

Highland Conservancy E-Newsletter February 24, 2008

Now that spring is almost here (well, I wish it was anyway) you might be getting the urge to clean out your garage or closets.

HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

Hazardous Waste drop-off for Highland is set for April 19th by the Senior Center. Mark your calendars and start collecting all the hazardous material that should not be tossed in the trash. What can you drop off? A list of ideas was sent with your recent taxable assessment notice (it was pink). The short list: batteries, computers, antifreeze, oils, paint, fluorescent light bulbs, batteries, aerosols, rat poison, pesticides, cleaning products, car fluids, medicine, and glue. For more info call 248-887-3791 ext 138. (Bring your driver's license to show proof of residence in Highland).

CELL PHONE RECYCLING

Even if you think your old cell phone, palm pilot, pager or digital camera is obsolete, many charities are accepting these and refurbishing and recycling them. So please consider donating them to be reused by others instead of tossing these items in a drawer.

For more information click on:

<http://www.recyclewirelessphones.com/>
www.recyclingforcharities.com

FREECYCLING

Did you know we Americans throw out 245 million tons of trash a year? Hopefully you are already recycling, but you can do even better – freecycle (give stuff away). There are several area freecycling websites. Two I use are relatively close by and are always looking for free items. As you start your spring cleaning projects, please consider posting your free-come-and-get-it items on these or other Freecycle sites:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CommerceMIFreecycle/>
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/livingstoncycling/>

KING PROPERTY REZONING DECISION

On Thursday, March 6th at 7:30 p.m., the Planning Commission will decide on their recommendation for the King property rezoning. He is seeking to rezone his 125 acre parcel from its current zoning of single family homes to RM1. If granted, this would allow up to 800 high density residential units on the property. Highland is known for its beautiful lakes, horse farms and quaint little downtown area. Letters and petitions opposing this type of development have flooded the township offices. You can write to the Board of Trustees and the Planning Commission at 205 N. John Street, Highland, MI 48357 or email your concerns to: Corwinb@twp.highland.mi.us or Polchowskit@twp.highland.mi.us For additional names and info, please check the township website: www.highlandtwp.com

VISIT OUR BLOG – NEW POWER LINES FOR M59?

Below an excerpt from a blog article on our website. Read on...

“At a recent Planning Commission meeting, Hartland residents voiced their dismay about 100 foot tall power lines that ITC is planning to run down M59 east then south on

Pleasant Valley Road. For the full article in the Livingston Argus go to www.livingstondaily.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080210/NEWS01/802100309. The power lines will be part of a 21 mile project running through Genoa, Hartland, Oceola, Brighton and Milford Township in Livingston and Oakland counties. ITC claims it needs these giant transmission lines to "strengthen the area's electrical grid." If you have driven through White Lake recently and seen the monstrous towers that line M59 there, you can appreciate why residents are concerned..."
To read the rest of this article and other articles of interest, AND TO COMMENT, check out our blog. Just click on this link: [Highland Conservancy Blog](#)

THANK YOU to those who have already sent in their membership donations. A base yearly membership is \$25 and with a donation of \$50, \$100 or \$500 and up we will send you a sturdy canvas tote bag (great for groceries or school stuff). WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!

Mail to: Highland Conservancy, 205 W. Livingston Road, Highland MI 48357

Our mission is to encourage and facilitate the conservation of land and natural resources to preserve the rural character of Highland Township.

Sincerely,

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