

Highland Conservancy E-Newsletter – March 14, 2010

Frog Survey in Highland: The Highland Conservancy is working out arrangements to conduct a survey of frogs in Highland Oaks and other areas of Highland (as soon as those critters start croaking). If you are interested or have expertise in this area, please contact Dave at 248-889-9558. Also, there will be a frog survey training session (to help you learn to identify their calls) coming up at Independence Oaks on Friday, March 26 from 7-9pm. Contact Kathleen Dougherty at 248-858-0704 to register. For the full article, visit: www.highlandconservancy.typepad.com

Highland Beautification Committee Garden Talk: This event is THIS TUESDAY March 16th at 7pm at the Highland Senior Center, 209 N. John St. This year's talk is by Pam Carter and is on Deer and Gardens – learning how to deter deer from your garden is an important issue to address in Highland that's for sure. Tickets are available at the township treasurer's office or call Maureen Murad 248-887-1125.

Adopt-a-Road Spring Clean-up: The kick off cleanup will be Saturday, March 27. We will meet outside Spring Mills Elementary at 10am. Spring Mills is located at 3150 Harvey Lake Road, north of M59 in Highland. Bring work gloves. (We will provide the bags and brightly colored vests though we encourage you to wear a bright colored shirt). Depending on the skeeters, you might need bug spray but let's hope they won't be out yet ☺ Please join us – we have some delightful conversations and Highland will look cleaner too!

Earth Day Poster Contest: Parents of elementary age students are invited to participate in our earth day poster contest this year. The theme is: Protecting animals and their habitat: Be a good steward of our earth. Requirements are: poster must be 12" x 18" (construction paper size), must promote the theme, must be child-created, recommended materials are crayon, marker, paint, colored pencil, and deadline is 4/5/10. Contact Katheryn Krupa 248-887-4643 for more info.

Mark your calendar to attend the Huron Valley Earth Day (now called the Earth Friendly Family Fun Festival) on Sunday, April 25 at Carls Family YMCA in Milford, 300 Family Dr, by the library off Commerce Road, near downtown from noon-4pm. Featured booths and presentations that are planned include: local farms, organic farming, gardening, local green groups, projects and services, energy use and carbon footprint, recycling, outdoor recreation, nature education, art and crafts, music, dance, games and green fashion. There will be many enthusiastic community members, music and a drumming circle for all ages! If the weather is nice, I plan to bring my corn snakes for children to touch and hold.

Donations: What an outpouring – wow! You all have been terrific this year. A special heartfelt thank you goes out to you for your kind support! Your donations are greatly appreciated. If you would like to donate, our address is: Highland Conservancy, 205 W. Livingston Road, Highland, MI 48357 or visit our website and click on the "Make a Donation" link: www.highlandconservancy.org

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