



## Upcoming Activities

Please join in! Our walks last 90 minutes or so. Activity lengths vary, but please come when you can and stay as long as you can.

Make sure you check our *Facebook* page for updates since events are subject to change.

All events are family friendly. Sorry, no dogs at our activities. Questions? Contact us at *HollidayAssociation@hnpa.org* or via our *Facebook* page.



*NOTE: Most activities taking place in Koppernick as contractors are active in other sections.*

### ◆ Walk & Work in Foxlands

*Saturday, April 11, 10 a.m. Koppernick entrance, west of Hix Road, south of Joy Road. Explore this little used section of Preserve. See results of a sod farm turning into a young forest. After walk we work on invasive plants. Tools, gloves and refreshments provided. Walk only, work only or do both!*

### ◆ Walk & Work in Koppernick—Hix Park Trail

*Saturday, April 18, 9 a.m. Koppernick entrance (see above for location). Look for early wildflowers, listen for frogs, and check out rookery activity. After walk, we work (see above).*

### ◆ Walk & Work in Koppernick—Beech Trail

*Saturday, April 25, 9 a.m. Koppernick entrance (see above for location). Look for early wildflowers, insects, birds and animals. After walk, we work (see above).*

### ◆ Walk & Work in Koppernick—Tulip Trail

*Saturday, May 9, 9 a.m. Koppernick entrance (see above for location). Look for wildflowers, fresh leaves on trees, and maybe snakes. After walk, we work (see above).*

### ◆ Tonquish Creek Rescue

*Saturday, May 23, 8:30 a.m. Registration  
Hix Park entrance, west of Hix Road, north of Warren Road. Creek and land work. Wear old clothes. Removing trash, moving wood, and cutting invasive plants. Tools, gloves, snacks and drinks provided. This work is done in conjunction with Friends of the Rouge.*

### ◆ Walk & Work in Foxlands

*Saturday, June 6, 9 a.m. Koppernick entrance (see above for location). See how much this area has changed in the last two months. After walk, we work (see above).*

### ◆ Bi-annual HNPA Membership Meeting

*Saturday, July 11 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Bennett Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Discuss issues concerning the Preserve, Board elections, visual presentation and updates on grant work. Good time to meet fellow members....and eat donuts.*

## HNPA Board Meets New Director



On Feb. Bill met Wayne County Parks new Director, Erika Smith and took a walk in the Ellsworth section of the Preserve. The two, talked mostly about the ongoing projects and history of HNPA.

Director Smith agreed to meet with the HNPA Board of Directors, and on March 23 eight Board members had that introductory meeting.

Many of the members were Founders; Jack Smiley, John Covert, Celeste Hoitash and Bob Duda. Each member introduced themselves and said something about their role in HNPA.

Director Smith started by thanking HNPA for their many years of stewardship in the Holliday Nature Preserve. She shared her work history in various park positions. The Board was pleased that she has a history of experience in parks work and management. Ms. Smith gave us an update on Grant work:

- Eight bridges completely removed.
- Foundation for new Joy Road bridge curing.
- Extensive invasive plant treatment in Ellsworth and Cowan.
- Posts for new boardwalk at Wayne Road.

Board members peppered her with questions and comments. This was an introductory meeting, so she took notes and suggested we meet soon with some answers and maps. The Director expressed her interest in developing stewardship partnerships. She calls them "Parknerships".

This first meeting was good start to a better relationship. 2026 will be a very busy year in the Preserve. Director Smith seems the right person for the changes ahead. Looking forward to that next meeting.



## Cowan Bridge: Before & After



## Winter Walks



*Jan 25: Just Molly joined Bill that cold, snowy Winter day.*



*Feb. 21: A snowless Tulip trail*



*March 21: First day of Spring walk. There were 32 who joined us at Koppernick that morning.*



*Pat Kobylarz and Bob Duda are long-time HNPA members. So long in fact, that they now walk with family members. Here Pat is with his son Ryan and Bob with grandson Bob.*

## Who We Are and What We Do



**H**oliday Nature Preserve Association (HNPA) is a group of volunteers dedicated to the William P. Holliday Forest & Wildlife Preserve in Westland, Livonia and Canton.

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. Find out more at [hnpa.org](http://hnpa.org) or on our Facebook page.

# Thanks to our Supporters

The following people joined HNPA, renewed their memberships or made donations. We thank them and appreciate the continuing support and the trust they (and you) put in us. We use the funds we receive for the benefit of the Preserve.

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# Become one of our Supporters

Membership in the Holliday Nature Preserve Association is only \$5 per calendar year. With 2026 underway, we again ask for your support.

Your \$5 donation (or more) makes it possible to mail our newsletter; host a website; offer walks; purchase items for work projects; educate the community; and promote

the Preserve.

Donations are used to benefit the Preserve. You may also earmark additional funds to extend your membership.

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