

November 22, 2007

Happy Thanksgiving! Before I head out to go jogging before the incredible feast, I wanted to send out this newsletter with conservancy news and information on various upcoming events from our partners and friends.

New Blog a Huge Success

We are incredibly pleased at the amount of "hits" and comments we are receiving in response to the new Highland Conservancy blog. If you have interesting conservation news or an environmentally related story, please email it to: artfingers@comcasat.net. It is wonderful how quickly the blog is taking off! We invite you to visit the blog for interesting topics and articles of concern. Our goal is to publish articles biweekly if not more often so keep checking back! To mark it as one of your favorites-here is the link: www.highlandconservancy.typepad.com

Oakland and Macomb Land Conservancies Merge

Macomb Land Conservancy is merging with Oakland Land Conservancy resulting in OLC extending their services all the way to Lake St. Clair. As a result, OLC will be considering a name change to incorporate their broader mission and service area. We work closely with OLC and support and applaud their efforts.

Volunteer Opportunities

During this holiday season there are many opportunities to get out there and get some exercise to work off that turkey and pie. It is also the best time for invasive shrub removal. Here are a few that could use your help:

WOODY INVASIVE REMOVAL WORKDAY

Sunday, December 2, 2007 1-4 pm
Highland Recreation Area, Highland

Want to help protect Haven Hill Natural Area? Join in helping remove the non-native shrubs that threaten to take over these unique woods. This activity will help protect native wildflowers from being crowded out. Meet at the Goose Meadow parking lot near Haven Hill Lake. Enter the park from M-59, and head south past the headquarters to the first parking lot on your right.

For more information, a map or directions, and to register please visit www.michigan.gov/dnrvolunteers; click on the "Calendar of Volunteer Stewardship Workdays" link under Current Volunteer Opportunities. If there is inclement weather, call 248-359-9057 by 8 p.m. the night before the scheduled workday. If there is no cancellation message, the workday will go on as planned.

WOODY INVASIVE REMOVAL WORKDAY

Saturday, December 8 9:30 am – 12:30 pm
Valley Woods, Southfield

Meet other volunteers with OLC help remove Buckthorn and other woody invasives from this urban oasis. Please call Heather to sign up and get directions: 248-760-7766.

WOODY INVASIVE REMOVAL WORKDAY

Saturday, December 15 9:30 am – 12:30 pm
Berberian Woods, Southfield

Heather of the OLC will be working on removing honeysuckle and other woody invasives at this 16-acre parcel of pristine bottomland forest and uplands at the confluence of the Rouge River and its Franklin branch. Call her to sign up and get directions: 248-760-7766.

NOTE: For all outdoor programs, please dress for the weather and other conditions: warm clothing, long pants and sturdy, waterproof shoes or boots, and work gloves. For workdays, bring hand tools, if possible: trowel, pruners, dandelion diggers, or loppers. In case of inclement weather, call the OLC office at (248) 601-2816 for a recorded message about cancellation or rescheduling.

Upcoming Activities and Events:

Seven Ponds Nature Center

UNDER THE SNOW

Sunday, December 2

Dryden

www.sevenponds.org <<http://www.sevenponds.org>>

Royal Oak Nature Society speaker program presents

BIRDS IN FLIGHT-AERIAL ACROBATS with Rick Lieder

Wednesday, December 5

Royal Oak

www.ci.royal-oak.mi.us/nature <<http://www.ci.royal-oak.mi.us/nature>>

click on "Guest Speakers."

The Wild One's Oakland Chapter's

2008 PLANNING MEETING

Thursday, December 6

Oakland Township

Email oakland@for-wild.org <[mailto: oakland@for-wild.org](mailto:oakland@for-wild.org)>

Royal Oak Nature Society's

NATURE WALK

Saturday, December 15

Royal Oak

Visit www.ci.royal-oak.mi.us/nature

<<http://www.ci.royal-oak.mi.us/nature>>

Upland Hills Environmental Awareness Center:
ONGOING ONSITE ENERGY TOURS and
ENERGY EDUCATION OUTREACH PROGRAMS
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Visit www.uplandhills.org <<http://www.uplandhills.org>> , email info@uheac.org
<<mailto:info@uheac.org>> or call 248-693-1021 for information or to schedule a visit.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!