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### **City Seeks Volunteers for Panther Canyon Workday**

**New Braunfels, TX** - In partnership with the Panther Canyon Pride Adopt-A-Park group, the Parks and Recreation Department is seeking volunteers for a Panther Canyon Workday scheduled for Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. until 12 p.m. Participants should meet at the end of Pennsylvania Avenue (area between New York Avenue and Pennsylvania Avenue).

“Volunteers are needed to help complete the finishing touches on the Fuel Reduction & Habitat Conservation Project,” said Kelly Eby, Urban Forester. “The scope of work will include moving limbs and logs that are inaccessible to machinery to more accessible areas, moving rocks, and pruning broken limbs.”

Volunteers are asked to park on the right-hand side of the Pennsylvania and be considerate of the neighborhood driveways and mail boxes. Volunteers should wear appropriate clothing to work outdoors, bring drinking water and, if available, bring wheelbarrows, garden rakes and pruning equipment.

The Fuel Reduction & Habitat Conservation Project is a concentrated community effort to reduce the threat of a large fire in a sensitive area and to conserve Panther Canyon from future damage. To date, Public Works has removed 50-plus truckloads of dead trees and woody debris from the area. Volunteers with the Texas Baptist Men's Disaster Relief Group have contributed 320 hours of service equating to \$12,800 of in-kind work. The New Braunfels Fire Department has also contributed over 200 hours. This work will also help preserve the large native trees and the unique ecological features in this area of the Edwards Aquifer recharge zone.

For more information about the event, or the Fuel Reduction & Habitat Conservation Project, please contact the City's Parks and Recreation Department at 830-221-4367. For additional information on volunteer opportunities visit [www.nbtexas.org/volunteers](http://www.nbtexas.org/volunteers).

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