

# Woodcrest Villa Nature Trail & Arboretum

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

## Trail Crew Removes Garlic Mustard From Trail & Arboretum



John Lebo, Charlie Graybill, John Carpenter, and Bruce Metzler are shown with one of the loads of Garlic Mustard they removed from the Nature Trail and Arboretum that they



and other members of the trail crew removed in May. Many loads were hauled to the weed dump.

Garlic Mustard is an invasive species, introduced from Eurasia for use as a culinary spice, probably in the 1860s. If not controlled it will dominate the under story and choke out native plants

## Sustainability Workshop at Landis Homes



12 Woodcrest residents and management attended the Sustainability Workshop at Landis Homes. Part of the workshop was a tour of the amazing effort by Landis Homes and a resident committee to prevent water runoff and beautify the campus. They have plantings to attract pollinators. Where possible they tried to replace grass with plants that would benefit nature.

Part of the workshop was revealing a model for a sustainability plan for Woodcrest Villa created by Land Studies as part of the Senior Living Sustainability Initiative. Dan Mortensen, WCV Vice President, created a committee of residents to work with him on the plan, outlining steps that can be done at Woodcrest and how they can be done.



## Native Plants Container Workshop



2 Native Plants Container Workshops were filled to capacity. Everyone that signed up was able to attend and take home a container. The plants provided for sun (over 4 hours of sun) included *Coreopsis verticillata* (yellow), Butterfly weed (orange), and Goldenrod (yellow). Plants for shade (less than 2 hours of sun) included Celandine poppy (yellow), Phlox Blue Moon (blue),

Christmas Fern, and Downy Wood Mint (blue). They are all native plants and will attract butterflies and birds. They are outdoor plants and are to be left outdoors all year. Water about once each week. If anyone tires a taking care of their plants, Shirley Harms will take them and plant them in the Arboretum or on the Nature Trail. Shirley can be contacted at X 2505.

## Woodcrest Villa Water Quality Monitoring Team



Left to right:  
Jim McCoy,  
John Lebo,  
Charlie Graybill,  
and Bruce Metzler.

Woodcrest has formed a team to monitor water quality in Swarr Run and report the results to the Lancaster County Conservation District in conjunction with the PA DEP. The main tests are temperature, oxygen, salinity, pH, nitrogen and phosphorus. They also look for any signs of life in the water which are indicators of water quality.

## Trail Maintenance



Trail Crew member Joe Weidel was out pruning branches that extended over the trail.

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