



Rouge Rescue is May 18

I was at a meeting in Romulus when Mayor Wild, City of Westland, approached me saying, "Whatever help you need with Rouge Rescue this year, just let me know." What a nice way to start planning Rouge Rescue 2019.

Later, I had a meeting with Friends of the Rouge representatives and Vic Barra, for City of Westland, to see how they could partner with HNPA in Holliday Preserve.

Well, it looks like we are doing the same things as last year, and in the same place. A large load of floating wood has built up a big jam at Hix Road. Hix Park is our staging area. We start registering at 8:30 in the morning. We have trash to collect, honeysuckle to cut and pile, and plenty of wood in the river to winch out onto the floodplain.

We need a couple of volunteers to help register and assist at the staging area. We need a person to just take photos. Heck, maybe someone would make a video. Friends of the Rouge provides

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Upcoming Activities

Please join us! Our walks last from an hour to 90 minutes and are held regardless of the weather, so please dress for conditions and often uneven ground.

Our walks are family friendly. Sorry, no dogs allowed. Questions? Contact us at HollidayAssociation@hnpa.org or via our Facebook page.

➤ Earth Day

Saturday, April 20 10 a.m. *Newburgh Road entrance, east side Newburgh Road, just north of Warren Road.* Walk to Morgan Creek, across the capped Nankin Dumpsite and learn about the dumpsite. Then cut invasive plants that are strangling trees HNPA members planted 20 years ago, and also clean up the surrounding area.

➤ HNPA General Meeting

Tuesday, April 30, 6:30—8:30 p.m. *Michigan Room, Robert & Janet Bennett Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia* Discuss Rouge Rescue and the future of HNPA. See article on page 2 for more information.

➤ Wildflower Walk

Saturday, May 11, 2019, Noon, *Koppernick section. Koppernick Road, west of Hix Road, south of Joy Road* Check some vernal ponds for frogs and toads, and enjoy some wildflowers

➤ Rouge Rescue 2019

Saturday, May 18, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. *Hix park, west side Hix Road, north of Warren Road* Same place as last year. Same work. Different mosquitoes. See article at left for more information.



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the volunteers special T-shirts. We will have water and drinks; a cleanup station to wash afterwards; first aid supplies; and tools.

We should be done by 1 p.m. But come when you can and leave when you must. Oh, wear old clothes, sturdy shoes, long sleeve shirts and long pants.

Hope to see you on May 18, or at our general meeting or at any of our other walks. Thanks for your continuing support.

Sincerely,
Bill Craig
HNPA President

HNPA General Meeting is April 30 at 6:30 p.m.

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members will be meeting in the Michigan Room, at the Robert & Janet Bennett Library, in Livonia, on April 30. All members and those interested in our group are invited.

We will start at 6:30 p.m. The agenda includes:

- ◆ Photo review of 2018
- ◆ Plans for Rouge Rescue

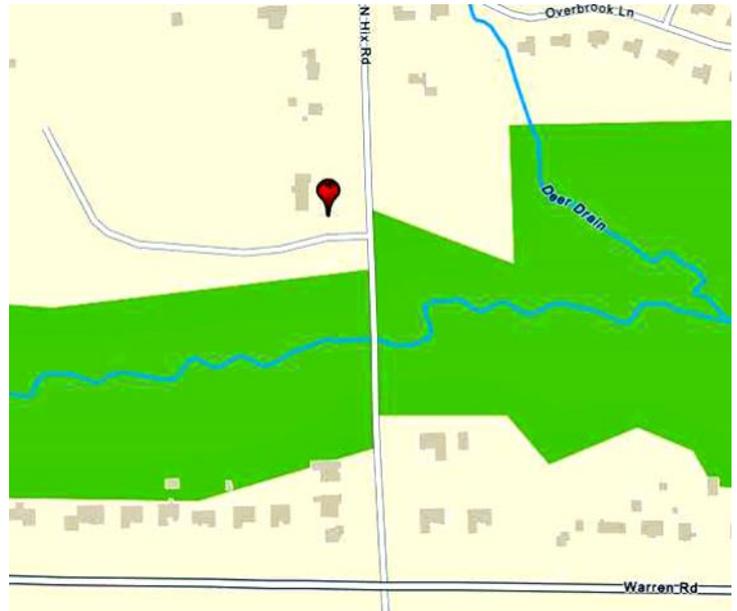


- ◆ Possible work projects.
- ◆ Update on what is happening in the Preserve and Hines Park Mills project.
- ◆ Future of HNPA
- ◆ Questions and

Answers

Light refreshments will be served.

The meeting is a good time to see old friends and make new friends. The board hopes to see you there.



Above is a map of Westland's Hix Park (dot) and its proximity to Holliday Nature Preserve.

The photos at left show a log jam that will be tackled by volunteers at Rouge Rescue.

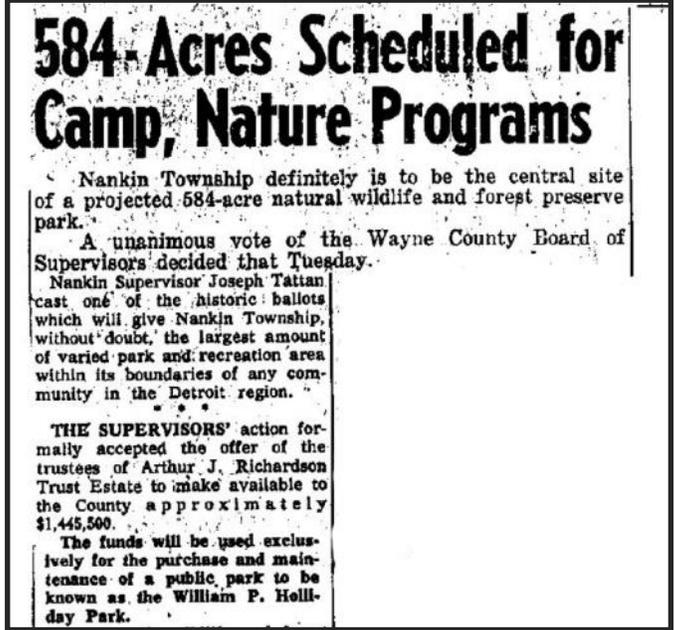
Although some of the work IS water related, there are plenty of tasks that take place on dry land, so c'mon out and take part!

60 Year Anniversary (Well, Last Year...)

It was 60 years ago last year (Dwight Eisenhower was president and City of Westland was still merely Nankin Township) that the Wayne County Board of Supervisors (now the Wayne County Commission) formally accepted an offer by the trustees of Arthur J. Richardson estate to accept funds to create a new county park that would be named after William P. Holliday, an uncle and mentor of Mr. Richardson. The total bequest was \$1.445 million dollars (worth nearly \$13 million today).

However, it would not be until 1964 that the county would acquire the land, and build the trails, parking areas, bathrooms and bridges to allow the William P. Holliday Forest and Wildlife Preserve to open.

Although much of what the county built in Holliday during that period between 1958 and 1964 is now



gone, the Preserve and its mission, —which is part of the park's name—remains intact thanks to you.

A Look at Our 2019 Winter Walks



*(Clockwise from above) **January:** Six well insulated nature lovers walked the Cowan trails testing their tree identification skills. White oak, red oak, tulip, hornbeam, sassafras and hophornbeam were some of the trees identified.*

***February:** The group stayed on Ellsworth Trail overlooking the floodplain. Surprisingly, no one slipped on very icy trail. Deer were spotted and the future Ellsworth boardwalk location was pointed out. bladdernut, hackberry and sycamore trees were among trees seen.*

***March:** Finally, a warm walk! The Tulip Trail was wet in spots, but we managed to work around the deepest areas. We had some youngsters on the walk and an old-timer with a handcrafted, bittersweet cane. Plus, long-time supporter Marie finally came on a walk after six long years of thinking about it. We saw Great Blue herons at the rookery, but White Egrets had not yet arrived.*



HNPA's Mission

Holliday Nature Preserve Association (HNPA) is a group of volunteers dedicated to the William P. Holliday Forest & Wildlife Preserve in Westland, Livonia and Canton. The Preserve consists of 500-plus acres of forests and wetlands that runs along tributaries of the Rouge River.

The HNPA seeks to nurture a greater appreciation of this unique natural resource by hosting walks, conducting maintenance improvement projects in conjunction with Wayne County Parks and promoting the importance of the Preserve in improving the quality of life in Western Wayne County communities. Our activities are free. Find out more at hnpa.org or on our *Facebook page*.



Thanks to our Supporters

The following people joined HNPA, renewed their memberships or made donations this summer. We thank them and appreciate the continuing support they and our other members give along with the trust they put in us. We will use the funds for the overall benefit of the Preserve.

Kathleen & Michael Best
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From:

Donna Deman

In Memory of:

John Nickles

Become Part of Holliday

Membership in the Holliday Nature Preserve Association is only \$5 per year (Jan. 1—Dec. 31). Your support makes it possible

to distribute our newsletters, host a website, support Rouge Rescue, offer walks, educate the community and promote the Preserve.

Any additional funds over and above are used to benefit the Preserve. You may also earmark additional funds to extend your membership.

Name: _____

Address: _____ Address 2: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ + _____

Email Address if you wish to share it. (We won't) : _____

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