



Spring is around the corner

Spring is around the corner! The cherry trees are blooming and red buds are soon to follow bringing joy to all. I can't wait for the paw-paws to present their handsome marron blossoms on their leafless boughs. Take a hike in one of the city parks looking for paw-paws after you have googled the species to become familiar with its growth pattern. I wish I could view your faces as you marvel at the Southeast's number one fruit in the late 1800s. Now, you will have to remember where you spotted this leafless wonder and go back in the Fall to partake of its fruit!

Yes, spring has been announced! Along with this beauty comes hours and hours of preparation for Nashville's gardens, i.e. annuals, perennials, and vegetable beds. Remember to take time to walk the trails this spring and enjoy the wildflowers that have started to poke their heads through a blanket of decayed leaves, imagining the whole time which ones will enhance a shady spot in your side yard. The Dutchman's breeches tickle me as their white covered legs bounce in the breezes.

By the time this article has been read, the Weed Wrangle will have taken place. Weed Wrangle groups are volunteers specializing in eradicating plants that are squeezing our native plants and desirable plants out of a specific area. This eradication accrues mainly in public parks, pocket parks, and along river and creek banks. On a specific day all across the country, hands are fast at work making a difference. It might be fun for residents of Belle Meade to see if they can find where Weed Wranglers started the irritation of invasives. I'll give you a hint - a famous race horse was raised there!

The Ceres Committee looks forward to Belle Meade residents presenting their concerns and ideas of ways to keep and bring joyful beauty to our community.

-- Caroline Stevens, Society of Ceres committee member