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## **CITY OF BOARDMAN PLACES BOUNTY ON NOXIOUS WEED**

Once again the City of Boardman will be placing a bounty on noxious weeds. Up to \$300 will be spent on a program aimed at controlling Puncturevine within the City. The City has run the program for the last five years and has been a huge success with citizens collecting thousands of pounds of the Puncturevine.

If you have ever stepped on a Puncturevine seed, you know what a pain the plant can be. Each spiny bur or seed pod from the Puncturevine (*Tribulus terrestris*), also known as a "Goathead", contains 20 seeds equipped with long sharp spines capable of puncturing a bike tire or a shoe. It takes only 3 weeks for this weed to sprout and make seeds. To make things worse, the seeds are some of the hardest in nature; they may lay in the ground dormant for up to 20 years until just the right conditions come along for them to grow. Any established Puncturevine will continue to grow and spread until frost comes along - unless you stop it.

The City plans to enlist the aid of its citizens to control the spread of Puncturevine by offering to pay for collection of the weed from July to August. The Puncturevine and their seed pods need to be collected in bags provided by the City and returned to City Hall to receive the \$1 per bag in bounty, or until the entire \$300 has been paid out.

The City's Code Compliance Official, Martin Martinez, said "this is a great opportunity for local youth to raise money for their organizations and to do something good for their community". Areas of the most concern are the City's bike/pedestrian paths, and residential areas. Bags can be picked up at Boardman City Hall anytime from 8am to 5pm beginning July. For more information on the program, contact Boardman City Hall at 481-9252.

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