

ORCHARD HILLS-MAPLEWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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OHMHA NEWSLETTER

September 2011

Join Your Neighbors at the 5th annual



Fall Festival Sunday, Oct. 9



WHO: The entire Orchard Hill and Maplewood neighborhoods are invited!

WHEN: Sunday, October 9, 2011, from 1-5 pm (rain or shine)

WHERE: At the grassy area by Thurston Pond on Yorktown, next to OHAC pool

Highlights:

- Cider, donuts, and apples for all our neighbors to enjoy
- Live Critters from the Pond, including Plankton - display by Neal Foster, Thurston Nature Center Committee
- "Hunters in the Sky," a wildlife demonstration presented by the Leslie Science Center. It will feature a bald eagle, who will be presented for a fifth year in a row; this event will start at approximately 1:30pm.
- A Tree Tour by Mike Conboy, Thurston Nature Center Land Steward, will enlighten participants with an interactive experience; this tour will be at 4:00pm.
- An Expanded RAFFLE DRAWING for adults and children to promote our local businesses. Last year, over 150 items were given away by raffle drawing and this year we hope to reach out to even more businesses and offer more items to be given away; make sure you sign in to receive your complimentary raffle ticket! Items will be raffled throughout the afternoon.
- Musical entertainment will be offered again this year by local musicians.
- Count What's in the Jar game will offer prizes to the three closest guesses.
- Neighborhood Watch & OHMHA Membership materials will be available to those individuals interested.



To volunteer in any of the above activities, please contact Greg Jagst at gjagst@aol.com or call (734) 846-6332 by Sept. 25. ■

Eagle Scouts Enhance Thurston Nature Center

– by Neal Foster

We are delighted to report that two Eagle Scout projects are being completed in the Thurston Nature Center.

Ray Batra's Project: Troop 8 Boy Scout Ray Batra worked on the new signs and a picnic bench for his project. The TNCC pledged \$150 to help support Ray's project, which includes a new picnic bench and clearing near the new forebay--just south of Bluett, a new Thurston Oak Savanna sign, and a new Michigan DNR Conservation Reserve sign.



Having fun at the bench built by Eagle Scout Ray Batra.

David Vallem's Project: Troop 4 Boy Scout David Vallem has worked on a project focusing on invasive species control and trail improvements in the westernmost section of the Nature Center near Prairie Court. This involves clearing a severely overgrown section of the Thurston Nature Center, removing invasive plants, and adding to plant biodiversity by planting Michigan native tree and wildflower species. One section of the Center along Prairie Street is completely clogged with scrub brush, primarily invasive buckthorn and honeysuckle. While there are some specimen trees in this area, they are not able to thrive. Cutting and clearing of the unwanted plants will allow creation of new paths through the area, the introduction of native flowers, and planting of additional specimen trees. The general goal of this project is to open up the last large crowded area in the Center to more favorable plants, and to the public; remove a huge mass of live and dead scrub brush to open up the area for native specimen trees and flowers; remove invasive species from area: buckthorn, honeysuckle and a large spreading patch of deadnettle ground cover (*Lamium galeobdellum*); create brush piles away from trails to provide habitat of animals and birds. Chemical herbicides cannot be used. Instead, the patch has been covered to block the sun; the method proposed is to cover them with newspaper. The newspaper will be weighed down using wood chips. Large dead trees, mostly ash, will be cut down and the trunks used to edge new paths.

Congratulations and thank you to Ray Batra and David Vallem for these outstanding contributions to the Thurston Nature Center. ■

OHMHA Board and Community Notes

- Many thanks to **outgoing board member Chad Baily**, who left the board due to moving out of the neighborhood.
- A warm welcome to **new OHMHA board member, Yotam Rivlin**.
- Thanks to everyone who helped make the May 14, 2011 OHMHA-sponsored garage sale a success.
- Thank you to all the neighbors who participated in the **June 2011 general meeting** and to the representatives from the North Campus Research Complex, who gave an excellent presentation at that meeting: **Joan Keiser, Managing Director of NCRC** (seen presenting in photo at right) and **Jim Kosteva, U-M Director of Community Relations**. See next page for a collaboration that emerged from that evening. ■



Neighbors listen to presentation about the North Campus Research Complex.

Looking Both Ways Exhibit at North Campus Research Complex (NCRC) this Fall

Special Note: This NCRC Art Program is an outgrowth of a conversation between the OHMHA residents involved in putting together this exhibit for EMU (Professor Tom Suchan and his wife Professor Guey-Meei Yang) with the U-M representatives who presented at the June 2011 OHMHA General Meeting. What a shining example of the community working together and bringing culture to our doorstep.

The NCRC Art Program, in collaboration with the Eastern Michigan University Art Galleries and the Confucius Institute at U-M, will host its first event, "Looking Both Ways," an art exhibition coinciding with the centennial of the Xinhai Revolution. This contemporary exhibit seeks to enhance the public's understanding of modern Chinese history and the complex interactions between China and Taiwan. An international array of artists is featured.

All events are open to the general public and free of charge.

NCRC, Building 18
2800 Plymouth Rd.
Ann Arbor, MI 48109
734-963-5604
www.ncrc.umich.edu

Additional exhibit available at the Eastern Michigan University Art Galleries. For more information, visit www.art.emich.edu/current.

EXHIBIT HOURS

M-F 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sa 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

CURATORIAL TALK

September 8
6:30-7:30 p.m.
Light refreshments provided.

SPECIAL PERFORMANCES

Featuring traditional dance, music and fashion from China and Taiwan.

September 19
12-1 p.m.

October 8
11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Performances co-sponsored by the Michigan Taiwanese American Organization



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(Make check for \$20.00 payable to OHMHA ~ additional contributions gratefully accepted.)

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COMMENTS (we welcome suggestions and/or offers to volunteer on OHMHA projects):

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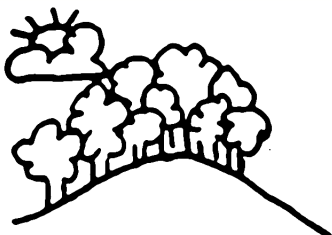
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