions, contact John Carpenter:  
jfcarpenter52@gmail.com or X 2814**

Spring Run at Willow Valley

Homestead Village

Woodcrest Villa