Oakland Township Parks and Recreation Commission Newsletter

Summer 2017

The Mission of Oakland Township Parks and Recreation Commission is to provide a sustainable system of parks, trails, programs, amenities, and services which create memorable experiences and a sense of place, contributes to the economic value of the Township and preserves the historical and natural heritage of the landscapes for existing and future generations.

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Special points of interest:

- **Summer Concerts**
- **Kayaking**
- **Archery**
- **Programs**
- **Stewardship**
- **Safety Paths & Trails**

Township Recommended for Grant to Expand Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park

Oakland Township was one of only two Oakland County communities recommended for grants to purchase park land at the December 2016 meeting of the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board. The Parks and Recreation Commission will use the $2.2 million dollar grant to add 209 acres to the Township's Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park, located in the southeast quadrant of the Township.

Specimen Oak Tree at SCRNP Expansion

This proposed park expansion offers natural resource protection and recreation opportunities. Dr. Brian Klatt, Director of the Michigan Natural Features Inventory (MNFI), a team of scientists who support the conservation of important natural habitats, extolled the

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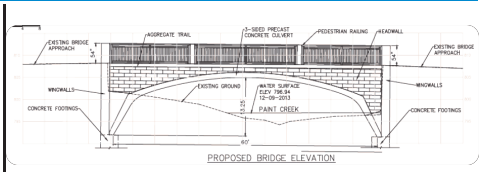

Two Grants Recommended for Paint Creek Trail Bridge Renovation

The collaboration between the Paint Creek Trail and Oakland Township Parks and Recreation to secure funding for a major bridge renovation has been successful! Bridge 33.7 is located on the Paint Creek Trail between Dutton and Silver Bell Roads in Oakland Township. The 93 year old timber pedestrian bridge, which has structural issues, is 9' wide, 61' long, and will be replaced by a precast concrete bridge that is 14' wide, and 60' long.

The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) recommended funding the Paint Creek Trail Bridge 33.7 Renovation project for $300,000. The grant will match an additional $300,000 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) federal

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Music In the Meadows 12th year!

Always a hit with those in the know, our summer outdoor concerts in the parks returns for its 12th year! We will be presenting the soothing sounds of Classical at Cranberry Lake Park and lively Jazz and delightful Bluegrass selections at Bear Creek Nature Park. Come early and visit our FREE archery shooting booth! *See concert details on page 3.*

Remember: no alcoholic beverages are allowed in the parks and no smoking.

What's New in The Parks

From the Director

Marsh View Park Western Parking Lot and Expanded Archery Range Opening!

Our new parking lot and archery range expansion will be open this summer at Marsh View Park. If you are using the archery range or the western soccer fields, look for the signs that will direct you to this new lot that overlooks the entire west side of the park. Please come and see why this park had been called "Pleasant View" and "Best View" farm for more than 150 years. On a clear day you will see the Lost Lake Nature Park sled hill!

Residents and local archery enthusiasts have requested a more versatile archery range that would support a greater variety of shooting opportunities for all ages and abilities. With the expansion of the range from 45 yards to 90 meters we now have the facility to offer a wide variety of programs from beginning to Junior Olympic, recreational and competitive leagues, school teams, special events and hosting USA sanctioned tournaments!

Don't miss our new summer archery programs (see pages 13 - 15):

- Extended hours of Free Open Range Shoots where you can practice your archery skills!
- New Adult and Youth Leagues give archers additional opportunities to compete and win prizes!
- Several Free Zombie shoots will be offered for archers to ward away the walking dead!
- New week-long Explore Archery Camp where you can earn badges while having fun!

Fall 2017 - Look for our Archery Range Grand Re-Opening at Goodison Good Tyme!

Melinda Milos-Dale

Melinda Milos-Dale
Parks and Recreation Director

High Priority Invasives

Learn the basics of identifying, controlling, and reporting priority invasive species. Phragmites, Knotweed, and Swallow-wort are invasive plants that are known to reduce property values, degrade natural areas, and impair wildlife habitat. Don't let these noxious plants get established on your property! *See page 17 for class time, location, and registration details*

Japanese Knotweed
Wikipedia
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Tails for Trails - National Trails Day

Celebrate National Trails Day with your pooch on the Paint Creek Trail! Join us as we partner with the Paint Creek Trailways Commission for our first annual ***Tails for Trails*** event on Saturday, June 3, 2017.

Grab your pup's leash and head on over for what's sure to be a 'paw'sitively good time! *See page 25 for details.*

Celebrate New Partnership With Us!

Join us for one, two, or all ***three FREE open houses*** this summer at Lost Lake Nature Park's Nature Center! Our inaugural partnership season opens with a great selection of nature classes including the popular Wild Kids of Lost Lake summer camp! Presented in partnership with Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve.
Full details on pages 4, 5, 21 & 29.

Expanded archery range October 2016

2017 Summer Concert Series

OUR 12TH SEASON!

Sponsored by Oakland Township
Parks and Recreation Millage

Come early. Bring blankets & a picnic and enjoy music 'al fresco'.

Oakland Township Parks and Recreation's **Music In The Meadows** 2017 summer concert series presents three professional quality outdoor family events featuring jazz, classical, and traditional bluegrass music. These FREE monthly concerts are held Friday evenings in our beautiful Oakland Township parks. In case of bad weather, concerts will be held at *Heart of the Hills Christian Church*, 5085 Orion Road, north of Dutton Road. Call 248-651-4440, ext 299 on the day of event to verify location.

RODNEY WHITAKER ENSEMBLE - Jazz

Friday, June 16th, 7 to 9pm, FREE Archery Shooting Booth, 5:00 to 6:45pm
Bear Creek Nature Park, 740 West Snell Road, Rochester, MI 48306

Come enjoy this quartet of professional jazz musicians, led by internationally renowned bassist and Mack Avenue recording artist, Rodney Whitaker!

Over the last twenty years Whitaker has toured the world, collaborating with legendary performers such as Diana Krall, Kathleen Battle, Cyrus Chestnut and many, many, more. For seven years he served as bassist for the Wynton Marsalis Sextet and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra. Whitaker, with one of the most undeniably distinctive bear-sized bass tones, is considered to be one of the leading bass performers and teachers of the jazz double bass in the United States. Don't miss this "jazz superman"! Learn more at rodneywhitaker.com.

AKROPOLIS REED QUINTET - Classical

Friday, July 7th, 7-9pm
Historic District Tours 5:30 - 6:30pm
Cranberry Lake Farm - Historic District - Main House Porch
388 West Predmore Road, Oakland, MI 48363

Hailed for their "imagination, infallible musicality, and huge vitality" (Fanfare Magazine), the Akropolis Reed Quintet takes listeners on extraordinary musical adventures.

Founded in 2009 at the University of Michigan and the first ever reed quintet to win the Fischoff Gold Medal in 2014, Akropolis is a renowned reed quintet featuring the rich, vivid sounds of the clarinet, bass clarinet, saxophone, oboe and bassoon. Akropolis has released two studio albums to critical acclaim and commissioned more than 25 reed quintet works to date. Their dynamic concerts feature accessible contemporary works framed by invigorating arrangements of classical music spanning four centuries. Learn more at akropolisquintet.com.

DAVE PARMLEY & CARDINAL TRADITION - Traditional Bluegrass

Friday, August 18th, 7 - 9pm, FREE Archery Shooting Booth, 5:00 to 6:45pm
Bear Creek Nature Park, 740 West Snell Road, Rochester, MI 48306

Parmley's strength is in the passionate delivery of soulful bluegrass ballads.

Dave Parmley and his band Cardinal Tradition are great traditionalists of bluegrass. Parmley, a hero to fans of the Flatt & Scruggs style of traditional bluegrass music, has finally returned to touring and recording. Dave Parmley & Cardinal Tradition are rechristening anew the deft playing and stunning harmony arrangement that made the Bluegrass Cardinals famous on the bluegrass circuit from 1976 to 1991. All the current band members have performed together, in various configurations, in either the original Bluegrass Cardinals or in David Parmley & Continental Divide. They racked up an impressive total of 10 nominations from *The Society for the Preservation of Bluegrass Music of America* in 2016! Learn more at davidparmley.com.

Lost Lake Nature Park Partnership

Oakland Township Parks and Recreation
&
Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve
Lost Lake Nature Park
846 Lost Lake Trail, Oakland Charter Township, MI 48363

Oakland Township Parks and Recreation and Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve have partnered to bring Oakland Township residents and others exciting new programs at Lost Lake Nature Park. Family, friends and neighbors are invited to explore everything this partnership has to offer at one of three summer open houses.

FREE! Summer Open Houses!

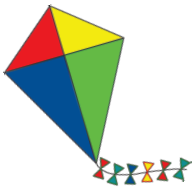
Open houses are FREE! Open houses are FUN! Open houses are for the WHOLE FAMILY! The nature center will be open for four hours. You are welcome to drop by any time during those hours. You will have a chance to explore this amazing park, check out the nature center, participate in crafts, games and other ongoing activities…including FREE KAYAKING! A new theme will be featured each month so come to one or come to all! You are also welcome to make an afternoon of it and bring along a picnic to enjoy with a scenic view of the huge pine trees and beautifully secluded Lost Lake.

Summer 2017 Open Houses No Registration Required!

Sunday, June 4th (12-4pm) (All Ages)

Take a Dip – Want to discover a bunch of the seldom seen friends of Lost Lake? You bet! We'll use dipping nets to hunt for the amazing variety of insects, frogs, tiny fish and other cool critters that live below the waters of Lost Lake. This is a blast for anyone of any age. Naturalists will help you identify your finds. We will have dipping nets and buckets available. Make sure you bring a towel, a change of clothes, and some water shoes!

Sunday, July 2nd (12-4pm) (All ages)



Soaring Above! Join us for an afternoon of soaring the skies with some cool crafts of our own creation. Create and launch water rockets, string and fly kites, and do some awesome aviation experiments. Trust us…kites are just as fun for adults as they are for kids. We will keep an eye out for birds we can identify as we keep an eye on the sky.

Sunday, August 6th (12-4pm) (All Ages)

Keeping Cool August can be hot…cool down with us as we launch water balloons with a giant catapult, dip for critters in the pond and really cool off with lawn slip and slide. Binoculars will also be available so that you may get a closer look at what wildlife is cooling off and taking a swim on the lake this time of year.

Classes are a great way to experience Lost Lake Nature Park as they're led by talented instructors who walk participants through quite a large variety of subject matter in a structured (yet completely fun) setting. Each class will feature an indoor and outdoor portion with many having crafts for participants to take home with them. **To sign up for these classes** registrants need to head to **www.dinosaurhill.org or call 248-656-0999** and find the class which interests you before simply signing up and paying from the convenience of your own home. Registration is required in advance and closes a week before the class is to run, this allows us to ensure that we have time to purchase supplies for everyone.

Class Registration Required via www.dinosaurhill.org

Saturday, June 17th (12-1:30pm) (1st-4th)

Beneath The Surface - Roll those pant legs up because we're going to be exploring the shores of Lost Lake in pursuit of local wildlife that calls the mud home. We will learn about the adaptations of the crayfish, explore numerous bugs that don't stray far from the shore and even try our hands at fishing to try and reel in one of the elusive bullheads in the waters. This program is for everyone however children younger than 7 will have to be accompanied by an adult. We will provide all participants with a stream dipping net, a fishing rod, bait, a life jacket, and the perfect summer program!

$5 residents $7 non-residents Register by June 10

Saturday, July 15th (11-12:30) (1st-4th)

Danger Noodles - These are the types of programs that get our cold blood moving in the morning. Join a Lost Lake Naturalist on the fascinating trip down reptile lane as we explore everything snake in this summer program. From our backyards in Michigan to the desserts of Africa there are some cool slithering noodles moving across the ground and trees on this planet. We will have several snakes to meet (and even hold if you're brave enough) at the nature center and then we will head into the woods to search for some local residents. You will even get to create a large snake to take home, sssss!

$5 residents $7 non-residents Register by July 8

Register for these classes at 248-656-0999 or dinosaurhill.org

Saturday, August 5th (11-12:30) (Pre K-1st)

Hop Along Summer - It's no secret that Lost Lake has several frogs, toads and other amphibians moving about our trail system and it's about time we learned a little about them by hopping in their footsteps. Find your way over to our frogopolis and take a short walk around the park in pursuit for amphibians! We will learn how to crawl on logs like salamanders, hop across a lawn obstacle course like a frog and even how to catch bugs with a sticky tongue! This program has been made especially for tadpole fun!

$5 residents $7 non-residents Register by July 29

Summer Camp (Registration Required via www.dinosaurhill.org):

Monday - Friday July 31st - August 4th (10am-3pm) (K-3rd)

Wild Kids of Lost Lake - For the true park experience, you need to join us for our Wild Kids of Lost Lake summer camp. This week long day camp features five themed days inundated with fun. Whether it's casting a line out into the lake, wading through the swampland in search of frogs and snakes, concocting wacky experiments inside or simply learning how to climb a tree we have something for everyone in this adventure of a week. This camp will feature a large variety of scientific and educational activities. We will picnic outside whenever the weather permits so bring a bagged lunch to keep your little scientist fueled so they can continue inspecting insects beneath stereoscopes, dodging water balloons and enjoying the beautiful surroundings of Lost Lake.

$140 residents $170 non-resident Register by July 24

Oakland Township Parks and Recreation
Fitness/Wellness Programs Summer 2017

Call 248-651-7810 to register or go to www.oaklandtownship.org to print registration page to mail in.

Tai Chi In The Park (Outdoors) Adults 18+

Tuesdays, 6:00 - 7:00pm
Bear Creek Nature Park, 740 West Snell Road, Rochester, MI 48306

Find peace and serenity from a busy, stressful day through Tai Chi. Tai Chi exercises the mind and body by increasing wellbeing and improving balance, coordination and strength. Students will learn the basic forms and elegant movements of the Yang Style Short Form Tai Chi. Students should be able to support their weight while standing or bring a chair if unable to stand. Students should wear loose and comfortable clothing and shoes. No flip flops or sandals. Traditional Tai Chi shoes are optional. Bring water bottle. Led by Marci Jenkins.* 8 week sessions. **Marci has over 20 years of Tai Chi training and practice. She has experience in the Yang Style and Wu System of Tai Chi. She is currently teaching at the Older Persons' Commission in Rochester.*

Residents: $40 **Non-residents: $80**

Session 1
May 9 - June 27, 2017
Register by: May 2

Session 2
August 1- September 19, 2017
Register by July 25

Rain location:
Paint Creek Cider Mill,
4480 Orion Rd.,
Rochester, MI 48306

Outdoor Boot Camp In The Park Ages 12+

Mondays, June 19 - July 31, 2017 (no class July 3) 6:00 - 7:00pm
Bear Creek Nature Park, 740 W. Snell Road

Break out of the confines of your gym and take in the refreshing spring air of Bear Creek Nature Park! Bear Creek Nature Park offers a small-group outdoor boot camp that uses the different features around the park to create a fun workout for all levels. Circuit activities like the meadow mile, pavilion push-ups, and nature node knee bends, are sure to offer enough variety to keep you motivated. This fun and challenging boot camp-in-the-park will get you fit! Taught by Retro Fitness' certified trainer, Sharon DeRouin, a certified trainer with 25 years experience. 6 week session. 1 hour class (5 min. warm up, 45 min. circuit activities, 10 min. cool down and stretch).

Residents: $40 **Non-Residents: $80** **Register by: June 12**

Yoga On The Lake Adults 12+

Lost Lake Nature Park, 846 Lost Lake Trail, Oakland, MI 48363

Wouldn't you rather be outside during spring and summer? Step out of the studio and enjoy doing yoga in the warmth of the sun and in full view of serene Lost Lake. Whether you are a seasoned practitioner or newer to yoga, this gentle All Levels class is just right for you! Bring your own yoga mat. Led by Pavel Bednarski. All Levels. 6-week sessions.
All classes will take place on the dock. Rain location is the on-site Nature Center.

Residents: $48 **Non-residents $72**

Session 1
Sundays, 9:30 - 10:30 am
May 28 - July 2, 2017
Register by May 22

Session 2
Sundays, 9:30 - 10:30 am
July 16 - August 27, 2017
(no class July 30)
Register by July 10

Session 3
Sundays, 9:30 - 10:30 am
September 10 - October 15, 2017
Register by Sept. 1

Call, email, mail, or visit us in person! Complete registration details on page 16.

Oakland Township Parks and Recreation and SOMO
Spring and Summer Run/Walk Club - *Adult 16+*

Tired of running and walking alone? Looking for a new way to motivate yourself and others to get moving or a good way to expand your workout group? Exercising with family, friends and neighbors can keep you motivated, improve your accountability and help you meet new people with similar goals. Oakland Township Parks and Recreation has partnered with Socially Motivated Wellness (SOMO) to offer our very own Running and Walking Club! The club participants will use either a run/walk/run or a walk/shuffle interval method. Anyone can participate. Groups will be introduced to a variety of terrain on trails at Bear Creek Nature Park and Paint Creek Trail. The beginning of each session will feature an expert speaker covering various topics including how to dress for the elements, proper nutrition, yoga, stretching, how to run/walk safely, and more. Workouts will run approximately 20 to 50 minutes. *SOMO has nine years of experience in training people for running races and has worked with race organization such as the Crim Fitness Foundation and The Brooksie Way.* Fee includes training materials and entry into 2 local 5K (3.1 mile) races. 7 weeks.

Tuesday, July 11 - August 22, 2017 8:00am
Paint Creek Cider Mill, 1st Floor Conference Room, 4480 Orion Road, Rochester, MI 48306

Oakland Township Residents: $60 Non-residents: $80 Register by: July 3

Oakland Township Parks and Recreation Explore Nature Programs Summer 2017

Water Rockets Ages 7 - 15 years old

Tuesday, May 30, 2017, 4:30 - 6:00pm
Marsh View Park, Field B, 3100 East Clarkston Road, Oakland, MI 48363

With the temperatures beginning to warm up and Summer right around the corner, nothing would be more fitting than attempting to send our own astronauts up into space and getting a little wet. We will be learning about propulsion and water pressure as we construct our own water rockets and launch them into the skies. Does a nose cone aid or hinder your rocket? What about the shape of the wings? Experimentation will lead us to answers!

Resident: $5 Non-resident: $7 Register by May 23

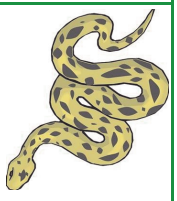
Lost Lake Kayak Nature Tour - Adults 14+

Saturday, June 3, 2017, 6:30-8:00pm
Lost Lake Nature Park, 846 Lost Lake Trail, Oakland, MI 48363

Join a park naturalist for a leisurely guided tour on the beautiful waters of Lost Lake. While we are out on the water we will learn about the nature we see along the way...from resident muskrats building their nests to water fowl fishing in the reeds. Designed for individuals and their friends and family; not groups. All equipment provided-7 single and 2 tandem kayaks available.
Prior experience is necessary. Formal instruction is not provided.

Resident: $20 Non-resident: $35 Register by May 26

Super Snakes at Township Lakes - Ages 7 - 15 years old



Monday, June 5, 2017, 4:30 - 6:00pm
Lost Lake Nature Park, 846 Lost Lake Trail, Oakland, MI 48363

Michigan is home to 19 different types of slithering snakes and we love each and every one for their unique characteristics and how they benefit their surroundings. Join us at Lost Lake as we get hands-on with several different species of snakes from around the world before heading out on a snake hunt to see if we can see a few of our more common species in their natural habitats. We will even learn how to sing like a garter snake's favorite snack, perhaps to lure them out of hiding!

Resident: $5 Non-resident: $7 Register by May 30

Oakland Township Parks and Recreation

Explore Nature Programs Summer 2017

Call 248-651-7810 to register or go to www.oaklandtownship.org to print registration page to mail in.

Lightning Bugs - Family, all ages

Friday, June 16, 2017, 8:30 - 10:00pm
Bear Creek Nature Park, 740 West Snell Road, Rochester, MI 48306

There's nothing that we enjoy more than sitting out on our porches in June and watching the fireflies twinkling across the lawn. Join us for this program around the campfire as we learn all there is to know about lightning bugs and other bioluminescent animals that can be found (some in the strangest places) and put together a glow in the dark lightning bug charm to take home!

Resident: $5 Non-resident: $7 Family Max 4 or more $20/$28 Register by June 9

Free Fishing - Family, all ages 2 sessions at both parks!

Lost Lake Nature Park
846 Lost Lake Trail, Oakland, MI 48363
Saturday, June 10, 2017
9-10:15am or 10:30-11:45am

*Draper Twin Lake Park**
1015 Inwood, Oakland, MI 48363
Sunday, June 11, 2017
9-10:15am or 10:30-11:45am

Fishing is a part of Michigan's heritage. Fishing is also a relaxing pastime and a great way to spend time with your family...there is no room for cell phones, texting or tv on the dock. This program is your chance to try out fishing - we will supply the equipment and know how - you supply the sense of humor and willingness to try something new. We will also learn about types of bait and lures to use, the types of fish you may encounter in township parks and some tips on nearby "fishing holes"... you don't have to go up north to get away! All fishing license fees are waived, register early as we fill up quickly!

FREE! Register by June 2

**The distance from the parking lot to the dock is approximately one-half mile via accessible path.*

Moonlight Paddle - Adults 18+

Sunday, July 9, 2017, 9:30 - 10:30pm
Lost Lake Nature Park, 846 Lost Lake Trail, Oakland, MI 48363

Join us for an evening paddle illuminated by the moonlight for this exciting after-dark program. We will engage in lunar lit kayaking while discussing the many moons that inhabit our solar system as well as share stories and legends from around the world. Designed for individuals and their friends; not groups. All kayak equipment provided. Prior kayak experience necessary. Formal instruction not provided.

Resident: $15 Non-resident: $30 Register by: July 3

Call, email, mail, or visit us in person! Complete registration details on page 16

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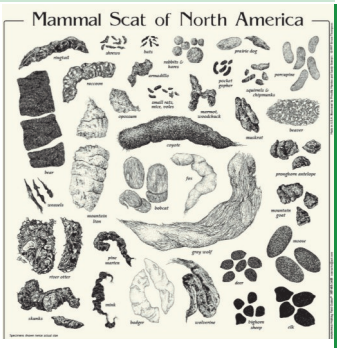
The Wonderful World of Scat - K - 5th grade (ages 6 - 10 years)



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Thursday, July 13, 2017, 1:00 - 2:30pm
Cranberry Lake Park, 388 West Predmore Road, Oakland, MI 48363

It was bound to happen eventually. We've had programs where we go outside and view animal tracks, investigate deer scrapings, and even observe bird nests, but why leave one of the most incriminating pieces of evidence out of the mix? It's about time we had a program all about poop. Join us at Cranberry Lake as we investigate the many differences in the world of animal scat. What can we learn by looking at animal waste? We'll even make some edible scat replicas to take home. Yum!

Resident: $5 Non-resident: $7 Register by July 6

Full Moon Walk & Glow T-Shirts - Family ages 5+

Friday, August 4, 2017, 9:00 - 10:30pm
Cranberry Lake Park, 388 West Predmore Road, Oakland, MI 48363

We spend so much time exploring our beautiful parks during the day but we're missing out on half the action! Join us for a special after-hours program as we make glow-in-the-dark tee shirts and venture out onto the trails at Cranberry Lake in pursuit of owls, frogs, spiders, coyotes, bats and everyone else a little more nocturnal that we are. We'll be illuminated by a full moon but we recommend bringing a flashlight in case of clouds.

Resident: $5 Non-resident: $7 Family Max 4 or more $20/$28 Register by July 28

Frog and Turtle Safari - Pre-K (ages 3 - 5 years)

Wednesday, August 16, 2017 10:00 - 11:00am
Bear Creek Nature Park, 740 West Snell Road, Rochester, MI 48306

Smear some sunscreen under your eyes, dab your arms and legs with bug spray and prepare yourself for an adventure! We'll be taking a few of our smallest and bravest explorers on a journey around Bear Creek Nature Park with a wagon of scientific instruments to safely catch, observe, study and release a few of our favorite resident reptiles. Like any good explorer, though, we are going to need a pair of binoculars so we'll be making some before hitting the trails!

Resident: $5 Non-resident: $7 Register by August 9

Mom & I Hop Like Grasshoppers! - Mom and Baby

Thursday, August 17, 2017, 10:30 - 11:30am
Bear Creek Nature Park, 740 West Snell Rd., Rochester, MI 48306

Join us for a special "mommy and me" program all about our favorite insects: grasshoppers. We'll take a walk in the shoes of a grasshopper and learn all about their diet (by eating grasshopper food), their behaviors (by warming in the sun and hopping), and even how they make noise! We'll put together our own grasshopper instruments to take out on the trails and call to our kindred sprits as we march like insects! This program is catered towards mothers and babies.

Resident: $5 Non-resident: $7 Register by August 10

Oakland Township Parks and Recreation
2017 Summer Camps

Call 248-651-7810 to register or go to www.oaklandtownship.org to print registration page to mail in.

Outdoor Skills Camp
Lost Lake Nature Center, 846 Lost Lake Trail, Oakland, MI 48363

Grades 5th - 9th

Monday - Friday July 17 - 21, 2017
10:00am - 12:30pm

Register by: July 10

Adults 18+

Monday - Friday July 17 - 21, 2017
6:00 - 8:00pm

Register by: July 10

The outdoors are for everyone…

This camp will introduce a variety of fun outdoor activities including archery, kayaking, and fishing (catch and release), and basic survival skills like reading a map and recognizing your surroundings, fire starting, shelter building, obtaining drinkable water, wild plant identification and animal observation. All activities are weather dependant.

Resident: $100 Non-resident: $120

Rochester Soccer Club Summer Instructional Soccer Camps Oakland Township

Now being offered at Marsh View Park in Oakland Township!

The RSC recreation summer instructional camps will provide all players with individual soccer skill activities and lots of age specific soccer games. All sessions will focus on player development in a low stress, fun environment. Instruction will consist of highly personalized curriculum in an enjoyable yet challenging setting.

Who:	Soccer players ages 3 - 12 years old
When:	6/19 - 6/23, 7/10 - 7/14, 7/24 - 7/28
Time:	1:00 - 2:30pm, Monday - Friday (ages 5 - 12) 1:30 - 2:30pm, Monday - Friday (ages 3- 4)
Location:	Marsh View Park, 3100 East Clarkston Road, Oakland, 48363
Cost:	$85 per week for ages 5 - 12 and $60 per week for ages 3 - 4 Campers receive an RSC summer camp t-shirt
Things to bring:	Soccer ball, soccer shoes, shin guards, soccer apparel and water
The Staff:	Coaching staff will include top soccer professionals from the Rochester Soccer Club as well as current and alumni RSC players.

For further information and to register:
Visit the website *www.rscsoccer.org*, or email *office@rscsoccer.org* or call *248-650-0113*

Adult Men's Soccer League at Marsh View Park Did you love playing soccer as a kid? You can play post-high school to post-retirement right in your own backyard by joining the Michigan United Soccer League. Marsh View Park is host to MUSL games - players are mostly local or from the Greater Rochester Area. To join visit: musl.net

Check out page 14 for our Archery Camp!

Oakland Township Parks and Recreation
Outdoor Adventure Programs Summer 2017

Call 248-651-7810 to register or go to www.oaklandtownship.org to print registration page to mail in.

Fun Basics of Kayaking - 4 sessions!

Lost Lake Nature Park, 846 Lost Lake Trail , Oakland, MI 48363

This clinic is taught both on land and in the water and will focus on safety and introductory stroke *techniques*. Learn basic kayaking safety skills such as fitting your life jacket, what clothing to wear and getting into and out of your kayak from a dock. Basic paddling skills include forward, reverse, and turning strokes. Designed for new paddlers and anyone who would like formal instruction. Lost Lake is open calm flat water without jet skis and motor boats. Lost Lake Nature Park and its beautiful dock and kayak launch are universally accessible.

Session 1	***Session 2***	***Session 3***	***Session 4***
Saturday, May 13, 2017	*Saturday, June 3, 2017*	*Saturday, July 22, 2017*	*Saturday, August 26, 2017*
10:00am - 12:00pm	*10:00am - 12:00pm*	*10:00am - 12:00pm*	*10:00am - 12:00pm*
Register by May 5	**Register by May 26**	**Register by July 15**	**Register by August 19**

Residents: $20 **Non-residents: $35**

Items to bring: water bottle, water shoes or light weight sneakers, sunglasses, bug repellent, and wear synthetic clothing. At the time of registration we will ask you for your approximate height and weight so that we may size you with the proper gear. We paddle in light rain (it is a water sport). However, if there is a 60% or greater chance of thunderstorms 2 hours prior to the clinic we will contact you to cancel with a full refund issued or reschedule the clinic.

Next Step Beginning Kayaking - 4 sessions!

Lost Lake Nature Park, 846 Lost Lake Trail, Oakland, MI 48363

This clinic is for those who have completed our *Fun Basics of Kayaking* clinic or have some experience at kayaking and are looking to increase their skill level. This clinic will focus on safety on the water and stroke *development.* Learn how to fit your boat to your body on land in order to practice techniques for staying in your boat on water to avoid tipping over! Discuss what to do if you do tip over. Learn about the different types of paddles and the side stroke. Then use paddling patterns to practice and perfect your paddling strokes. For the more adventurous we may have kayak races!

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12:30pm - 2:00pm	*12:30pm - 2:00pm*	*12:30pm - 2:00pm*	*12:30pm - 2:00pm*
Register by May 5	**Register by May 26**	**Register by July 15**	**Register by August 19**

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Check out page 13 for more kayak programs!

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Kayaks Available for Rental at Lost Lake Nature Park!

We have recently purchased kayaks to offer park users the opportunity to get out on Lost Lake, where wildlife and water lilies abound! Starting April 29, 2017, paddlers can rent kayaks at Lost Lake Nature Park on Saturdays and Sundays, throughout the warm weather season. Lost Lake's small size and easily accessible kayak launch are great for paddlers of all abilities. Take advantage of this opportunity to practice your kayaking skills while exploring this 8-acre glacial lake. Kayak, paddle and life vest supplied. Note: Weight limit for single kayak is 230 lbs. Kayak at your own risk. No supervision or instruction is provided. View our kayak rental policy on our website: www.oaklandtownship.org

Registration must be completed one week in advance of requested rental date.

Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration, driver's license, signed liability waiver, rental fee and deposit required. One person kayak: minimum age 10 years old. Two person kayak: minimum age 6 years old with an adult on board.

Rental Dates:

Saturdays
April 29, May 6, 27,
July 8, 15, 29, August 5, 12, 19
10am - 12pm or 12pm - 2pm

Sundays
April 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28, June 11, 18, 25,
July 9, 16, 23, 30, August 13, 20, 27
12pm - 2pm or 2pm - 4pm

Fees:

Resident Rate:

1-person kayak for 2 hours	$10/boat
2-person kayak for 2 hours	$15/boat

Non-Resident Rate:

1-person kayak for 2 hours	$20/boat
2-person kayak for 2 hours	$30/boat

Stand Up Paddle Boarding! Adults 14+

Lost Lake Nature Park
846 Lost Lake Trail, Oakland, MI 48363
Saturday, May 20, 2017
10:00 - 11:00am and 11:30am - 12:30pm
Register by May 12
Saturday, June 24, 2017
10:00 - 11:00am and 11:30am - 12:30pm
Register by June 16

Draper Twin Lake Park*
1015 Inwood Road, Rochester, MI 48306
Saturday, July 15, 2017
10:00 - 11:00am and 11:30am - 12:30pm
Register by July 10
Saturday, August 19, 2017
10:00 - 11:00am and 11:30am - 12:30pm
Register by August 14

Stand Up Paddle Boarding (SUP) is a great new water activity sweeping the country, and it's easy and fun to learn. Learn to paddle in a safe environment with experienced instructors, and quality equipment at breathtaking Lost Lake or beautiful Draper Twin Lake! Paddlers 14 years and older welcome. All equipment is included. Please wear a bathing suit or clothes you don't mind getting wet. All levels welcome. Weight limit 220 lbs. 1 class - 1 hour session (May sign up for more than one session)

Residents: $20 Non-residents: $35

**Draper Twin Lake is the larger of the two lakes and will be more challenging for the beginner. Both are calm water lakes. Come early. The distance from the parking lot to the dock, which has lake access, is approximately one-half mile via accessible path.*

Junior Olympic Archery Development

JOAD, Adult Archery Program and Competitive Advantage registrations are through Brandon Wright at 586-770-1859 or risingphoenixarchery@gmail.com

All archery classes are held at Marsh View Park, 3100 East Clarkston Road, Oakland, MI 48363.
New expanded archery range is 90 meters!

JUNIOR OLYMPIC ARCHERY DEVELOPMENT (JOAD) (Ages 8-20) & ADULT ARCHERY PROGRAM (Ages 21+)

Archers who have completed Beginning and Intermediate Archery courses can join our JOAD Club or Adult Archery Program to begin advancing their archery techniques. Both programs are the logical "next step" for archers pursuing this lifetime sport. In addition to receiving clear instruction and coaching via our National Training System, membership in an archery club provides unique benefits including the opportunity to compete and earn awards, make new friends, build confidence & team building skills and is a great upper body workout! In collaboration with *Rising Phoenix Archery*. USA Archery sanctioned club. 5 week sessions

Tuesdays 6pm to 8pm

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
5/16/17 - 6/13/17	6/20/17 - 7/25/17 (no club 7/4)	8/8/17 - 9/5/17

Residents: $65 Individual $130 Family (up to 4)
Non-Residents: $80 Individual/$160 Family (up to 4)

Register for these archery classes with Brandon at 586-770-1859 or risingphoenixarchery@gmail.com

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE (All Ages)

Competitive Advantage is geared towards athletes who strive to be competitive on the state and national level. Through a unique combination of fundamentals, fitness, and fun this program is designed to promote the growth of the individual as a person and as a competitor. We will provide the skills and the motivation needed to succeed in this exciting and competitive sport! Contact *Rising Phoenix Archery* for a list of eligibility requirements. In collaboration with *Rising Phoenix Archery*. USA Archery sanctioned club. 5 week sessions

Wednesdays 6pm to 8pm

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
5/17/17 - 6/14/17	6/21/17 - 7/26/17 (no club 7/5)	8/9/17 - 9/6/17

Residents: $65 Individual $130 Family (up to 4); Non-Residents: $80 Individual/$160 Family (up to 4)

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More Kayaking Fun! Draper Twin Lake Park, 1015 Inwood Road

Kayak Polo

Saturday, July 15th, 1:30pm - 3:00pm

For intermediate or advanced kayakers - All ages

Like playing water polo in a boat! Put your paddle skills to the test and join us for a day of fun on Draper Twin Lake! We will form teams together and play a few friendly games. Teams can score a goal using their paddle to hit the ball on the water or the ball can also be picked up by hand and thrown to a teammate.

Use our kayak equipment or bring your own canoe, SUP or kayak and paddle and life jacket.
All participants must wear a life jacket.

Resident: $10, Non-resident: $15
Equipment rental - Resident: Free, Non-resident: $5
Register by July 7.

Kayak Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, August 19th, 1:30pm - 2:30pm

For beginner and intermediate kayakers - All ages

Join us while we explore Draper Twin Lake and search for hidden treasure! Any treasures found can be kept. A great way to work on your paddle skills!

Use our kayak equipment or bring your own canoe, SUP or kayak, paddle and life jacket.
All participants must wear a life jacket.

Resident: $10, Non-resident: $15
Equipment rental - Resident: Free, Non-resident: $5
Register by August 11

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All archery classes are held at Marsh View Park, 3100 East Clarkston Road, Oakland, MI 48363.
New expanded archery range is 90 meters!

Beginning Archery - All Ages (Ages 6 - Adult)

REGISTER NOW! Call, email, mail, or visit us in person! Complete registration details on page 16.

Looking for something new and fun to try on a beautiful Friday evening or Saturday morning? This fun class is for you and your family! Our instructors will cover safety, equipment and basic fundamentals of shooting. All equipment provided. 4 week program.

Fridays	6/16/17 - 7/14/17	6:00 - 7:00pm (no class July 7)
Saturdays	6/17/17 - 7/15/17	10:00 - 11:00am (no class 7/1/17)
	8/5/17 - 8/26/17	10:00 - 11:00am

Residents: $45 Non-Residents: $60 Register by: June 9

Next Step Archery - All Ages (Ages 8 - Adult)

This program is for archers who have taken Beginning Archery or archers with experience. Focus on improving your archery form and accuracy. Equipment provided or may use your own. No crossbows or broadheads. 6 week program.

Saturdays	7/22/17 - 8/26/17	3:00 - 4:00pm

Residents: $60 Non-Residents: $77 Register by: July 14

Introduction to Archery - All Ages (Ages 8 - Adult)

This is a "Taste of Archery" class. This class will give all participants a brief introduction to target archery using a compound bow. All equipment provided. Participants can choose from one of the following classes. If you love it, sign up for one of our beginner classes!

Mondays 6:00 - 7:00pm

6/19/17 or 6/26/17 or 7/10/17 or 7/17/17 or 7/24/17 or 7/31/17 or 8/7/17 or 8/14/17 or 8/21/17

Residents: $15 Non-Residents: $20 Please pick one class only.

Come join our Explore Archery Camp! Ages 8 - 18

Aiming to create a fun environment for motivated archers!
Explore Archery is a new and innovative archery education program focused on introducing beginners to the lifelong sport of archery. In Explore Archery, campers earn achievement awards through active participation in individual and team building activities that require fundamental skills, a competitive edge and a bit of creativity and not based on campers' athletic abilities or their capabilities to shoot a perfect score. It is fun, rewarding, developmentally progressive and most important safe.

Monday, July 31 - Friday, August 4, 2017 10:00am - 12:00pm

Residents: $100 Non-Residents: $120 Register by: July 24

Zombie Shoot! (Ages 8 - Adult)

Head down to the archery range at Marsh View Park and test your skills on monster zombie targets. No experience necessary. **MUST PRE-REGISTER by July 14.**

Saturdays	7/22/17	10:00am - 11:00am
	7/29/17	10:00am - 11:00am

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All archery classes are held at Marsh View Park, 3100 East Clarkston Road, Oakland, MI 48363.
Newly expanded archery range is 90 meters!

OPEN RANGE SHOOT - Ages 8 - Adult FREE!

Drop-in opportunity to practice archery skills! Prior archery experience necessary. No instruction provided. Monitored by a safety officer. Bring your own equipment or use ours on first-come, first-served basis. No cross-bows or broadheads.

Children between 8 and 17 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

FREE to the public. DROP-IN. NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Fridays	6/16/17 - 7/14/17	7:00 - 8:00pm (no open range July 7)
Saturdays	6/17/17 - 7/15/17	11:00am - 4:00pm (no open range 7/1/17)
	7/22/17 - 8/26/17	11:00am - 3:00pm
Mondays	6/19/17 - 8/21/17	7:00 - 8:00pm

Adult Archery League - Adults 18+

League shooters attend any open range shooting time they choose to shoot their 30 arrows for the week, each week for 4 weeks. Every week we tabulate the scores, and at the end of the league award the top 3 shooters with prizes. Need not be present to collect league awards. Everyone receives an Archery shirt. League shooters can bring their own equipment or use you may use our equipment.

League 1	6/16/17 - 7/15/17	Award date: 7/15/17 at 3:00pm
League 2	7/24/17 - 8/19/17	Award date: 8/19/17 at 2:00pm

Residents: $40 Non-Residents: $50 Register by: June 9

Youth Archery League - Ages 8-17

League shooters attend any open shooting time they choose to shoot their 30 arrows for the week, each week for 4 weeks. Every week we tabulate the scores, and at the end of the league award the top 3 shooters with prizes. Need not be present to collect league awards. Everyone receives an Archery shirt. League shooters can bring their own equipment or you may use our equipment.

League 1	6/16/17 - 7/15/17	Award date: 7/15/17 at 3:00pm
League 2	7/24/17 - 8/19/17	Award date: 8/19/17 at 2:00pm

Residents: $40 Non-Residents: $50 Register by: June 9

Explore Bow Hunting Class - Ages 8+

From Paleo to today, hunting with a bow and arrow is a skill set that, when honed, is fun and rewarding. Come out and learn skills such as animals signs, shot placement and proper equipment. Taught by USA Archery and MDNR trained archery instructor.

Wednesday	8/30/17	5:00 - 8:00pm

Residents: $30 Non-Residents: $35 Register by: August 23

REGISTER NOW! Call, email, mail, or visit us in person! Complete registration details on page 16

Registration Information

Oakland Township residents registration starts NOW!
(*This is for residents living within the Oakland Township boundary.)*
Non-Resident registration begins one week prior to the program registration deadline date.
Programs fill-up quickly so please contact us early!

Registration Options:

1. **Fill out the form below, print & complete a waiver for each participant, and register by mail.**
   Make checks payable to "Charter Township of Oakland" and mail with registration form and signed waiver for each participant to:
   Charter Township of Oakland
   4393 Collins Rd., Rochester, MI 48306

2. **Visit us at our office location and register in person. ($2.95 fee)**
   Credit cards (MasterCard, American Express, or Discover) accepted in person only.
   Paint Creek Cider Mill Bldg. (2nd Floor)
   4480 Orion Rd., Rochester, MI 48306
   Office Hours:
   Monday - Friday 8am - 4:30pm

Registration form and waiver are available for printing at www.oaklandtownship.org

Refund policy:
Registrants will receive a full refund for programs cancelled by Oakland Township Parks and Recreation. Registrants withdrawing more than 4 business days prior to the program start date will receive a refund, less a $5.00 administration fee. No refunds will be made if withdrawing less than 4 business days from program start date. All registrants wishing to withdraw, must do so during regular business hours Monday-Friday, 8am-4:30pm in person at the Paint Creek Cider Mill, 4480 Orion Rd., or by phone at 248-651-7810.
Visit www.oaklandtownship.org for complete program information and other Park and Recreation information, permits, and ordinances.

Mail at least two weeks before program date!

Adult's Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____ Emergency phone: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E Mail Address: _____

Resident of (circle one): Oakland Twp. Rochester Rochester Hills Other

Enrollee's Name: _____ Age (if child): _____

Program Name: _____ Date and Time: _____

Program Name: _____ Date and Time: _____

Amount Due: _____

REGISTER NOW!

Oakland Township Parks Natural Areas Stewardship

Natural Areas Stewardship Events

Please come out and join us for one of these events! Updated information and any last minute changes to these events can be found on our Natural Areas Notebook website at **oaklandnaturalareas.com**.

*All minors must have a waiver signed by a guardian, and minors under 14 must be accompanied by a guardian.

Volunteer Workdays at Paint Creek Heritage Area – Wet Prairie

Please join us for one of these free events! Drop-ins are welcome, but it's best to contact us in advance so that we can bring enough tools and supplies. Updated information on these events can be found on our blog at oaklandnaturalareas.com.

We will be removing invasive shrubs such as buckthorn and autumn olive to help native species thrive at Paint Creek Heritage Area Wet Prairie. Wear solid boots, long pants, and a long-sleeved shirt and bring water and a snack. Tools and training will be provided. Expect the work to be physical in nature. All workdays are Saturdays, 9 am to 12 pm. Meet at the Silver Bell Road parking lot along the Paint Creek Trail (1100 Silver Bell Road, Rochester, MI 48306).

- June 24
- July 22
- August 5

Phragmites, Knotweed, and Swallow-wort: ID and manage high-priority invasive plants!

We will walk through the basics of identifying, controlling, and reporting priority invasive species. These invasive plants are known to reduce property values, degrade natural areas, and impair wildlife habitat. Don't let these plants get established on your property!

Paint Creek Cider Mill, 4480 Orion Rd, Rochester, MI 48306

- June 27, 2017, 6:30 pm

FREE! No registration required!

Weekly Bird Walks

Join us every Wednesday from June to August for our weekly bird walks. We want to document the bird species using our parks so that we can work to improve their habitat. Walks will start at 7:30 am. Some extra binoculars are available.

- 1st Wednesday of month – Bear Creek Nature Park
- 2nd Wednesday of month – Cranberry Lake Park
- 3rd Wednesday of month – Charles Ilsley Park
- 4th Wednesday of month – Draper Twin Lake Park
- 5th Wednesday of August – Lost Lake Nature Park

Japanese Knotweed

Swallow-wort

*The Natural Areas Notebook has the latest about what's happening in the parks (like Cam Mannino's weekly feature **This Week at Bear Creek**), news about the latest stewardship work, and up-to-date information about stewardship events. Find this and much more at oaklandnaturalareas.com.*

Phragmites Outreach Program for Oakland Township Residents

Phragmites does not recognize property lines, so we want to partner with you! This large, invasive grass grows primarily in wet areas and can reach heights of 15 feet or more. Phragmites (pronounced *frag-MY-tees*) reduces property values; crowds out habitat for wildlife and native plants; impairs drainage in streams; blocks views at intersections; and can cause hot, damaging fires if ignited. We realize that our efforts can only be successful if we collaborate with township residents!

Since 2015, Oakland Township Parks and Recreation (OTPR) has offered residents a cost effective and simple Phragmites control program that is modeled after existing, successful programs in nearby communities. OTPR simplifies the process for you by performing the following services:

1. Acquires a permit from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to allow Phragmites treatment.
2. Pre-qualifies contractor(s) to perform this work.
3. Requests competitive quotes for labor and materials to treat Phragmites for participating landowners.
4. Contracts with qualified companies to complete the treatment. OTPR will not make money from this program.
5. Completes the final treatment report and submits it to the MDEQ.

Interested landowners should request a free no-obligation cost estimate by August 1, 2017. Any landowners that agree to treatment will pay the contractor for work on their property (at cost). As a courtesy to our contractors, applications received after August 1 cannot be considered. Please visit the Township website page to learn more about the program, http://www.oaklandtownship.org/boards_and_commissions/parks_and_recreation/phragmites.php. Contact Ben VanderWeide, Natural Areas Stewardship Manager, with any questions or concerns at 248-651-7810.

Oakland County CISMA: Pulling Together Against Invasive Species

C I S M A
Oakland County Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area

The OC CISMA was established in December 2014 by 19 partners. Today the partnership consists of approximately 25 members of local, county, state, and federal governments, non-profit organizations, and universities. Using a $243,775 grant from the 2015 Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program, the OC CISMA is focused on managing the spread of five State-priority invasive species: invasive Phragmites, black and pale swallow-worts, Japanese knotweed, European frogbit, and flowering rush. These invasive species are not native to Michigan and damage our economy and environment, reducing property values, damaging infrastructure, and degrading natural areas.

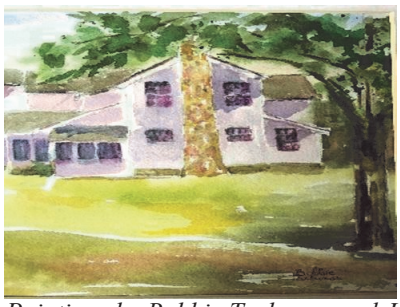
In the past year, OC CISMA partners have treated 113 miles of Phragmites in road rights-of-way, managed 1,097 acres of priority invasive species, allocated $205,411 for invasive species control, and developed a Strategic Invasive Species Management Plan for all of Oakland County. In 2016, the OC CISMA also facilitated rapid response to the first sighting of water hyacinth in Oakland County, ensuring the plants were removed within two days of the initial report. Look for more great work this year!

Oakland Township Parks and Recreation is actively participating in the OC CISMA. In 2016, we were able to treat Phragmites within major road rights-of-way in Oakland Township using grant funds through the OC CISMA. The OC CISMA helps us collaborate with our neighboring communities and exchange ideas, making our control efforts more efficient and effective. To learn more about the Oakland County CISMA, visit its website (www.stewardshipnetwork.org/oc-cisma), send them an email (occisma@stewardshipnetwork.org), or connect on Facebook!

Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District

A community historical center - work in progress for you!

For more information contact Historic District Commission office 248-608-6807
Visit www.oaklandtownship.org, under departments, Historic District Commission



Paintings by Bobbie Tarbunas and Janet Almstadt-Davison

PAINTING PLEIN AIR WITH ARTS AND CULTURE PROGRAM

Plein Air Painting class taught by two professional artists, Janet Almstadt-Davison and Bobbie Tarbunas. Date is Thursday, June 22 from 10 AM to 2 PM. Janet has been a Plein air painter and teacher for over 30 years working in watercolor, pastels, oils, acrylics, pen and ink. Bobbie works in oil, acrylics and watercolor and is a lover of all things beautiful, a gardener, a nurse and protector of nature.

Class registration required, $30 Fee. Please sign up by June 16. All artistic mediums welcome!

Introduction to Beekeeping – Four program dates

Introduction to Beekeeping is a great way to learn how about honeybees, how to keep them, and their importance to our food chain. Meeting once a month on the 2nd Sat from 1 PM to 2PM. **May 13, June 10, July 8, and August 12 from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM.** Class taught by your local beekeeper Preston Zale who began his hobby of beekeeping just by helping another local beekeeper. Preston found the whole process so interesting that the following year he started one hive of his own. This year he is managing 15 hives for friends, family, and his own apiary, Popz Beez. **Come to one or come to all!** We will cover the basics of bees and bee health, beehives and maintenance, and of course, harvesting honey. Our meetings will be held inside the Hen House with optional trips to visit the hives in the park. Class is free and registration is required.

Free Square Dance is on Saturday, June 24, 2017 from 7 PM to 9 PM

The Vintage Family Square Dance is free and open to the public located at CLF. **Glen Morningstar and the Ruffwater Stringband** will return to calling dances at this must-attend event. We dance in the barn or on the lawn so please wear appropriate shoes. Bring your own picnic dinner or check the website to reserve a barbeque sandwich for a fee - only served from 6 to 7, reservation required. Contact the HDC Office at 248-608-6807 for directions and more information. The square dance is free and open to all – partners' do-si-do and an allemande left!

Parks and Recreation Team Update

Stewardship Specialist

Alexander Kriebel returns to Oakland Township Parks and Recreation as a Stewardship Specialist. He is a graduate of Madonna University, with a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science, which focused on mercury and *E. coli* levels in aquatic systems. His passion for the environment is fueled by his understanding of the necessity of preserving and protecting the surrounding environment for the benefit of both current and future generations. After all, a healthy ecosystem means a healthier planet, which translates to a healthier you. When not working to preserve what he loves, Alex can be found fishing, hunting, kayaking or wrenching on his jeep.

2017 Seasonal Staff

Land Stewardship Technicians

Zachary Peklo returns to our crew for a third summer as a land stewardship technician. Zach is working toward a degree in Natural Resource Management with an emphasis in Resource Analysis at Grand Valley State University. Zach graduated from Stoney Creek High School and enjoys hunting and fishing locally and throughout Michigan. He is interested in prescribed and wildland fire and educating others about natural areas. Zach hopes to further his experience in the natural resources management field and make a difference in Oakland Township's beautiful natural areas.

Billy Gibala joins our crew this summer as a land stewardship technician. He will be graduating this spring with a major in Wildlife Biology, and a minor in Regional and Urban Planning from the University of Michigan-Flint. He has always been interested in nature and is passionate about the conservation of threatened and endangered species. He lives in Lake Orion and loves to spend time hiking, bird watching, and cross-country skiing in nearby parks. He is excited to work to preserve local natural areas.

Josh Auyer will be joining our crew as a land stewardship technician. He will be graduating from Calvin College this spring with a degree in Biology, and previously worked at Calvin as an Ecosystem Preserve Steward. He has always loved working outside and looks forward to being part of the Oakland Township Parks and Recreation team. Growing up in Kalamazoo, MI, he has played hockey for most of his life, but enjoys playing all sports. He got married in January, and looks forward to moving to Oakland County with his wife, Libby.

New Partnership Means More Programs for Area Residents

At Lost Lake Nature Park

Oakland Township Parks and Recreation Commission and Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve are excited to announce a new partnership that will bring expanded nature programming to the Township. For over fifteen years, Dinosaur Hill and the Township Parks Department have partnered to bring a wide variety of outdoor educational programs to township residents. For the last three years, a committee made up of representatives from both organizations have been in discussions on how to expand those programs in a way that would be cost effective for the Township.

When the township acquired Lost Lake Nature Park, creating a small nature center available for educational programming was a top priority. The park is perfect for a variety of nature programs and outdoor recreation opportunities. With Lost Lake on the property, as well as a variety of mature trees, meadowland and rolling hills the park offers many different habitats to explore. So it only made sense that the committee began to look at how Dinosaur Hill and the Parks and Recreation Commission could join forces.

The two organizations have now entered into a formal partnership arrangement. The result of this arrangement will be a wider variety and greater number of educational programs being offered to area residents while keeping the expense reasonable for the township. At a time when many municipalities are having to close nature centers due to cut backs, the township has been able to partner with a nonprofit to provide the programs at a lower cost.

"There was a great demand for this type of service among our residents" stated Mindy Milos-Dale, Parks Director. "In our 2015 community survey the greatest desires of Oakland Township residents included having a Township nature center that offered nature appreciation and wildlife study programs. We have had a relationship with Dinosaur Hill for many years so it just made sense for us all to work together on this project. We are very proud of what we believe will be a model partnership arrangement."

...Naturalists will be on hand during the open houses to give visitors general orientations to the park...

Residents can expect to see more nature related programs and a greater variety of programs centered at the Lost Lake Nature Park off West Predmore Road. In addition to formal programs, the nature center will also be open for a number of open houses. "Open houses are a great way to come explore the park" according to Joel Miller, Lead Naturalist and Director of Outreach Programming for Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve. "We want to encourage folks to make a fun afternoon of it…come out, explore the park and bring a picnic lunch to enjoy at one of the tables overlooking Lost Lake." Each open house will have a theme and families and adults will have a chance to participate in crafts and activities that reflect that theme. Naturalists will be on hand during the open houses as well to give visitors general orientations to the park, answer questions and help guests get the most out of their visit.

Kayaks will even be available during most open houses so you can have a chance to get out and explore Lost Lake. "Kayak programs are popular among our residents", added Becky McLogan, Recreation Director for the Township. By having kayaks available during the open houses we hope to encourage more people to try this fun activity. Our dock and boat launch are universally accessible; providing all visitors, including those with mobility issues, the opportunity to experience the beauty of Lost Lake. Young and old alike will feel comfortable trying their hand at kayaking within its calm waters ".

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Safety Paths & Trails News

The Eagle Creek Boardwalk Is Now Open!

Residents can now enjoy this new 283' boardwalk paid solely through Oakland Township's Safety Paths and Trails millage. Located along the north side of Silverbell Road, just east of Kern Road, it connects the existing trails around Eagle Creek School to those at Country Creek subdivision, linking about 8.5 miles of continuous paths. The boardwalk's decking and rail caps are of a composite material for added longevity. Finishing touches scheduled for spring include the addition of rail caps and landscaping restoration.

Eagle Creek Boardwalk Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Check the township website for time & date.

All are welcome to join in celebrating the opening of this wonderful new community asset.

Welcome Joe Peruzzi

SPTC is pleased to announce that Joe Peruzzi has joined the committee as our Planning Commission representative, filling our seven-member requirement.

Safety Paths & Trails Meetings

The SPTC meets the first Wednesday of the month in the Township Hall at 5:30pm. Check the Township website to confirm meeting time and place. **Resident participation is always welcome.** Archived video of the meetings are available on the Township website or can be seen live on Comcast Channel 17.

SPTC 5-Year Strategy Plan Nears Completion

The Safety Paths and Trails Committee will soon be handing over their five-year SPT Strategy Plan to the Board of Trustees and legal consultants for final approval. Serving as a supplement to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, the Strategy Plan will not only help to guide the SPTC in their decision-making process, but also aides in the grant application process. When complete, a digital copy will be posted on the Township website and printed copies may be viewed at the Township Hall.

Monarchs Of the Parks

By Sue Neal, Executive Director, Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve

I am sure you've heard the headlines about some animal or another that is facing extinction somewhere in the world. We hear about it all too often. But so often it seems like we are removed from the issue…the animals are exotic and from a far away place…tigers in India, polar bears in the arctic or panda in China. Did you realize though that there are several species right here in Oakland County that are facing grave threats to their populations? And even more importantly…did you know that there are very real things you can do to help save those species?

For this article I want to focus on one specific species that is facing severe population declines. I've chosen this animal because it is one we are almost all familiar with and one where you can take immediate action to make a real impact in helping to save. If you are over the age of 20 I can bet that at some point in your childhood you had contact with a monarch butterfly. Perhaps you'd check milkweed for the fat yellow and black caterpillars that would spend their days munching away at the leaves…I used to swear I could see them growing bigger by the minute! Or maybe you would search the underside of the leaves for the amazing turquoise chrysalis…always with the signature gold dot on the top. Now take a moment to consider when the last time was you laid eyes on a monarch?

This year the monarch population that summers in Michigan faced some bad news. The latest population count indicates that the Eastern monarch population declined by approximately 27%...and that is from a level that was already unprecedentedly low. The main reason for the drastic decline is likely a rough winter storm season in their overwintering habitats in Mexico. The longer term downward trend, however, is based very strongly on a loss of habitat as well as increased use of harmful pesticides. Over the last two decades, the monarch population has decreased by about 80%. That is a big number and problem is complex because of the migratory nature of the monarch.

All is not lost. Scientists have observed in recent years that the monarch population has the ability to rebound from the population declines if they have the resources available to support the increased population. It will take a concentrated effort by organizations, governments and individuals from across the monarch flyway to bring the population back to the numbers we had in the 1990's.

Our local monarchs will spend the summer season in Michigan before beginning a 3,000 mile journey to their wintering grounds in Mexico and Central America. While here they will reproduce…if they have the right place to do it. Native species of milkweed are critical for monarch survival. It doesn't take much to see how much habitat in our area has evolved in the last fifteen years. Much of the open fields and forests have been turned into subdivisions. Monarchs, however, would be able to coexist with this development if folks would rethink the plain, green lawns that have become commonplace. It doesn't take much. A patch of flowers here and there will give the monarch the habitat they need in order to survive. The critical factor is getting enough homeowners, schools, businesses and municipalities to plant native plants…this creates a network of habitat so

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Oakland Township Historical Society

Schedule of Events Spring 2017

April 29-30 **Flumerfelt Flea Market**:

Please *Donate*, *Volunteer* to work, and *Shop* at our barn sale! As you clean out that closet, cupboard or basement, please keep us in mind for collectables, antiques and vintage household items! Contact Chairperson Colleen Barkham at 248-652-0712 to donate or volunteer.

May **Field Trip to Flint**: Applewood Estate

We are planning a trip to Applewood Estate which was the Flint home of C.S. Mott, one of the founders of the General Motors Corporation.

Date to be announced.

May 20-21 **Greater Rochester Heritage Days*: Annual Plant Sale**

Join us at Rochester Municipal Park for our annual perennial plant sale.

Contact Chairperson Jeanne Phillips 248-651-2940 to donate or volunteer.

**Please note that this year's event is moved up to one week before Memorial Day weekend.*

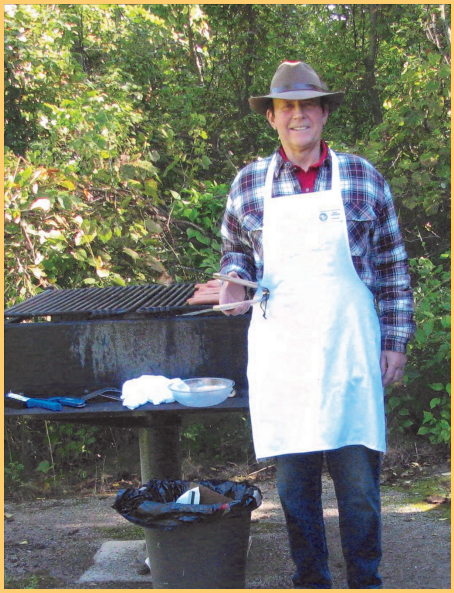
June 7 **Program: Our Island Jewel: Detroit's Belle Isle Park**

Presented by **Brendan Roney,** Senior Digitization Technician, Detroit Historical Society

Picnic: Bring a dish to pass for our annual picnic at the Flumerfelt Barn.

Time: 6:30 pm

In Memoriam



Roger grilling hot dogs at Goodison Good Tyme.

It is with deep regret that we report the death of Roger Schmidt who passed away on March 29, 2017. Between 2012 and 2016 Roger served as Treasurer of the Oakland Township Parks and Recreation Commission. He greatly contributed to the success of our Music in the Meadows summer concert series, suggested the expansion of Marsh View Park's archery range, supported park land preservation efforts, and happily volunteered at Goodison Good Tyme every autumn. We thank Roger for his service to Oakland Township and offer our sympathy and condolences to his family and friends.

Roger at Cranberry Lake Farm Square Dance.

Paint Creek Trail News

Tails for Trails - National Trails Day

Saturday, June 3, 2017

Join us for our first Tails for Trails event!
In honor of National Trails Day, we will be having this fun celebration for you and your trail-loving dogs!

Schedule of Events:

- Dog Parade on the Paint Creek Trail
- Costume Contest
- Free Children's craft
- Free Face Painting
- Local vendors with freebies and information!
- Training demonstrations
- Trail courtesy information
- K-9 Stray Rescue League and Heavenly Paws Rescue on-site with dogs and cats for adoption!

When:
Saturday, June 3, 2017 from 9:00am – 1:00pm

Where:
Paint Creek Cider Mill and the Paint Creek Trail

This event is free, with a suggested tax-deductible donation of $5.00 per family that will be given to K-9 Stray Rescue League and Heavenly Paws Rescue. For the safety of all visitors and pets, your dog must be licensed and up-to-date on immunizations. In addition, we ask that your pet be leashed and/or under control at all times.

Sponsored by Goodison Veterinary Center, Oakland Township Parks and Recreation, and the Paint Creek Trailways Commission. Tails for Trails Logo designed by Tracy Evans. For more information, visit: http://paintcreektrail.org/wordpress/tails-for-trails

Paint Creek Trail Bridge Renovation *(Continued from page 1)*

grant that was approved last summer. This $756,000 project will also be partially funded by the Oakland Township Parks and Recreation Millage, which will provide the remaining $156,000.

Existing bridge

"We are so excited to be recommended for funding by the MNRTF. This renovation will greatly improve accessibility for both trail users as well as emergency and maintenance vehicles. This bridge is fundamental to the operations of the Paint Creek Trail and will provide safe, continuous use of the trail for cyclists, pedestrians, equestrians, nature lovers, and anglers," said Paint Creek Trail Manager Kristen Myers.

"The Oakland Township Parks and Recreation Commission, like all member communities of the Paint Creek Trail, is responsible for maintenance of their section of the Trail, including bridges. Over the years, the direction of the Paint Creek has changed, creating erosion and structural defects underneath this bridge. We are happy that this project has been recommended for grant funding and we look forward to working with the Trailways Commission on this renovation project," said Mindy Milos-Dale, Parks and Recreation Director.

Proposed bridge example

Preliminary design and engineering will begin this year, with the renovation scheduled for 2018.

Monarch Butterfly

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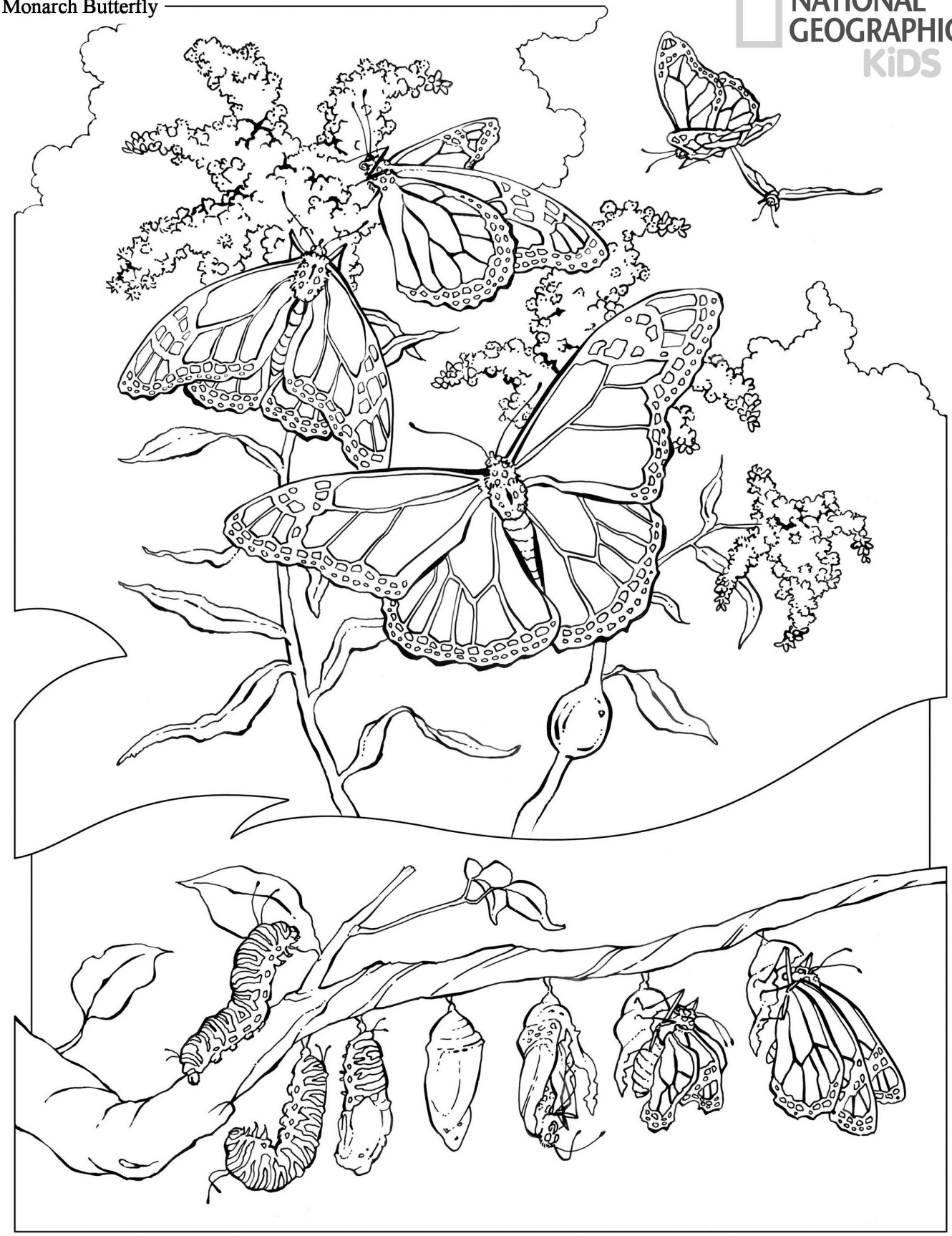

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Monarchs Of the Parks

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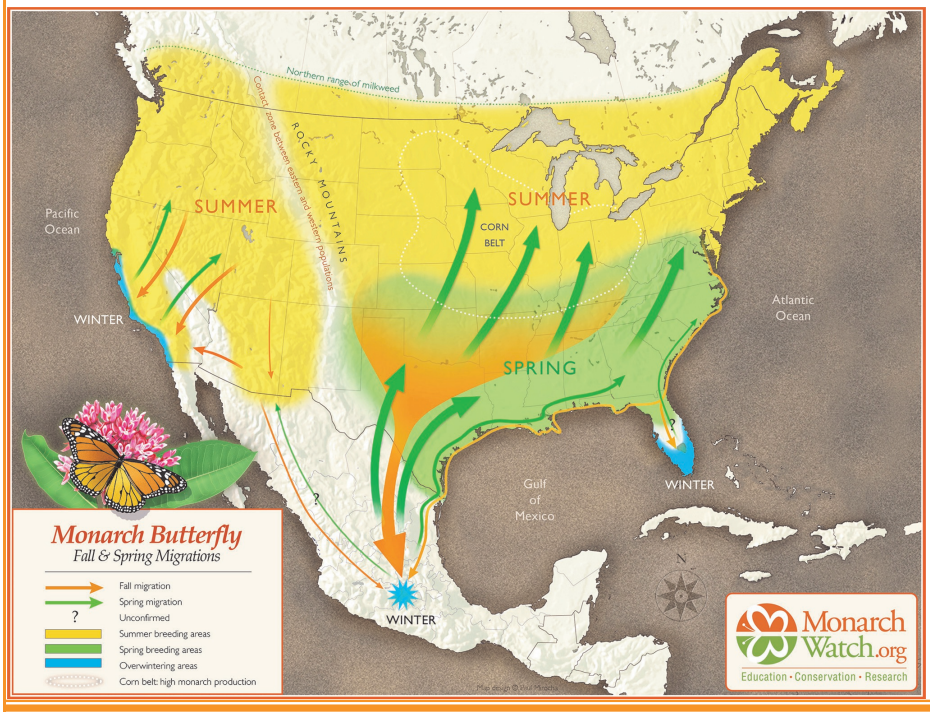
that monarch (and many other insects and animals) have contiguous sources of food, shelter and places to raise their young. For some species, small patches of habitat in a large number of yards is actually more effective for survival than the creation of one large park surrounded by barren grass lawns.

It is just this concept that has led several local, leading conservation organizations and municipal leaders to partner with the National Wildlife Federation to launch a special project for Oakland County. Oakland Township partner, Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve, is leading the group's effort in the County. The group has named themselves WHO (Wildlife Habitat Oakland). They will be educating and providing resources to homeowners , schools and businesses in Oakland County willing to create small habitat spaces where wildlife, including monarchs, can find safe haven. The organizations major short term goal is to certify Oakland County as a Community Wildlife Habitat through the National Wildlife Federation. You can help this group support monarch and wildlife habitat today. By planting native plants and leaving some part of your yard a bit "wild" and by certifying your own yard as a wildlife habitat you will make a difference for monarch and many other species right here in Oakland County that are being threatened by habitat loss. More information about certifying your yard is available at the National Wildlife Federation website or by visiting Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve's website.



Together we can save the monarch and so many other species that we grew up with here in Oakland County…right in our own backyards!

Map courtesy MonarchWatch.org

A shout out to all the inspiring volunteers helping make things happen in the parks!

Alex Kriebel, Betsy Pollock, Bill Kamman, Bruce Kezlerian, Cam Mannino, Chad Eggleton, Dan Bukowski, Dan Simon, David Lazar, Dioniza Toth-Reinalt, Jacob Lloyd, James Fostey, Jim Lloyd, Mark Arney, Mark Isken, Mark Sells, Mark Sobieski, Maryann Whitman, Rob Mair, Ronald Fadoir, Steve Powell, Vincenette Morganti, Zach Peklo and Angie Fox.

Nature Center Donations: Bill Jandeska, Hawk; Alice & Paul Tomboulian, Phoebe nest and Robin's nest artwork; Colleen Barkham, bird nests; Larry Dale, Hornet nests.

Winter Carnival Pizza Donation: Hungry Howie's, 4930 N Adams Rd, Oakland Township

Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park Expansion *(Continued from page 1)*

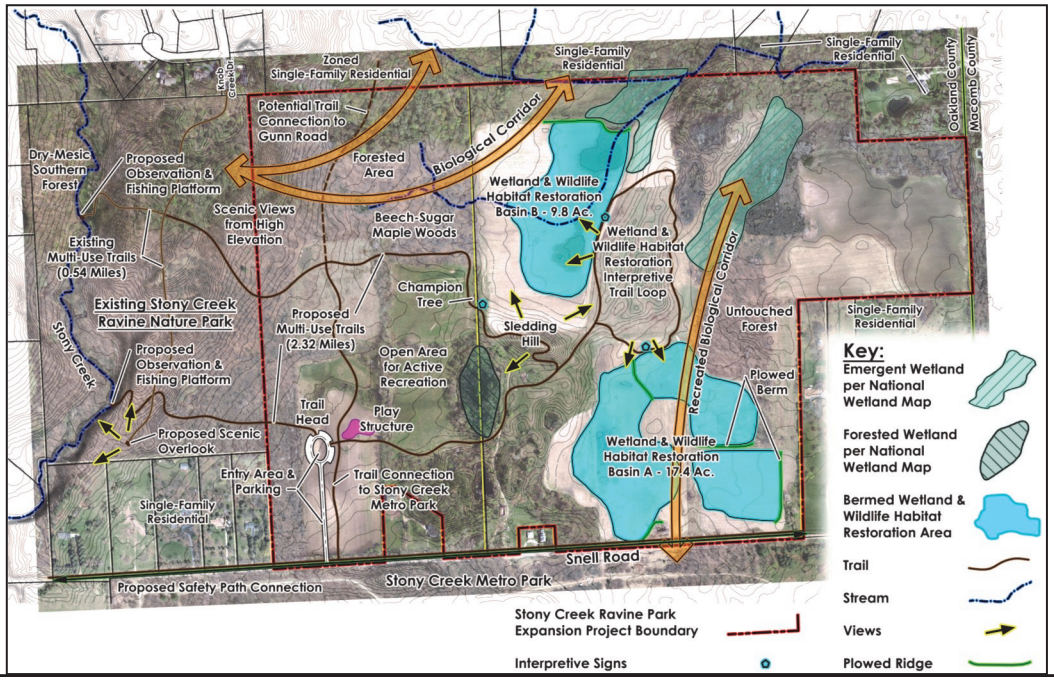
conservation value of this project, stating that furnishing this grant would be a "very sound investment by MNRTF in natural resources of Michigan."

This project offers a unique opportunity to protect highly valued habitats including the Stony Creek, one of the highest quality tributaries of the Clinton River. Dr. Ben VanderWeide, the Township Parks and Recreation Natural Areas Manager, says, "I'm excited that this beautiful combination of mature woods, wetlands, streams, and rolling meadows will now be protected. We found over 300 plant species in our initial survey of the property and I believe that there are many other important plants and animals waiting to be discovered."

This additional land offers the opportunity to connect trail and wildlife corridors with both Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park and Stony Creek Metropark and to add a park entry road and parking lot. The grant application can be viewed on the Parks and Recreation Commission home page of the Oakland Township website: www.oaklandtownship.org.

Oakland Township residents support this project and continued protection of Township natural resources, through the Township's Land Preservation millage, which will fund the grant's required $740,000 local match. Joe Peruzzi, a retiring Parks and Recreation Commissioner who championed this project, emphasized that this land could have been developed as a subdivision, were it not for the Township residents' financial support that makes this grant and acquisition possible.

2016 marked the 40th anniversary of the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund providing funding for the acquisition of public lands for resource protection and the development of public outdoor recreation. This fund is financed by investment income from royalties paid on the sale and lease of state-owned oil, gas and mineral rights. During these 40 years the MNRTF has generated more than a billion dollars to buy land or land rights and to develop outdoor recreation facilities across the state of Michigan. Applications are accepted from state and local government agencies by April 1st of each year, with decisions made in early December. The MNRTF makes the grant recommendations and submits them to the state legislature for approval and appropriations.



Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park Expansion 2016 Preliminary Site Development Plan

New Partnership

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Formal nature programs and school field trip opportunities will round out the offerings at the nature center. You can learn more about all the exciting programs upcoming by reading this newsletter, checking the Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve website at www.dinosaurhill.org or by contacting Dinosaur Hill at info@dinosaurhill.org.

Sue Neal, Executive Director of Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve sums it up: "This is an exceptional collaboration that has taken much time and effort to organize but the results will be well worth the investment. It is our goal to make Lost Lake part of the fabric of Oakland Township. We look forward to helping area residents have great experiences in the out of doors…experiences which last a lifetime…experiences which are so much a part of why so many of us have chosen to call Oakland Township home. I hope we will see you up at Lost Lake really soon."

Watch this new section of the Oakland Township Parks and Recreation newsletter where we will keep you posted on the latest happenings at Lost Lake Nature Park!

Juried Category Prizes:

First Place	$200
Second Place	$150
Third Place	$100
People's Choice	$150

Enthusiast Category:

People's Choice	$100

Entries must be accompanied with a completed submission form. See our website at www.sixriversrlc.org for complete rules and submission forms.

Six Rivers Land Conservancy

We conserve, sustain and connect natural areas, lands and waters that make the places we live special.

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Submit up to five photos celebrating our natural environment in Southeastern Michigan in a JPEG (.jpg) file format to SixRiversPhotos@gmail.com. Photo submissions will be accepted until September 13, 2017. All photos that meet our guidelines will be eligible and available for public viewing. We have two categories for submission: Juried (photo files of 5MB or greater) and Enthusiast (photo files less than 5MB). In the Juried category, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place award winners will be determined by a distinguished panel of judges. Finalists in the Enthusiast category will be selected by Six Rivers staff with the winning entry, "People's Choice: Enthusiast," selected by attendees at the Six Rivers' Fall Celebration. Attendees will also vote for the "People's Choice: Juried" winner.

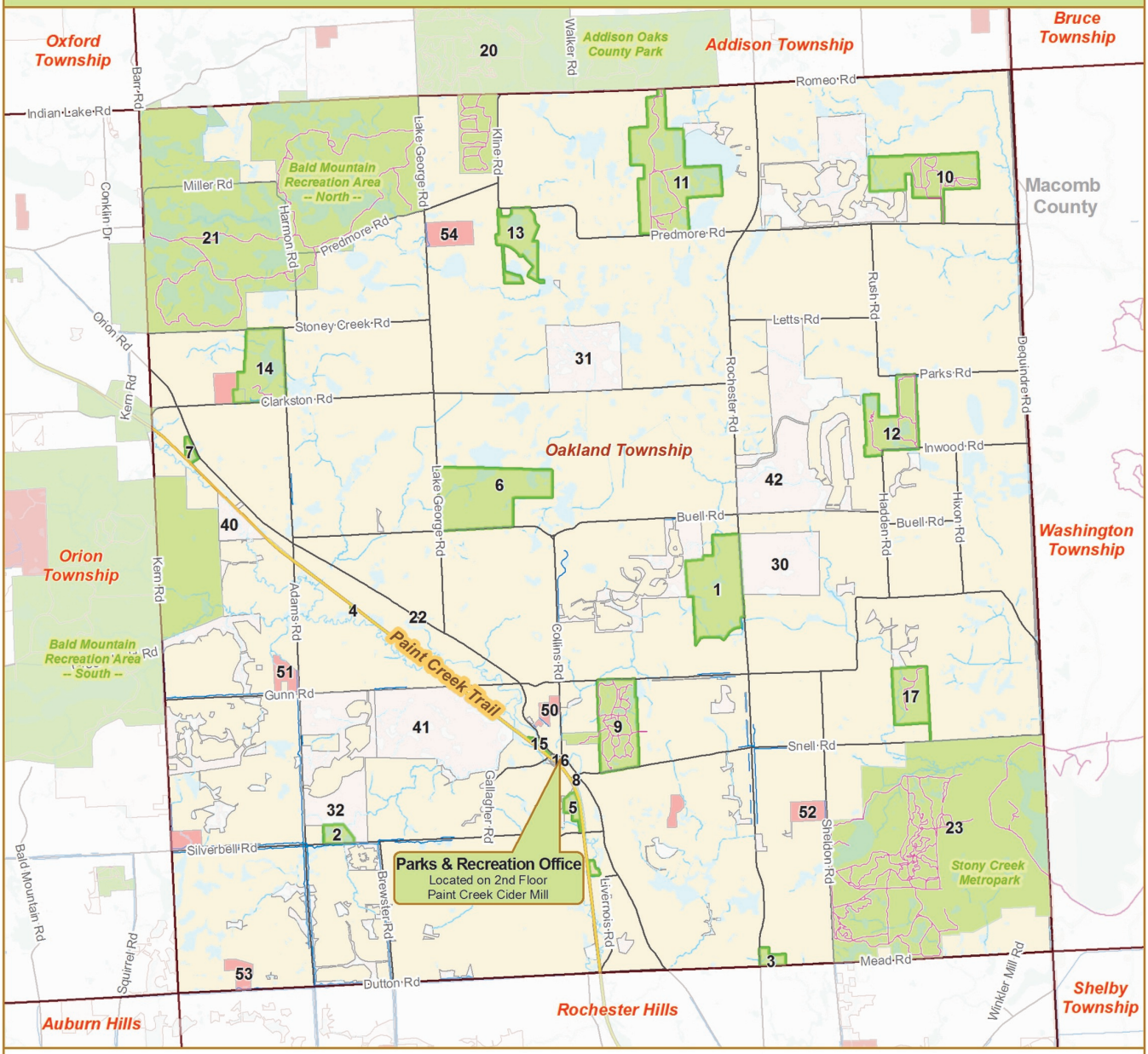
Consider joining us at one of our Six Rivers Stewardship 2017 events or StewDays - or tailor a team-building day for your work or social group! Contact Danielle at 248-601-2816 or ddevlin@sixriversrlc.org.

April 26	Nicholson Nature Center (*with Clinton River Watershed Council*)	May 16 & 23	Blue Heron Environmental Area
		May 21	Drayton Plains Nature Center
May 12	Maynard Easement	April & May	Golden Preserve *(Dates TBD)*

Join the Six Rivers Adventure League for the 2017 season! We'll paddle scenic stretches of rivers, explore rugged trails in local recreation areas, and bike throughout one of the state's best trail networks. Southeastern Michigan boasts a phenomenal bounty of outdoor recreation and exploration opportunities, so come discover, explore, and protect the Nature Near You! Here are just a few of our upcoming adventures:

May 3	Indian Springs Wildflower Hike	June 10	Blueways of St. Clair River Day Paddle
May 17	Holly Recreation Area Hike	June 14	Kensington Metropark Bike Ride
June 3	Flint River Paddle *(with Nepessing Sierra Club)*	June 28	Clinton River Trail/Lake Norcentra Park Bike Ride

Parks and Recreation Opportunities in Oakland Township



Oakland Township Parks and Recreation Facilities

Conservation Parks
1. Blue Heron Environmental Area
2. Gallagher Creek Park
3. O'Connor Nature Park
4. Paint Creek Heritage Area - Fen
5. Paint Creek Heritage Area - Wet Prairie
6. Watershed Ridge Park

Future Trail Connections
7. Paint Creek Junction Park
8. Mill Creek Crossing

Community Parks & Recreation Facilities
9. Bear Creek Nature Park
10. Charles Ilsley Park
11. Cranberry Lake Park
12. Draper Twin Lake Park
13. Lost Lake Nature Park
14. Marsh View Park
15. Mill Race Trail
16. Paint Creek Cider Mill (Parks & Rec Office)
17. Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park

Other Parks and Recreation Facilities

Other Public Parks
20. Addison Oaks County Park
21. Bald Mountain State Recreation Area
22. Paint Creek Trail
23. Stony Creek Metropark

Other Public Recreation Facilities
30. Blackheath Golf Club
31. The Myth Golf and Banquet
32. Westwynd Golf Course

Private Recreation Facilities
40. Royal Oak Archers
41. The Wyndgate Golf Course
42. Twin Lakes Golf and Swim Club

Public Schools
50. Baldwin Elementary School
51. Delta Kelly Elementary School
52. Hugger Elementary School
53. Musson Elementary School
54. Oakview Middle School

Key to Features:

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Municipal Boundary | Oakland Township Parks | Major Roads | Lakes & Ponds | Streams & Rivers | Park Path | Safety/Side Path | Paint Creek Trail | Public Recreation | Private Recreation | Public School

Last Update: 05/16/2016

Summer Fun in Oakland Township Parks!

Horses are welcome in the Oakland Township Parks. Please remember to be considerate of other park users. Keep horses off developed lawn and field areas at all times and off limestone trails when soils are saturated in the spring.

Bear Creek Nature Park offers 107 acres of glacially-carved hills and vernal ponds. A perfect place for a family stroll and nature observation! The park comes alive with music on Fridays, June 16 & August 18! (*page 3).* For more natural music, join us for Bird Walks (*page 17*). Sign yourself up for Tai Chi or Training Runs *(page 6)* or the kids for Frog and Turtle Safari or Mom & I Hop Like Grasshoppers! (*page 9*).

Marsh View Park's 90 acres includes active recreation fields *(Check out our Soccer Camps on page 10!)* and a basketball court. This wide open park is just great for launching our water rockets (*page 7*). This park is also home to our newly expanded archery range, where our skilled instructors keep learning fun! Archery classes are offered for everyone from novice to intermediate and include a summer camp and introduction to Bow hunting *(pages 13 - 15).*

Cranberry Lake Park's trails roam through meadows, vernal ponds and hardwoods, providing an ideal site to learn about scat or go for a full-moon hike *(page 9)* or learn about beekeeping *(page 19).* The Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District is the perfect venue for our July 7th classical concert (*page 3),* HDC's square dances *(page 19)* and Plein Air Painting *(page 19)!*

Draper Twin Lake Park features 90 acres of meadows, wetlands, woodlands, and Twin Lake! Park at 1015 Inwood to access the dock - don't forget your fishing pole and your current state fishing license (*MDNR Free Fishing Day - page 8).* Be sure to reserve your spot for Stand-Up Paddle boarding, which fills up quick (*page 12*). The 1181 Inwood entry provides access to the eastern park trails where you just may be lucky enough to spot foraging Sandhill Cranes! Join us for monthly Bird Walks at this park. (*page 17*)!

Lost Lake Nature Park becomes a summer showcase for dragonfly, butterfly and bird watching (*page 17*). Watch for them while practicing Yoga (*page 6*) or fishing *(current state fishing license required except Free Fishing Day - page 8*). Explore Lost Lake with us by kayak or paddleboard (*pages 11 & 12*). The Nature Center shifts to home-base for Summer Camps, classes, and open houses in June, July and August (*pages 4, 5 & 10*).

Paint Creek Heritage Area - Wet Prairie is a special prairie remnant adjacent to the Paint Creek Trail. Join us to remove invasives that are shading out the naturally occurring prairie plants (*such as monarda fistulosa)* that attract native pollinators like Swallowtail Butterflies *(page 17).*

Dogs are welcome when they are leashed and cleaned up after!

All Oakland Township Parks Maps are available on the Parks and Recreation pages of the Oakland Township website: www.oaklandtownship.org.
If you have questions or would like more information call us at (248)651-7810.

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Commission Meetings

The Parks & Recreation Commission meets at 7 pm on the second Wednesday of every month in the Township Hall Boardroom.

Office Hours and Location

Park permits, maps and descriptions are available at the Parks and Recreation Department office, located on the second floor of the Paint Creek Cider Mill, 4480 Orion Road. Normal office hours are from 8am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday.

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Oakland Township Park Rules are enforced by the Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

FOR EMERGENCIES CALL 911

If you have information or questions concerning a reported crime or accident, call the substation at 248-652-4617 Monday-Friday, 8 am-4 pm. All other calls please use dispatch at 248-858-4950.