



Spring/ Summer Update

With photos.

We started this spring off WET. How wet? So wet that...

EARTH DAY

We cancelled our Earth day work day in the Newburgh section due to heavy rain.

GENERAL MEETING



It also rained the evening of our General Meeting. I was hoping for a bigger audience, but those that came enjoyed a presentation that included Preserve photos and an update on activities in and around the Preserve. We also discussed needed work projects.

WALK

Our May walk was also wet, which made the trails muddy but there were plenty of

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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.



➤ Leaves of Many Colors Walk

Saturday, Oct. 19, at noon in Koppernick section
Entrance on Koppernick Road, west of Hix Road, south of Joy Road

Shades of yellow, red, brown and green brighten the trail.

➤ Crunching Leaves Walk

Saturday, Nov. 16, at noon in Newburgh section
Entrance on east side Newburgh Road, north of Warren Road, south of Joy Road

Fall is best time to travel this section with its maples and oaks and an explosion of colors.

➤ Shopping Escape Walk

Saturday, Dec. 14, at noon in Cowan section
Entrance on Central City Parkway, west of Wayne Road, across street from the fire station

Maybe snow. Maybe not. Maybe sun. Maybe not. In any case, enjoy a peaceful, slow walk under big trees.

Why Wait for Us?

Sure, we love to have you walk with us, but why wait? If the sun is out, the birds are singing and the kids (or your spouse) is getting squirrely inside, go for a walk in the Preserve, either on your own or with friends. Just pick an entrance and follow a trail. Who knows what cool things you'll see?

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spring wildflowers to enjoy. We had plenty of May walkers who turned out despite the conditions and enjoyed the walk.

ROUGE RESCUE



Even Rouge Rescue was rained on. Just two days before the water was very low, which would make for easy work. However, low water levels were not to be as we received a heavy rain the night before that raised stream levels to the top of bank making the work more difficult.



But our hard work-

ing volunteers were not deterred. They got to work on a large log jam. One team in the creek cut wood and handed it to another team on the muddy bank top, to pile in the floodplain. Phil and Jim used a winch to



get out the heaviest wood.

Volunteers cleaned the creek of six bags of plastic and glass bottles, and lots of



Styrofoam. Another special team cut honeysuckle and pulled out six bags of invasive plants.



City of Westland picked up all those bags and trash.

It was strange (but welcomed) that the all-night rain stopped at 8:30a.m. when we started, then started again at 1p.m. when we stopped. Two days later the water was low again. A big thank you to all our volunteers. See photos on the next page. There are more on our Facebook page.

ELLSWORTH BOARDWALK



In early July, the contractor started work on Ellsworth Boardwalk. Up went the orange fence and the black silt fence. Plenty of stakes and paint marked the site. The pathway was cleared and materials stacked.

Then work stopped until Sept. 13, when workers returned installing the metal posts.

While one end of the Ellsworth Trail is closed for construction of the boardwalk, the other end is blocked by the construction of the Ann Arbor Trail Connector Pathway, a multi use path along the road that crosses the Middle Rouge River below the Nankin dam.

The Ellsworth Trail between

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these two points has had two big trees fall on the trail and some spray paint vandalism to foot bridge. We'll fix when it reopens.

WAYNE BRIDGE

On July 20, Dan Burk and volunteers from St. Matthew Lutheran Church partnered with Wayne County Parks to clean up around Wayne Road bridge. Hot and humid work conditions did not slow down their hard work.



(Please see photos on our Facebook page.)

On August 9, Wayne County Parks employees returned to do more cleaning and PAINT over graffiti under the

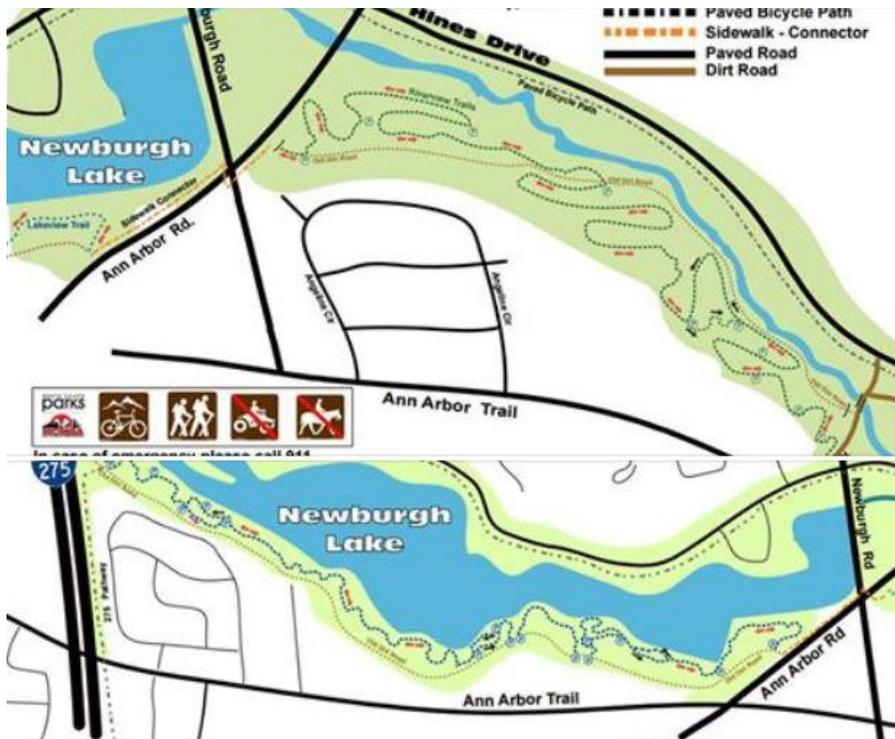


bridge. Conditions under bridge now sanitary, and walkable. Much needed, and much appreciated.

NEW CONDOS

Recent work on Grove Court site condos brings more new neighbors to the Preserve boundary. This small subdivision is on Ann Arbor Trail just east of Wayne Road. Their stormwater detention basin borders the boundary line, with the basin discharge running down to the wetlands below. The site will be checked to see how any erosion impacts the Preserve.

Bill Craig
HNPA President



This newsletter makes several references to our Facebook page. That's because it's the "Go To" page for the latest news and information on our organization and it also has lots of photos. Facebook Administrator Pam Larson works hard to keep the information current and interesting. She will even respond to your questions and comments. Type Holliday Nature Preserve Association into the search window. You don't even need a Facebook account.

We all know that Holliday trails are for foot traffic only. However, a few mountain bikers have used our trails since they didn't feel they had a nearby alternative—Not anymore. Now they have two, in fact. Wayne County Parks has created two mountain biking trails near Newburgh Lake!

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*.

The Preserve offered in 1964 thanks to Arthur J. Richardson who provided \$1.445 million (worth nearly \$13 million today) in 1958 to create a new county park that would be named after William P. Holliday, an uncle and mentor of Mr. Richardson.



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.

Linda & Larry Bernhardt

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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.

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