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Friends ushered winter in with some hot cider, pine tea, and licorice!

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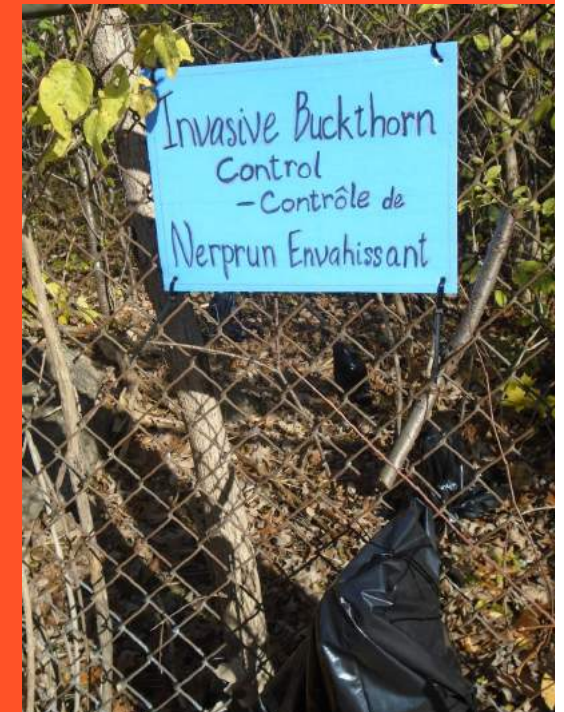
FALL UPDATES



Top L-R Taking out the last colony of invasive Japanese knotweed in Hampton. Trails team take a first try at marking out a wayfinding system. October/November



Bottom L-R Thanks to Councillor Riley Brockington and City staff for arranging for bollards that will protect the Clyde Bee & Butterfly Patch on the edge of Carlington Woods from salt and snow this winter. Buckthorn control at the patch. November





*Between every two pine trees
there is a door leading to a
new way of life.*

John Muir



Hampton lost a large white pine in an early December storm. A City of Ottawa forester estimated its age between 65 and 80 years. Its stump and branches will live on and provide habitat and food for wildlife, and the roots will help hold soil together.

Introducing **Champions of Hampton**, a monthly spotlight on the Friends of Hampton Park volunteers.

Our first Champion of Hampton is Eileen Hunt! Read Eileen's full profile at:
<https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Hampton-Park-105498545119641/>



“We are so fortunate to have this accessible Woodland, soon to celebrate its centenary. I would like the people of Ottawa to come and share in whatever capacity they can in the maintenance and preservation of this Park. Whether it be physical in terms of pulling up invasive species, exchanging information and seeds, or learning about the fundamentals of sustainable foraging!”

PREVENTING, HALTING AND REVERSING THE DEGRADATION OF ECOSYSTEMS WORLDWIDE.

*The UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration is a global rallying cry to heal our planet.
What will you restore?*



There has never been a more urgent need to revive damaged ecosystems than now.

Ecosystems support all life on Earth. The healthier our ecosystems are, the healthier the planet - and its people. The UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration aims to prevent, halt and reverse the degradation of ecosystems on every continent and in every ocean. It can help to end poverty, combat climate change and prevent a mass extinction. It will only succeed if everyone plays a part.

Read more at: <https://www.decadeonrestoration.org/>

Calendar of Events

Tuesday January 11, 7:30 to 9 pm Treevia Night and volunteer social

Test your knowledge of Hampton & Carlington and catch up with other volunteers, all from the comfort of your own home! Email: **CarlingtonHampton@gmail.com** to get the Zoom link.

Saturday January 22, 1 to 2 pm Evergreen Walk, Hampton Park ***Meet at Island Park Drive entrance***

Learn more about Hampton's conifers and the role they play in the environment. During the walk, we'll also start counting the individual species of evergreens. Wrap up warm!

Saturday January 29 LDD Egg Mass Removal, Hampton **Sunday January 30 LDD Egg Mass Removal, Carlington** **10 to 11 am Bring: Plastic container with a lid, plastic spoon or scraper.**

For Hampton: Meet at Merivale/Island Park Split near the trash can.

For Carlington: Meet at the Morisset gate entrance to Carlington.

Training will be provided but get ahead of the game with this short video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z5gn-zG9JYw>

Local Contacts & Resources

Friends of Hampton Park

<https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Hampton-Park-105498545119641/>

Friends of Carlington Woods

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1105428122826947/>

Twitter: @CarlingtonHill

Hampton-Iona Community Group

<https://hamptoniona.wordpress.com/>

Carlington Community Association

<https://www.carlingtoncommunity.org/>

NCC Sustainable Development Strategy annual report references the work of Friends of Hampton Park! <https://ncc-website-2.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/2020-2021-sustainable-development-strategy-annual-report.pdf?mtime=20210622090208&focal=none>

Birding this winter? Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club has lots of great resources.

<https://ofnc.ca/uncategorized/great-resources-for-birders>

Get a jumpstart on spring gardens. This short guide provides tips on winter sowing . It's mostly for food crops, but the same methods can be used for many other garden plants.

<https://www.burlington.ca/en/resources/Winter-seed-sowing---how-to.pdf>

A group of six people, including MPP Joel Harden, are posing for a photo in a snowy forest. They are all wearing winter coats, hats, and scarves. Joel Harden is in the foreground on the left, wearing a black jacket and a black beanie. The background shows snow-covered trees and a street lamp.

Until next time, see you in the Woods!

***Ottawa Centre
MPP Joel
Harden
stopped by for
a tour of
Hampton Park
on the first
snowy day in
December.***

Photo by Joel Harden