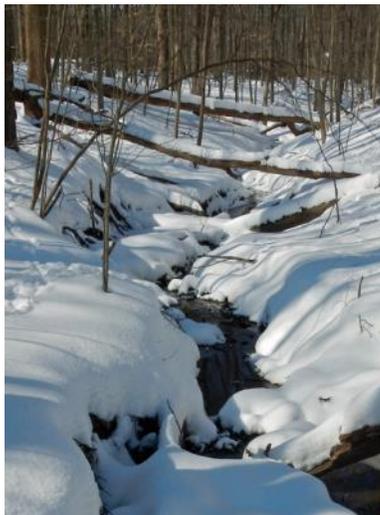




## Upcoming Activities



Please join in! Our walks last 90-minutes or so. Activity lengths vary but stay as long as you can. Make sure you check our *Facebook* page for updates during these uncertain times, since events are subject to change.

All events are family friendly. Sorry, no dogs allowed. Questions? Contact us at [HollidayAssociation@hnpa.org](mailto:HollidayAssociation@hnpa.org) or via our *Facebook* page.

### COVID-19 Note:

While masks are not required on our walks, we do encourage them and try to employ social distancing (except for quick group photos). While we feel we are able to enjoy our walks and activities in the Preserve, we ask that you weigh your risk before participating. Please don't come out if you are at risk or pose a health threat to others. Thanks.

### ➤ “Footprints in the Snow” Walk

Sat., Jan. 29, Noon. Cowan Section. Parking at Cowan entrance, Central City Parkway, west of Wayne Road, north of Warren Road.

We will look for signs of winter life along the trail including bird and animal tracks. Boots are recommended since there may be slippery spots.

### ➤ “Is Winter Over Yet?” Walk

Sat., Feb. 19, Noon. Koppernick Section. Koppernick Road, south of Joy Road, west of Hix Road.

A slow and easy walk on one of the main loop trails. One of the nicest areas to enjoy Winter (while we still can).

### ➤ “Last Day of Winter” Walk

Sat., Mar. 19, Noon. Ellsworth Section. Parking at Nankin Mills, on Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail.

Yes, Spring IS the next day. Trail is often muddy and can be slippery as we cross the floodplain. However, spotting some early wildflowers will make the trek well worthwhile!

➤ **NOTE:** Our Annual Meeting will be scheduled for later in the year (more info inside).

## Fall Hikes & Fall Fixes



*Oct 23: While Bill Craig was isolating due to Covid exposure, Sue, along with some of the regular walkers, went anyway enjoying a beautiful, early Fall day in Cowan.*



*Nov 20: During this walk in the Koppernick Section, Bill took the group along a side trail into Westland's Hix Park that adjoins it. This was an opportunity to outline some differences between the Preserve and the Park.*



*Dec 18: Several hard rains made the floodplain wet and slippery, while high winds scattered tree limbs across the trail. These things turned a simple walk into more of an obstacle course.*



*Preserve walker reported big trees down across Cowan trail. HNPA chainsaw was put to good use opening the trail for passage so walkers did not need to cut additional trails.*

*In another section, Phil Crookshank (a.k.a. "Mr. Winch,") and a team of hardy helpers, tackled a huge cottonwood that fell across a trail opening that trail, as well.*



*A Preserve walker reported an abandoned campsite in the Koppernick Section. The tent and all materials were removed by HNPA volunteers and hauled to the entrance where Wayne County Parks hauled it away.*



*In Cowan section, a teepee made of big logs was taken apart and scattered. While harmless, allowing items like this to remain can give the impression that hunters are using the Preserve or that unnatural structures are allowed/encouraged.*

## Our Annual HNPA Meeting is...Soon?

**M**uch has been cancelled or postponed in all our worlds due to Covid-19 and its variants. Our Annual Meetings among them.

We could not meet in 2020

or 2021. There was talk about an outdoor meeting last Fall, but general consensus was that even that was too risky. We hope to get together and meet this year to discuss your concerns, ideas and suggestions. For now,

please use that computer to communicate either by contacting us via email at *HolidayAssociation@hnpa.org* or via our *Facebook* page. We are also happy to talk during our walks.

## An L of a Mystery Solved...Maybe



**O**ver these many years, I have often wondered why so many members write "Holiday" on their membership checks. Clearly our name is Holliday Nature Preserve Association with two *Ls*.

Just the other day, I got a

check filled out Holiday Nature Preserve Association, with a membership form from our website. I just happened to glance down to bottom of page where it states, "make check out to: "Holiday Nature Preserve Association." Holiday with only one L! I reported it to our webmaster who has made the correction.

I hope that's the end of misspelled checks. However, since most people think of Holiday with just the one "L", maybe not.

Kind of makes one wonder if William P. Holliday, after whom our Preserve is named, sometimes received checks and mail addressed to him as Holiday with just one L? Speaking of our website, ours does have maps, photos, links and other resources for anyone to use. Our newsletters are published to the site a few weeks after our loyal members get them.

Cordially,

Bill

## Preserve Buck Killed By Arrow

**O**n our Dec. 18 walk in Ellsworth, a dead buck was spotted in the floodplain. The next day Bill Craig examined the remains.

A Ravin 2 blade mechanical broadhead crossbow arrow was found imbed-

ded in its hind quarter. We cannot say where the deer was shot but in Westland or Livonia, hunting is illegal.

This was NOT a good kill. This was not even hunting, and certainly not by a true sportsman. Death came

slowly.

The remains will be consumed. The bones and antlers will be chewed by animals in Preserve. However, the so-called hunter with the crossbow walks free.

# Who We Are and What We Do



**H**olliday 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 run along tributaries of the Rouge River. HNPA seeks to nurture a greater appreciation of this unique resource by hosting walks, conducting improvement projects in conjunction with Wayne County Parks and promoting the importance of the Preserve to the quality of life of Western Wayne County communities. Our activities are free. Find out more at [hnpa.org](http://hnpa.org) or on our [Facebook page](#).

## Thanks to our Supporters



**T**he following people joined HNPA, renewed their memberships or made donations. We thank them and appreciate the continuing support and the trust they put in us. We use the funds for the benefit of the Preserve.

**Anthony's Pond Homeowners' Assoc.  
Nancy & Paul Bailey  
Alan & Lonna Baum  
Roberta Campbell  
Carole & Stephen Cook  
Jim Flanigan  
James Gilbert  
Sarah & Bryan Garchar  
Sally & Mickey Green**

**Kim & Paul Gucwa  
Celeste & Fred Hoitash  
Misty & Mike Mitchell  
Susan & David Ostafinski  
Linda Poole  
Sue Smith  
Suzan & Gerald Waskelis  
Larry Willis**

## Become one of our Supporters

**M**embership in the Holliday Nature Preserve Association is only **\$5 per calendar year**. Your support makes it possible to

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

Any additional funds are used to benefit the Preserve. You may 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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