

Highland Conservancy E-News September 11, 2009

Summer has just flown by and fall approaches...

#### Highlands 5K Run

The Highland Conservancy is sponsoring a 5K run in Highland on Saturday, September 26th at 8am (register at 7am). For registration information and further details, please contact Ron Flannery at 248-887-7125.

#### Downey Lake Pines Nature Park

Jim Lloyd and other conservancy members have continued to work to finalize a vision for this 28 acre nature park. Native seed collection, removal of invasive plants that threaten the natural ecosystem, and protecting the natural beauty of this land continue to be the focus. Please stop by and check out this beautiful place. Park at the library and follow the two track on the west side of the parking lot heading toward the cell tower, then go past the tower and head down the path northward. We invite you to attend upcoming Planning Commission meetings regarding this area to voice your opinion for proposals for this property. You can check the agenda's online at the Highland Township website for specific agendas for the meetings which occur twice monthly on Thursday nights. Contact Jim Lloyd for more info: 248-887-3952

#### Community Gardens

Several local churches in Highland have established yearly community gardens which have been producing an abundance of produce. We applaud those local volunteers who have weeded, harvested and donated vegetables to Community Sharing and other local food banks.

#### Adopt-a-Road

We will finish off the year cleaning our section of road in Highland. Please meet us Saturday, September 19 at 10:00 a.m. at Spring Mills Elementary School. We will provide gloves, bags and everything you will need. Join us in helping keep our township roads clean and litter-free! Thank you to those who already volunteered this summer.

Rain Barrels: The Huron River Watershed Council is offering rain barrels for sale for \$95 each. Pick up is on Sunday, October 25, 2009 between 1-5pm at Huron High School in Ann Arbor. These 60 gallon plastic barrels are offered at a significant discount from the retail price of \$154.95 including shipping.

**CLICK HERE** to purchase your barrel on line now! Or go to their Rain Barrel Website for details on the sale, the barrels, the pick up location and for general rain barrel tips.

For questions, contact the Rain Barrel Hotline at (734) 769-5123 x 20 or e-mail us at [rainbarrels@hrwc.org](mailto:rainbarrels@hrwc.org).

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