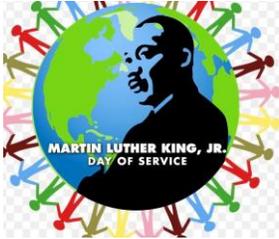




## Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – West Vincent Nature Club Activity – Tree Tending



In observance of Martin Luther King Day, let's come together as a community to care for the trees in Opalanie Park.

**Why?** Trees provide so many services for us – they make oxygen; they remove pollution from air and water; they take carbon out of the atmosphere; they absorb rainwater to help prevent flooding; they are vital to biodiversity, especially birds and pollinators; they hold streambanks; and they lower air temperature in summer. Trees are so stressed now by strong storms and invasive vines! Perhaps we can pay them back in some small measure by removing invasive vines, while helping them to be strong and healthy.

**Where?** Meet in the parking lot of Opalanie Park, 1422 St. Matthews Rd., Chester Springs, PA. This is a new park for West Vincent, so there is no sign yet at the entrance. The entrance is on St. Matthews in between School House Lane and Flowing Springs Rd.

**When?** Monday, January 17 from 10am – noon. Please RSVP if you plan on attending, so that we can let you know in case we need to reschedule for some reason, such as bad weather. RSVP on the West Vincent home page or to Donna Delany at [d.delany@comcast.net](mailto:d.delany@comcast.net).

**What?** We will be removing invasive vines from trees, starting at the parking area, by pulling out the small ones and cutting the bigger ones. This is usually gentle work, because we don't want to harm the tree bark while removing the vines.

**What to wear?** Wear warm, sturdy clothes and gloves. There are nearby plants with thorns. Thick jeans are good at protecting legs. It isn't always easy to identify poison ivy in winter, so wash your gloves when you get home and don't touch your face or skin.

**What to bring?** We will have some supplies, but it would be helpful if you could bring something to cut with if you have tools, especially long handled loppers and flower pruners. Bring something to drink in case you get thirsty. There is one porta-potty.

This is the EAC Nature Club's first MLK Day service project. We hope it becomes an annual event. We are limiting attendance to 20 participants.

