



Goatsbeard: A Dog's Eye View

Have you ever had a canine email?

Oddly enough, I actually received one the other day from two neighbourhood dogs: Bitsy and Molly. Although their patience had been somewhat stretched for a few weeks, they were decidedly proud of their owners who've taken them down many a back lane in our community.

Here is what they wrote to me at the end of July:

Goatsbeard sketch, by Nancy Hansen, found on "Aliens Amongst Us!" sign in Whispering Woods.

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Dear Polly,

Bitsy Gibson and Molly Hall would like to report that the pace of their walks has been considerably slowed down due to having to help their owners, Jan Gibson and Judith Hall, pull goatsbeard from Brentwood alleys.

This started on June 29 and continued until July 21. Twenty-six bags were collected. Most of them were medium-sized garbage bags but about 6 of them were big green bags. They were deposited in the nearest city garbage bin. (A map of the location of these would have been helpful as the bags were heavy.) We hope this has helped keep the weed from spreading and we are glad that we can now resume our normal rambles.

Bitsy and Molly

Well done, Judith, Jan, Molly, and Bitsy!!! **THANK YOU!**

What a great example for others to follow! The City does have maps of all its garbage bins, so maybe we can get a link posted on our local website, Natureground.org – or even an app – ha, ha!

If you haven't seen them, check out the *Aliens Amongst Us!* and *Owls and Oxeyes* interpretive signs in Whispering Woods and by Whispering Grasses Walkway, respectively, for more local information about invasive alien plants such as goatsbeard that are infesting our walkways, alleys, and natural areas. These are plants that respond well to hand pulling, and little by little, year by year, we can together have a real and positive effect in reducing these non native invasive plants in our community.

Environmentally yours, Polly Lee Knowlton Cockett,
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