

VOLUNTEER TO HELP ON EARTH DAY!

The Huron Valley Earth Day team really needs your help! They are looking for staff volunteers to work our local event on Sunday, April 20th, starting at 11:00 a.m. for set up at Milford Central Park. Orientation will begin at 11:00 am. Lunch will be provided. The event will go until 6:00 p.m. This is a great way to support earth day (and get service hours if you are a boy scout!) If you can volunteer for all or part, please email Andrea at hurongreen@yahoo.com. Or, show up at the check-in booth by 11am on the day of the event.

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN MILFORD ON EARTH DAY? For the complete history of earth day, I hope you will visit our blog and read about the roots of this important day/month: www.highlandconservancy.typepad.com The second annual Huron Valley Earth Day will be held this Sunday, April 20th from 1-6pm in Milford Central Park. The Highland Conservancy is proud to be a sponsor for the event. Along with another co-sponsor, Sitescape Landscaping, we are donating A BRAND NEW KAYAK that will be given away at the event! Thanks to Sitescape: www.sitescapeinc.com/ for their help! There will also be a mountain bike given away. The Highland Conservancy will host art workshops for children, have t-shirts and cloth grocery bags, give away awesome free items and have loads of information at our booth. At this family event there will be many other groups on hand, food, games, live music, art and earth day workshops, free trees, canoe rides, and lots of fun activities for families to do. So mark you calendar to attend THIS SUNDAY! Please check out this website for more information: www.hvedf.org Rain location is at Milford High.

TREE PLANTING IN TOWNSHIP PARK

Highland Conservancy is teaming up with the Highland United Methodist Church on the church's first ever GET OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY AND LIVE YOUR FAITH action day on Sunday April 27th from 10:00am - 12noon. Recently, members of the church have entered into discussions with members of the conservancy about being better stewards of the planet and we are excited that this tree planting event turns positive ideas into action. (On the 27th their youth group is canoeing the Huron River and cleaning up debris and trash - super!) Members from the conservancy and the church will plant red pine seedlings at Duck Lake Pines Park (Duck Lake Road just south of M59). A special thank you also goes out to Highland Township for donating 32 healthy red pine trees. On the 27th we will dig holes, prepare soil, plant, mulch and water the trees. Rick Hamill, a local tree expert and Mary Lloyd of the Highland Beautification Committee will oversee the planting, following a specific landscaping plan. Volunteers just need to bring a shovel if you have one.

GARLIC MUSTARD - DASTARDLY DESTRUCTIVE

It's hard to believe that something that sounds like it should be in my salad can be so destructive (yes, you can eat it). Yet once this invasive gets into an area, it quickly smothers all native vegetation and pretty soon it will blanket the woods. What's wrong with that? As with other invasive plants, it pushes out the plants many creatures need to live on, upsetting entire ecosystems. Join us Saturday, May 17th from 12:30 until 3:30 at our new park, Highland Oaks for a few hours pulling garlic mustard. The event is hosted by the Highland Conservancy and Oakland County Parks. We will meet at the Milford Road

parking area, a half mile north of White Lake Road. Meet new friends and make a difference! Bring gardening clothes, boots, sunscreen and a smile. Gloves, water and snacks will be provided. Contact Dave Pollard at (248)889-9558.