

## **August 2022 VR Monthly Newsletter "Conservancy Corner"**

## **Invasive Weed Abatement**

Hello from The Conservancy board! This month we're talking about noxious/invasive weeds! – Yes, Thistle!

## Did You Know...

Your HOA and club teams are actively participating in a property wide weed abatement plan, which includes roadways, common areas, backcountry, club landscaped areas, and the golf course. We ask that all owners evaluate their individual property to develop a weed strategy to help the overall community.

With its distinct blue or purple flower, spiny leaves, and ability to grow up to 6 feet tall, thistle is hard to miss. It can produce up to 7,000 seeds, thistle spreads quickly and causes problems. Getting rid of thistle is difficult—it can take more than a year to control with weed sprays.

Due to the ongoing construction and localized environmental conditions at Victory Ranch, weed pressure around our community continues to be a challenge.

Addressing noxious weeds prior to seeding is critical to reduce the future weed pressure on property. Many of the thistle varieties are flowering right now, which will be followed by seeding. If you are unable to strategically spray weeds at this time, then another effective tool is to chop down the weeds at the base. This may not kill the actual plant, but rather keep the weed from producing viable seed. Local property managers and landscapers should be able to assist with any needs you may have. The following links provide additional information at weeds in Utah.

https://stewartslawn.com/blog/beginners-guide-to-utah-weeds/https://www.inaturalist.org/guides/11618

Please visit <u>The Conservancy Website</u> to learn more about the projects The Conservancy is working on and watch for more eco-tips and The Conservancy events in upcoming VR monthly newsletters.

**We want to hear from you!!** Click here to share resources you are using, cool things you are doing to conserve, and eco friendly tips!