

BIRDS, BEES, AND BLOOMS

Quarterly Newsletter

Monarch Map

If you grow any of the 12 varieties of milkweed (Asclepias) native to our area, you can earn a dot on our map. Help us reach our goal of 200 dots this year! Get a free milkweed with \$10 purchase at our plant sale on Saturday, June 3rd from 9am-1pm.

ISTF

Join the Invasive Species Task Force for a weekly one hour pull every Sunday at 11am. Get on the email alert list letting you know when and where we will be meeting.

Mayors' Monarch Pledge

Elm Grove is working to become a Monarch Butterfly Champion City—becoming only the 9th in the US. If you are interested in helping us earn this designation, please reach out at the email below. There are 24 actions our community must commit to and complete in order to be successful.



Native plant sale

The Elm Grove Beautification Committee is holding its annual native perennial sale on Saturday, June 3rd from 9am to 1pm in the Park-n-Shop lot.

We have 57 varieties of native plants, 5 native grasses, 1 native vine, and 7 culinary herbs for you to choose from this year. Come get everything you need to support the bees, birds, and yourself!

Prices are lower than you will find anywhere:

- herbs are \$4 or 3 for \$10
- pints are \$5
- quarts are \$6
- free milkweed (while supplies last) with \$10 purchase
 - choose from common, swamp, or Sullivan's

Rain or shine we hope to see you there!



Garlic Mustard

Garlic mustard forms dense stands, allowing it to outcompete wildflowers and even tree seedlings. In fact, it can outcompete nearly any native plant in your woods. What's more, garlic mustard seeds can survive for up to seven years, so multiple years of control are needed to exhaust the "bank" of seeds in the soil.

Garlic mustard infestations can be controlled with hand-pulling. Be sure to pull out the entire root because roots left in the ground can re-sprout and produce seeds. Plants with mature seed pods should be bagged and removed completely from the woods.

Please consider reporting your efforts to the anonymous document we are using to track our progress in eradicating this ecological threat to our beloved woodlands by using the QR code above. Together we can control this!

We've even trained high school students that you can hire to help rid your property of this invasive plant.

No Mow May Recap

"No Mow May" is a quick and catchy name for a movement that aims far beyond not mowing the yard for a month. It's more than long grass and dandelion blooms. It's a gateway to understanding how we share our lawns with many small creatures.

Lawns cover 40 million acres, or 2%, of land in the US, making them the single largest irrigated crop we grow. Lawns are mowed, raked, fertilized, weeded, chemically treated, and watered—sucking up time, money, and other resources. Re-thinking the American lawn can take a variety of forms from reducing mowing frequency or area mown to permanently converting lawn to a more diverse and natural landscape.

A huge thank you to everyone who participated this year!



Join in the fun!

If you are interested in being a part of the Beautification Committee feel free to attend any of our events. If you'd like to join one of our meetings, they are held the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm in the Park View Room. Feel free to reach out via e-mail with any questions at Beautification@elmgrovi.org.