



# An Invitation to Join in on an Easy Project to “Bee Safe” in Your Neighborhood

Here is an opportunity to take a break from feeling overwhelmed by the political and environmental issues of the day: Join in with your neighbors to create a Bee Safe Neighborhood. It is a project that lets you take direct and positive actions right in your own yard. It's voluntary, free, and for two of three participation options, you do nothing. Yes.

In response to the grim news of marked decreases in populations of honeybees, native bees, butterflies, moths, bats, and birds, neighborhoods in Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti are connecting directly with neighbors to create pesticide-free havens that support the full range of pollinators. Bee Safe Ann Arbor and Bee Safe Ypsilanti were established by volunteers who visited door-to-door and asked their neighbors to avoid using chemicals that harm pollinators.

Each household was asked to pledge to participate at one of three levels-

**Level 1:** No use of neonicotinoids and other systemic pesticides. This level includes not buying soils, seeds, or plants that have been treated with neonicotinoids or other chemicals that persist as poisons in all plant tissues and kill insects.

***The goal is to establish groups of 75 pesticide-free yards in multiple neighborhoods, with a wide variety of plants and flowers throughout the season.***

**Level 2:** No use of any poisonous products outdoors, including fungicides, Roundup (glyphosate), and other pesticides.

**Level 3:** Combine Levels 1 & 2, and raise plants that provide the pollen and nectar that pollinators need. The goal is to establish groups of 75 pesticide-free yards in multiple neighborhoods, with a wide variety of plants and flowers throughout the season. Plants native to the area are especially good for supporting pollinators that have evolved along with their flowering food sources.



By  
Rita Mitchell



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# “Bee Safe” Neighborhood continued from page 1



In 2015, Ypsilanti’s Normal Park neighborhood established Michigan’s first Bee Safe Neighborhood of 75 contiguous yards, each pledged to participate at one of the three levels. Wurster Park neighborhood in Ann Arbor followed in 2016, as the second local Bee Safe Neighborhood. The result is geographic areas that are safe for people, pets, and pollinators. Next up: Expansion to additional neighborhoods!

Volunteers provide information on places to purchase plants and seeds, and lawn care that includes a mixture of grass with plants like clover and dandelions to provide food (pollen) for pollinators. They also remind homeowners to ask vendors whether plants, seeds or soils are pre-treated with neonicotinoids, which exposes pollinators to poisons in all parts of the plants.

Bee Safe yards go beyond helping honeybees, which are beneficial for agriculture, but not native to the United

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# Is Your Community “Ready For 100”?

**T**hey say that all politics are local. Well, perhaps the solutions to climate change will be local as well.

As part of the Sierra Club’s “Ready For 100” campaign, cities across the country are being encouraged to participate as part of the “Mayors for 100% Clean Energy” initiative. Whether it is large cities like San Diego, CA, or small towns like Abita Springs, LA -- or even nearby places such as Grand Rapids, MI -- municipalities are realizing that clean, renewable energy is the path to cleaner air, better jobs, and a stronger local economy, as well as a sustainable method of addressing climate change.

The overall economic benefits are clear: wind and solar already employ twice as many people as the coal industry does, with even more employed in the critically important field of energy efficiency. As solar

and wind capacity increases, the cost continues to fall. And the environmental benefits are abundantly clear: no oil spills, no gas leaks, no air pollution.

So, is a 100% renewable energy plan even possible? Yes! Cities such as Aspen, CO and Burlington, VT have already achieved the goal of being powered entirely by renewable energy. And international cities such as Sydney, Paris, and Vancouver have committed to this goal and are moving to achieve it.

Would you like to know more? There is a wealth of information available at: <http://www.sierraclub.org/ready-for-100>. With some encouragement, perhaps your community will be the next to declare that it is “Ready For 100”.

**By  
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## “Bee Safe” Neighborhood continued from page 2

States. Over 4,000 native bees and a wide range of other pollinators will be helped by lack of exposure to toxic chemicals. Birds and other animals that depend on insects and their larvae for food will benefit from safe food sources. People and pets will have access to pesticide-free lawns, without risk of contact with harmful chemicals.

Please join in, and volunteer to talk with your neighbors, to create Bee Safe Neighborhoods. It’s a great community-building effort.

For more information and to volunteer, contact program coordinators at [beesafeannarbor@gmail.com](mailto:beesafeannarbor@gmail.com) or follow on Facebook: Bee Safe Ann Arbor, or Bee Safe Ypsilanti



*Note from the author: Bee Safe Ann Arbor thanks the Sierra Club Huron Valley Group for the grant that allows us to provide materials to neighbors and training for additional volunteers*

# The Huron Valley Group, the Second Decade, 1970 - 1979



By  
Ginny Maturen

*[For part-one of the history of Sierra Club – Huron Valley Group, please see the Winter 2016 issue of The Lookout.]*

## 1970:

- First Earth Day celebration.
- Ann Arbor Group has 441 members.
- April 14 - Acting Executive Committee appointed: Karl Frankena, Chair; Jerome Fulton, Secretary; Ruth Pinkus, Treasurer.
- Jane Bishop reports to Chapter ExCom, she's:
  - Preparing guidelines for Outing's leaders.
  - She will also be asking Outings participants for their feedback to improve future experiences.
- Elections are to be held in September with Frankena, Fulton, Gray and Abbrecht - 2 year terms; Grant, Larson and Pincus - 1 year terms.
- Ann Arbor Group Bylaw accepted which require a quarterly Group meeting and annual ExCom elections.

## Conservation Concerns:

- Flood Plain Zoning

- Street Salting
- Zoning
- Burning at the City dump
- Names of drains changed to streams

Mackinac Chapter urges all members to, "write Senator Griffin and the Senate Interior Committee urging support of the present excellent house version of [Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore] bill without change."

Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes National Lakeshore authorized by act of Congress. The effort will take 7 years to accomplish. It will be established in 1977.

Sierra Club adopts a position on population control.

## 1971:

- HB #4685 Returnable Beverage Containers Deposit Bill is 1976:

## 1976

- Voter-approved Beverage Container Deposit act.
- Sand Dune Protection & Management Act [Gov. Wm. Milliken].

## More Conservation Concerns: Planned focus:

- Ann Arbor to prepare a Conservation Plan.
- Bike trails for penetrator routes into Ann Arbor.
- Same for buses, i.e. penetrator routes into the City.
- Increase attention in downstream areas: i.e. Ypsilanti.

## Earth Day



Earth Day Flag created by John McConnell. The Ecology Flag was also used.

# The bottle bill 1976

## HOUSE BILL No. 4685

April 1, 1971, Introduced by Reps. Thomas J. Anderson,  
Goemaere, James F. Smith, Loren D. Anderson, Ford,  
Ziegler, Stackable, Buth, Powell, Trezise, Strang,  
Weber, Bryant, Robert D. Young, Gast, Defebaugh,  
Mastin, Novak, Davis, Clark and Thomas H. Brown and  
referred to the Committee on Consumers and Agriculture.

A bill to require the use of returnable beverage containers;  
and to prescribe penalties.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 1. As used in this act:

2       (a) "Beverage" means (i) any soft drink, natural or  
3 mineral water, soda water, or other nonalcoholic carbonated  
4 drink; (ii) any beer, ale or other malt drink containing 1/2  
5 of 1% or more of alcohol by volume; and (iii) any noncar-  
6 bonated fruit drink, fruit juice or other fruit flavored  
7 drink.

8       (b) "Sealed beverage container" means an airtight  
9 individual serving beverage container of 20 ounce volume or

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Michigan Shingle Mill Pond Backpack Hike

**1977:**

*Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes National Lakeshore authorized by act of Congress 1977*

**1978:**

*Outings:*

**1979:**

- Wetlands Protection Act [Gov. Wm. Miliken].



Pinckney Crooked Lake Hike

# Sierra Club—Huron Valley Group Calendar



Participants in Sierra Club outings will be asked to sign a liability waiver. If you wish to read the waiver before coming to an outing please see <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/> or call 415-977-5630. When carpooling is used to facilitate logistics for an outing, participants assume the risks associated with this travel, as well. Carpooling, ride sharing and the like are strictly a private arrangement among participants. Park fees may apply. **For up to date information, visit our website at <http://www.michigan.sierraclub.org/huron/>**

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**Tuesday May 10, 2016 -- 7:30 pm – Huron Valley Group Book Club.** Nicola's Books, Tuesday May 9, 2017 -- 7:30 pm – Huron Valley Group Book Club. Nicola's Books (Westgate Shopping Center, 2513 Jackson Ave., Ann Arbor, MI). Book: **“The Natural Navigator: The Rediscovered Art of Letting Nature Be Your Guide,”** by **Tristan Gooley.** Contact: Nancy Shiffler (734) 971-1157. How to get involved? It's easy. Read the book and come to discuss it.

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Tuesday May 16, 2017 -- 7:30 pm – **“Alternative Futures in the Michigan Food System”**. Matthaei Botanical Gardens (1800 N. Dixboro Rd., Ann Arbor, MI). Do you know the sources and true costs of the food that you eat? How are the land, air and water influenced by food production based on industrial- vs small-scale methods? In the winter of 2017, Professor Catherine Badgley's UM students examined the contrasts on resources used and the effects of different livestock production methods on the environment, animal welfare, and health. We will discuss their findings and implications from their work here in Southeast Michigan. Open at 7:00 pm; meeting begins at 7:30 pm. Free and open to the public. Non-members welcome. Refreshments provided. Parking fees apply through 8 pm. Contact: 734-665-0248 [ritalmitchell@gmail.com](mailto:ritalmitchell@gmail.com).

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Sunday Jun 11, 2017 -- 11:15 - 1:00 pm -- **Scio Woods Preserve Hike. Scio Woods Preserve Trailhead** (Scio Church Road, Ann Arbor, MI). Join us for about a 3-mile moderately-paced hike amongst woodlands. Meet at the trailhead in the parking area. Free and open to the public. Non-members welcome. Contact Kathy Guerreso at 734-277-4610 for more details.

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Tuesday June 20, 2017 -- 7:30 pm – **“Michigan Prairies: Concept and Application”**. Matthaei Botanical Gardens (1800 N. Dixboro Rd., Ann Arbor, MI). Michigan's tallgrass prairies are nearly completely lost. To try to sustain many of the charismatic species that once inhabited Michigan's prairies, the practice of prairie restoration has become popular and widespread. Evaluating the “success” of these restorations is an important scientific and social challenge. What should a Michigan prairie look like? How can we achieve a prairie like this, using the tools available to restoration practitioners? Emily Grman, Assistant Professor of Biology, Eastern Michigan University, will explore different potential landowner goals that could shape approaches to restoration. We will also compare similarities and differences among a few remnant prairie habitats, prairie restorations, and the seed mixes used to establish the restorations. Finally, we will test several ecological hypotheses to evaluate which management strategies

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# Sierra Club—Huron Valley Group Calendar continued

can increase the success of plant species sown during restoration. Open at 7:00 pm; meeting begins at 7:30 pm. Free and open to the public. Non-members welcome. Refreshments provided. Parking fees apply through 8 pm. Contact: 734-665-0248 [ritalmitchell@gmail.com](mailto:ritalmitchell@gmail.com).

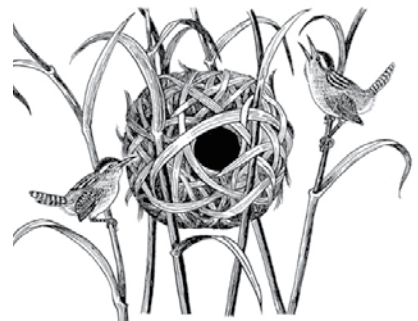
**Tuesday July 18, 2017 -- 7:30 pm – “Practicalities of Modern Electric Car”.** Matthaei Botanical Gardens (1800 N. Dixboro Rd., Ann Arbor, MI). Electric cars give us the promise of reduced greenhouse emissions and less reliance on fossil fuels. When buying a vehicle, many consumers are also concerned with costs, maintenance, reliability, etc. Karl Klement will explore some of these questions along with other areas to consider when purchasing an electric vehicle. Join in on the discussion! Open at 7:00 pm; meeting begins at 7:30 pm. Free and open to the public. Non-members welcome. Refreshments provided. Parking fees apply through 8 pm. Contact: 734-665-0248 [ritalmitchell@gmail.com](mailto:ritalmitchell@gmail.com).

**Thursday July 20, 2017 through Sunday July 23 – Volunteer at the HVG Information Booth at the Ann Arbor Art Fair(s).** Each year, the Huron Valley Group staffs an information booth in “Non-Profit Row” during the Ann Arbor Art Fair(s). The booth needs to be staffed continuously during the four days of the Fair, 10 am to 9 pm on most days. Short shifts of 2- or 3-hours are available. Sign-up at [volunteermatch.org](http://volunteermatch.org). More information as it becomes available at the HVG website (<http://www.sierraclub.org/michigan/huron-valley>) later this spring. Contact: [kimpschlegel@comcast.net](mailto:kimpschlegel@comcast.net).

**Friday, August 25, 2017 through Sunday, August 27, 2017 --Michigan Chapter Annual Retreat.** The Retreat will once again be held at Camp Miniwanca near Shelby, in old growth forests perched on massive sand dunes, and miles of a Lake Michigan beaches. For more than a quarter century, the Michigan Chapter has come together at the Retreat for fun and learning, whether it is about important issues of the day, watching the stars with an expert, or just enjoying s'mores around the campfire. Contact: Cecilia Garcia 517-896-1506, [cecilia.garcia@sierraclub.org](mailto:cecilia.garcia@sierraclub.org)

**Second-Tuesdays in the fall -- 7:30 pm – Huron Valley Group Book Club. Nicola's Books (Westgate Shopping Center, 2513 Jackson Ave., Ann Arbor, MI).** Future books: TBA. HVG Book Club will return after its summer break; check <http://www.sierraclub.org/michigan/huron-valley> for updates. Contact: Nancy Shiffler (734) 971-1157. How to get involved? It's easy. Read the book and come to discuss it.

**Third-Tuesday of every month -- 7:30 pm – HVG Monthly General Meeting and Educational Program,** future topics TBA. Matthaei Botanical Gardens (1800 N. Dixboro Rd., Ann Arbor, MI). check <http://www.sierraclub.org/michigan/huron-valley> for updates. Open at 7:00 pm; meeting begins at 7:30 pm. Free and open to the public. Non-members welcome. Refreshments provided. Contact: 734-665-0248 [ritalmitchell@gmail.com](mailto:ritalmitchell@gmail.com).





# HVG News You Can (Hopefully) Use

## Oak Wilt Warning

Oak Wilt is a growing concern throughout Michigan, but there are steps which homeowners and landowners can take in the spring to minimize the risk. From April through July, the DNR recommends not pruning healthy oak trees or transporting firewood to prevent the spread of the fungus to healthy trees.

For more details (DNR): <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MIDNR/bulletins/19443cf>

For even more details (USDA): [https://www.na.fs.fed.us/pubs/howtos/ht\\_oakwilt/identify\\_prevent\\_and\\_control\\_oak\\_wilt\\_print.pdf](https://www.na.fs.fed.us/pubs/howtos/ht_oakwilt/identify_prevent_and_control_oak_wilt_print.pdf)

## Solo-Hiking and Inclusiveness

Summer is a time for through-hiking on the Appalachian Trail and at other great North American hiking venues. Unfortunately, not all hikers experience the outdoors in the same way. For one person's hiking experience as an LGBT woman of color, please read the following article originally published in Outdoor magazine. As the Sierra Club seeks to become more welcoming and inclusive, it is a sobering read: <https://www.outsideonline.com/2170266/solo-hiking-appalachian-trail-queer-black-woman>

## “Against The Grain:” Michigan Chapter Introduces a Series on Farming Sustainability

For those of you who have not yet found this, the Sierra Club Michigan Chapter's series of 5 short Michigan farmer videos, Against the Grain, Growing Sustainably in an Industrial System, is now available on Facebook.

Link to trailer for the series: <http://tinyurl.com/AgainsttheGrainTrailer>

Link to all 5 videos and trailer:

<http://tinyurl.com/AgainsttheGrainseries>

## Let The Sun Shine ... ON!

Are you interested in learning more about solar power issues in the Ann Arbor area? The Ann Arbor Solar Users Network (A2SUN) publishes a quarterly newsletter which will get you up-to-speed on what is happening with local solar. Check it out at: [https://web.mail.comcast.net/service/home/~/?auth=co&loc=en\\_US&id=651632&part=2](https://web.mail.comcast.net/service/home/~/?auth=co&loc=en_US&id=651632&part=2)

## Ann Arbor Art Fair(s) Volunteer Opportunity

The Sierra Club Huron Valley Group has organized a volunteer-staffed information booth at the annual Ann Arbor Art Fair(s) each July for the past few decades(!) – and 2017 will be no different. The Art Fair runs from Thursday July 20th through Sunday July 23rd, and the booth must be staffed during all hours of Fair operation. You can sign up via [volunteermatch.org](http://volunteermatch.org) or find contact information on the HVG website (<http://www.sierraclub.org/michigan/huron-valley>) later this spring. We hope to see you at the Fair(s)!

## People's Climate March, Reprise

Did you join the Sierra Club at the People's Climate March on April 29th, 2017, and want to relive the experience? Or did you miss out on attending the PCM and want to check out the goings-on? You can travel along with Sierra Clubbers at the march in Washington D.C. at:

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### Did You Know ...

... The Sierra Club endorses candidates in various local elections, as well as in state and national elections. To find out more about this process, please visit our website:<http://www.sierraclub.org/michigan/huron-valley/how-sierra-club-endorses-political-candidates>.

... The Sierra Club offers many different opportunities to volunteer, at the national, state and local level. From hike-leading to lobbying to web/newsletter-content, the Sierra Club is always looking for folks who would like to help. To find a list of possibilities, please visit:

[volunteermatch.org](http://volunteermatch.org)

A link can also be found on the HVG website at: <http://www.sierraclub.org/michigan/huron-valley>. You can narrow your search for opportunities by location as well as by skills/interests. You can also contact a member of the HVG Executive Committee if you have any questions.

## Special Thanks to all Great Lakes Scrip Center Participants



By  
Ginny Maturen

A number of our Huron Valley Group members are active participants in the Great Lakes Scrip Center (GLSC) program, which supports our Shopping For The Earth (SFTE) Program. I'm not able to thank each of you, individually as I would like to do, because I do not have access to you individual purchases, so in place of a personal note: "MANY THANKS".

Please continue to support the GLSC program through your purchases. If you aren't a Great Lakes Scrip Center participant please consider becoming one. You can do that by going to [www.sierraclub.org/michigan/huron-valley](http://www.sierraclub.org/michigan/huron-valley). On the blue bar far right, click on "Shop for the Earth". On the next page, scroll down and click on the left blue button "Shop Online" Questions? Contact Ginny Maturen, HVG Treasurer, [ginnymaturen@charter.net](mailto:ginnymaturen@charter.net)



# Huron Valley Group ExCom Election & Guidelines

Since our last edition (Fall/Winter, 2016), four members were elected to 2-year terms on your Sierra Club Huron Valley Group Executive Committee: James D'Amour, Vince Caruso, Rita Mitchell, and Ed Steinman.

Ahead of next fall's election, we would like you to review our ExCom election process in hopes that you, or someone you know, might be interested in serving on the ExCom beginning in January, 2018.

## ExCom Election Guidelines

The Executive Committee of the Sierra Club Huron Valley Group (HVG) is responsible for the administration and operation of the group. The seven members of HVG ExCom serve two-year terms, with an annual election of either three or four members. The election is at the end of the year, but the process leading up to the election starts many months earlier. The group bylaws and standing rules describe the schedule of events for each election and require that the schedule be announced to all members.

Any group member can seek nomination to be a candidate in the annual HVG ExCom election. Members willing to serve can be nominated either through the HVG Nominating Committee or by petition signed by at least 15 group members. No member may be nominated or elected

against their will. The HVG Nominating Committee recruits and selects candidates. This committee consists of at least three HVG members, one or more of whom shall not be an ExCom member, and none may be a candidate in the upcoming election.

The HVG Election Committee is responsible for production, mailing, receipt, and counting of ballots. It also consists of at least three group members, one or more of whom shall not be an ExCom member, and none may be a candidate in the upcoming election.

HVG members who wish to be considered for nomination before the Nominating Committee is appointed may inform the group secretary. The secretary will also assist members seeking nomination by petition.

Ballots are normally counted at the conclusion of the December HVG general meeting, but the Election Committee may choose another time and place. Candidates or their representatives may observe the counting. Ballots and nomination petitions are retained until ordered destroyed by ExCom at their next regular meeting.

This schedule is defined by the group bylaws adopted April 6, 2000, and standing rules adopted October 5, 2000.



**By  
James D'Amour,  
Vice-Chair,  
Sierra Club  
Huron Valley  
Group**

<b>Election event</b>	<b>Deadline to complete</b>
• ExCom appoints Nominating Committee	August ExCom meeting
• Nominees inform Nominating Committee of interest	September general meeting
• Nominating Committee selects nominees and informs ExCom and nominees of selection	September general meeting
• Nominees not selected by Nominating Committee deliver petitions to NomCom for consideration	2 weeks after September general meeting.
• Nominating Committee declares final candidate list	October ExCom meeting
• ExCom appoints Election Committee	October ExCom meeting
• Election Committee prepares eligible voter list	15 October (or when newsletter list is prepared)
• Ballots mailed to all eligible group members	15 November (or when newsletter is mailed)
• Election committee accepts ballots	At December general meeting or before Dec 31st.
• Election Comm. counts ballots & informs secretary of results	

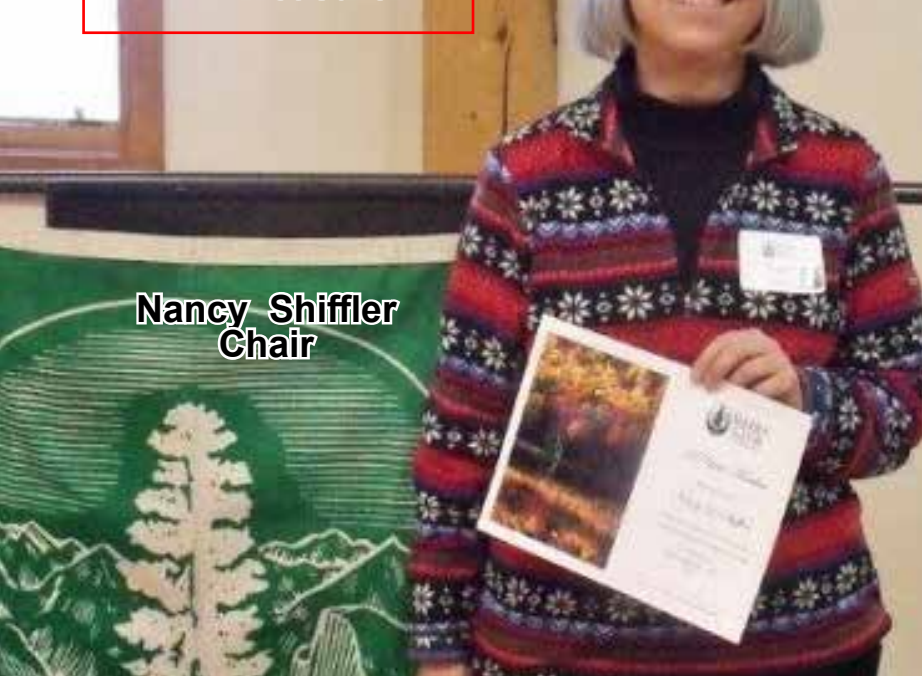
# 2017 Huron Valley ExComm



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Treasurer



**Rita Mitchell**  
Program Chair



**Nancy Shiffler**  
Chair

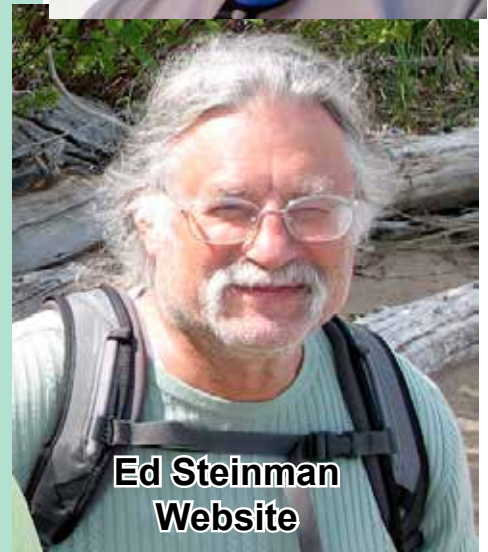


**James D'Amour**  
Vice-Chair



**Vince Caruso**

**Kimberly Schlegel**  
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**Ed Steinman**  
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# Kroger (Community Rewards) and Busch's (MyWay - Cash for Education) Programs: An Important Update

I have recently discovered there are important changes to both the Kroger Plus (Community Rewards) program and the Busch's MyWay (Cash for Education) program.

**Kroger Plus (Community Rewards) program:** To be a participant in this program, for which Sierra Club - Huron Valley Group earns dollars to support our conservation efforts through our Shopping For The Earth (SFTE) program, you must register for a digital account. Many of you already have this account. The big change was in the fine print. In the instructions, near the bottom of the page, I found this: Do I ever need to renew my selected organizations(s)? Your selected organization must be renewed once a year, during the month of August. Go to [kroger.com/topic/community-rewards](http://kroger.com/topic/community-rewards). Simply follow the instructions detailed in the "Selecting an Organization" section to maintain or update your chosen organization. If you need help, contact Digital Customer Service at: 1-866-221-4141. Come next August, I'll remind participants to select your organization.

If you are already a digital customer, you may want to go to [Kroger.com](http://Kroger.com) and check your status.

**Busch's MyWay (Cash for Education) program:** If you are a participant in the My Way - Cash for Education program (also benefiting HVG's conservation efforts through our SFTE program), you must identify Sierra Club - Huron Valley Group for each quarter in 2017. The first quarter is past, but it's not too late to designate your organization for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th quarters for 2017. Go to [www.buschs.com/community](http://www.buschs.com/community) to update your selections. And come next December, I'll remind people to make their quarterly selections for 2018.

If you are not a participant in either of these programs and wish to do so, go to the web sites listed above or you can go to the [www.sierraclub.org/michigan/huron-valley](http://www.sierraclub.org/michigan/huron-valley) site and click in the blue bar on 'Shop for the Earth', then scroll down and click on the Kroger or Busch's button.

Thanks, Ginny Maturen, HVG Treasurer. Questions? [ginnymaturen@charter.net](mailto:ginnymaturen@charter.net)



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website for over 730  
retailers for all your shopping  
needs.  
Not signed up? Go to the  
above website and click on  
'get started'



**Huron  
Valley  
Group  
Directory**

[www.michigan.sierraclub.org/huron/](http://www.michigan.sierraclub.org/huron/)

Chair	* = HVG Excom Member
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**How to Get HVG reminders via email!**

At each HVG general meeting, there is an email sign up list. For those who missed it, or haven't joined us at a meeting, here's how you can get our general meeting reminders.

If you would like to receive email notices of each month's Huron Valley Group general meeting and occasional notices about other local Sierra Club activities send an email to Ed Steinman at [lighthawk.pilot@gmail.com](mailto:lighthawk.pilot@gmail.com) with your name and "HVG email list" in the body of the message.

**Are You A New Member?**

Welcome to the Huron Valley Group of the Sierra Club. When you join the Sierra Club you are automatically a member of a local group, as well as a state chapter and the national organization. Membership entitles you to this newsletter as well as all editions of the state and national member publications. Check this page for our Directory with contacts on conservation, outings, political action, and the Inner City Outings program. Check the calendar in the middle of this issue for announcements of Monthly Public Program topics and our calendar of activities. We will be glad to see you at our next meeting or answer any questions if you care to call. Please take advantage of your membership as an opportunity to enjoy, preserve and protect our natural environment!



**Be a champion for the environment.  
Join today.**

From delisting endangered species like the Gray Wolf to drilling for dirty tar sands oil, the threats to our environment have never been greater.

Your support is absolutely essential to preserving our most precious natural resources - join the nation's largest and most effective grassroots movement today.

As a special thank you, we'll send you a free field messenger bag as well as these exciting Members-only benefits:



- Free Sierra Club Field Messenger Bag (limited time!)
- One-year subscription to Sierra magazine
- Worldwide Members-only outdoor trips
- Automatic membership in your local Chapter
- Discounts on Sierra Club calendars, books, and other merchandise

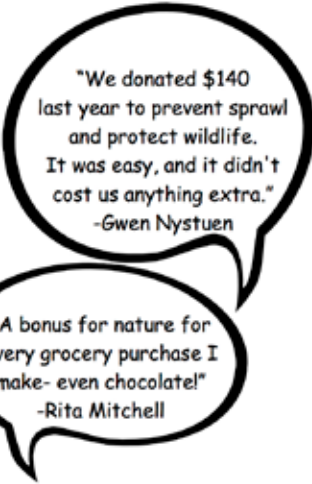
**\$15 annual membership**

**To join:  
<https://goo.gl/2saK.dY>**



**You can help the earth at no cost to you — through your regular shopping!**

- Over the past 15 years the Sierra Club Huron Valley Group's **Shopping for the Earth** has been a very successful program for supporting our efforts to protect parks, natural areas and local farmland, and to address local and regional environmental problems.
- For every \$20 of cards you buy, you get the full \$20 in store credit—and earn from \$0.80 to as much as \$4.60, depending on the merchant, for the Sierra Club.



"We donated \$140 last year to prevent sprawl and protect wildlife. It was easy, and it didn't cost us anything extra."  
-Gwen Nystuen

"A bonus for nature for every grocery purchase I make- even chocolate!"  
-Rita Mitchell

**Two ways to order cards:**

1. **Mail-In Order Form** for local groceries
2. **Online ordering** from over 600 national merchants including Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Bath & Body Works, Best Buy, Cabela's, Chipotle Mexican Grill, CVS/pharmacy, Econo Lodge, Glen's Market, Groupon, Home Depot, iTunes, Kohl's, L.L.Bean, Lands' End, Lowe's, Noodles & Company, Office Max, REI, Rite Aid, Sears, gas stations, Starbucks, Tim Hortons, United Artist Theatres, Walgreens, Whole Foods.. Please visit: [michigan.sierraclub.org/huron/glscrip.htm](http://michigan.sierraclub.org/huron/glscrip.htm)

**Great for:**

- ✓ Regular purchases like grocery shopping
- ✓ Giving as gifts
- ✓ Planned purchases like appliances
- ✓ Making online purchases



**Mail-in Order Form**

Please fill out the number of cards you'd like for each store below. Your total order: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Ann Arbor People's Food Co-op	_____ cards @ \$25 ea	_____ cards @ \$50 ea	_____ cards @ \$200 ea
Arbor Brewing Company	_____ cards @ \$25 ea		
Arbor Farms	no card--just tell the cashier that you're donating to the Sierra Club		
Busch's	_____ cards @ no cost - add money when shopping at Busch's		
Produce Station	_____ cards @ \$25 ea	_____ cards @ \$50 ea	
Meijers	Please order both through Shopwithscrip - see: <a href="http://michigan.sierraclub.org/huron/glscrip.htm">michigan.sierraclub.org/huron/glscrip.htm</a>		
Whole Foods	For help with Shopwithscrip contact Ed Steinman ( <a href="mailto:esteinma@umich.edu">esteinma@umich.edu</a> )		
Hiller's Markets	Obtain card at Hiller's and register it at <a href="http://hillers.reachoffers.com">hillers.reachoffers.com</a> then donate your rewards		
Kroger	Obtain card at Kroger's and register it at <a href="http://krogercommunityrewards.com">krogercommunityrewards.com</a> so that the Sierra Club receives a donation from your reloads - see <a href="http://michigan.sierraclub.org/kroger.htm">http://michigan.sierraclub.org/kroger.htm</a>		
<b>Reloadable cards!</b> The Sierra Club receives a contribution each time you reload, so only one card is needed per person.			
<b>Not reloadable</b> —consider ordering several			

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- Please send me local Sierra Club email updates
- Please send me the local Sierra Club newsletter
- Your information will not be shared with any group.

Mail with your check payable to "Sierra Club - Huron Valley Group" to:  
Ed Steinman ([esteinma@umich.edu](mailto:esteinma@umich.edu))  
621 5th St.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103



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## **Save the DATE!** **People and Places: Celebrating 50 Years of the Sierra Club in Michigan**

**When:** Saturday, June 10, 2017, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

**Where:** Washtenaw Community College's Morris Lawrence Building in Ann Arbor

**Who:** For five decades, Sierra Club's Michigan Chapter has organized the bold action of citizens to protect and restore our State's natural heritage. We're 62,000 members-and-supporters strong and we're led by volunteers.

**Tickets:** \$40/person; \$320/table (after March 31:\$50/person;\$400/table).

**Purchase:** [www.sierraclub.org/michigan/50th-anniversary](http://www.sierraclub.org/michigan/50th-anniversary)

**Sponsors:** Sponsor our 50th Anniversary event and become a founding member of the Anne Woiwode Future Fund.

**Keynote Speaker:** U.S. Senator Gary Peters

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