

WEEK OF APRIL 19, 2021

LOOKING AHEAD...

A weekly look at news and events in Gibraltar.

Spring is Here – Be on the Lookout For Invasive Species

Spring is here, which means it is time to be on the lookout for invasive species. Invasive species are non-native species that have spread into native or minimally managed natural systems and have developed self-sustaining populations by becoming dominant and/or disruptive to native systems. Invasive species have no natural pests or predators and cause environmental or economic harm. Below are two to keep watch for this spring.

DAME'S ROCKET

Sometimes mistaken for native wood phlox, Dame's Rocket invades moist woodlands, woodland edges, roadsides and open areas. It is thought by many to be a native wildflower, but quickly escapes cultivation because of its prolific seed set. To control, pull the plants in early spring. Plants in bloom should be bagged and disposed of in a landfill. If you decide to burn infested areas, do so when the plant is in seedling or rosette stage.



Dame's Rocket



Garlic Mustard

GARLIC MUSTARD

Garlic mustard is an herbaceous biennial, meaning it has a two-year life cycle. When crushed the plant smells like garlic earning its name "garlic mustard."

The best way to get rid of garlic mustard is manually. Pull up the plants before they set seed. A good time to pull garlic mustard is after it rains, when it is easier to get all or most of the long tap root. After you have pulled the plants, bag them up and throw them out with your garbage; do not compost.

Upcoming Meetings

Annual Town Meeting

Tuesday, April 20, 2021
7 p.m.
Gibraltar Fire Department*
3496 Cty Hwy F

Please note the correct time for the Annual Town Meeting is 7 p.m. It was printed incorrectly in last week's "Looking Ahead" update.

A Zoom call is available for those who prefer to attend remotely. However, electors must be physically present to vote. Zoom login information is below.

Phone Number: 1-312-626-6799
Meeting ID: 828 2529 3174
Password: 641827

Only 100 participants are allowed to join the meeting via Zoom conference call.

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