

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Come
When
You Can!

Join
our

TEASEL Challenge

Please help us be good stewards of our Creekside Commons Park land. Join the challenge to remove highly invasive teasel on the hill parallel to Webster Street. Bring your shovel and come when you can to dig out the teasel!



What to Bring

- Bucket for hauling teasel to garbage cart
- Shovel and work gloves

Call the Church Office if you have any questions.

Teasel Removal at Church - Info Guide

WHY? You may recall our end-of-summer teasel chops from years past when crews removed full grown thistle-ly stalks that were up to six feet tall! This spring we are doing a root slice technique to set these invasive plants back a month or so and perhaps prevent seed stalks maturing by the end of summer. We'll still have a stalk removal job, but it should be less volume and, as always, we plan to remove any stalks/seed heads before new seeds develop.

HOW? Teasels look like a nasty big cousin of dandelions, with a circle (rosette) of bright green leaves at ground level. Other plants with similar looks are thistle and dandelion so don't worry about the identification too much. They can all go!

Teasels have a very deep tap root, too deep to remove completely. A single angled cut severing the root at about 10 inches is our aim. Knock off as much dirt from roots as you can.

(Do clean off your shovel and shoes so you don't take any seeds in the soil home with you!)

A labeled garbage bin is located on the patio for disposal of roots. (It will be taken to City of Port Washington yard waste, invasive collection.)

WHEN? Come when you are able. A shovel will be on the patio so you can just stop by. Or you and friend/family member can plan to work together. Be safe and only work when the footing is sure. The hill may be slippery after rain. You'll want to bring a container of some sort to haul your roots to the patio.

We thank Jane Spalding and Louise Mollinger for coordinating these efforts! If you have questions, please call the church and we will connect you with Jane or Louise.

thank you!