



The Island Crier

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In Memoriam

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Sandy Weaver Memorial Mass: St. Marks Church, Saturday, April 17th at 10 AM.

Lions: The Harsens's Island Lions will 'be on the street' this weekend for their annual white cane fund drive. Your generous donation will help the Lions maintain their community center and continue their work on behalf of visually impaired.

Lioness: The H.I. Lioness will hold their annual card party on May 19th at noon at the Lions Hall. Tickets are \$10/each. Lunch and prizes! Contact: Nancy LaMastus (748-3235) or Pat Travis (748-3351).

FROM THE READER'S COVE: Page Turners for April 21st. will return to author Lalita Tademy by discussing her work "Red River". 1 PM at the Cove.

Summer hours begin June 1st: Mondays 10-1 PM, Wednesday 10-4 PM Fridays 1-4 PM Saturdays 10-1 PM.

B.S.E.R.'s: The Beading, Stitching, Eating and Ripping Society :Meetings-Tuesdays 10 AM at St. Paul's. You know how it is when the girls get together.....

Harsens's Island St. Clair Flats Historical Society:

The Historical Society will hold its next general meeting on May 15th at Lions Hall at 2 PM. Details at: <http://www.stewartfarm.org/hiscfhs> or check the link at www.hiscfa.org.

Garden Club: May 5th tour of Meadowbrook with lunch in downtown Rochester. Tour is \$9. Meet up at the Lions Hall. Contact Joyce Bryson (748-9955) or Ruth Roth (748-3419) for gathering time and details.

Idle Hour Yacht Club -

Open House May 15th, Noon-? Hot dog luncheon will be served. \$5 discount off boat dockage.

Blessing of the Fleet. Sunday, May 30th. Assemble at 11 AM; Judy Myers, IHYC Chaplain. Ceremony with Bag Piper. Appreciation luncheon immediately following.

Stewart Farm Activities: This summer **Wildflower Weekend** at Stewart Farm will be Saturday, August 7 and Sunday, Aug. 8, 2010. Come visit the lake plain prairie restoration project at 10 AM or 2 PM either day.

Phragmites Control Workshops will be conducted at the Stewart Farm, 2007 Stewart Rd., Harsens Island, MI 48028. Saturday, July 31, 2010 - 2:00 to 3:30 PM and Saturday, August 21, 2010 - 2:00 to 3:30 PM. Mark your calendars now. Pre-registration will be required but will not begin until June 1. If you wish to be a participant you will need to attend one of the workshops if you did not attend a previous workshop.

TOWNSHIP NEWS: The Clay Township board has passed a resolution establishing a Clay Township Phragmites Management Advisory Board for the purpose of developing a Phragmites Management Plan for the Township. This action is the culmination of over three months of work conducted by a stakeholder committee composed of Clay Township residents, Clay Township representatives, Michigan DNRE and the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

The resolution is unique in that, unlike phragmites ordinances in place in other areas in Michigan, it does not in itself *mandate* removal of phragmites by township property owners. The program is voluntary and designed to provide the private citizen with the training and assistance to manage their phragmites problem should they choose to do so, or participate in a neighborhood-based program carried out under the auspices of the Advisory Board. Funding will come from private contributions, grants or special assessments (at the request of the members of a neighborhood group).

A Town Hall Meeting is tentatively scheduled for 5th at 7 PM at the township to formally introduce the Advisory Board and explain the phragmites plan.

HISCFA CALLS FOR PROPOSALS: The Harsens Island St. Clair Flats Association is seeking proposals for lawn cutting and maintenance at BROWNE'S FIELD for 2010. Qualified local contractors should submit their proposals no later than April 25th to P.O. Box 17, Harsens Island, MI 48028.