

Hayes Arboretum



— ARBLOOK — NEWSLETTER

UPGRADES IN PROGRESS!

For over fifty years, Hayes Arboretum has served as a place of nature education and recreation through the generosity of members, community, staff, and volunteers. We are always working to make your experience the best one possible and we know how important it is to listen to our audience and strive to be better. That is why this past year has been an exciting one for Hayes Arboretum in terms of progress as we try to continue to be a model in the community. Beginning last summer, LED lights were installed in all of the buildings as part of a grant through the Wayne County Foundation, beginning our Energy Efficiency Plan. Not only does this improve overall operations, but it allows for proper lighting and an example of how to be eco-friendly. Along with this plan, HVAC work was done in the Nature Center so that we could provide optimal temperatures year round for visitors while also becoming more energy efficient. Beginning in October, our amazing volunteers Dick and Diana Gianfagna, along with the artistic talent of Sally Hughes, transformed the old naturalist office into a play area for toddlers. This room includes a mural piece from Sally that is inspired by the East Side Trails, a “campsite”, and toys to engage your young ones. Shortly after the completion of the play area, Dick and Diana began working their magic on the Bird Watching Room. Already a highlight of the Nature Center, the Bird Watching Room now has a more inviting and educational atmosphere while retaining the properties that made this room a fan favorite. This spring, Hayes Arboretum was awarded a grant again through the Wayne County Foundation and Stamm Koechlein Family Foundation for new siding on the Nature Center. This project again is part of the Energy Efficiency Plan and further shows how older buildings can be made more eco-friendly. Another project in progress is our new signage along the trails which is in response to opinions given from visitors. We also give our many thanks to the Ronald L. McDaniel Foundation for supporting the Auto Tour paving improvements, currently in progress. Of course, none of this would be possible without our community. We want to thank you all for your support as we continue to build towards the future.

Left to Right: Toddler Room, Bird Watching Room, Auto Tour Pavement Project



Hours of Operation

Main Gate

801 Elks Road

Tuesday - Saturday

9am - 5pm

Nature Center and other buildings currently closed to the public due to pandemic. Visit hayesarb.org for latest updates.

East Side Trails

Corner of Hayes Arboretum Road
& Woodside Drive

Dawn to Dusk

7 Days a Week

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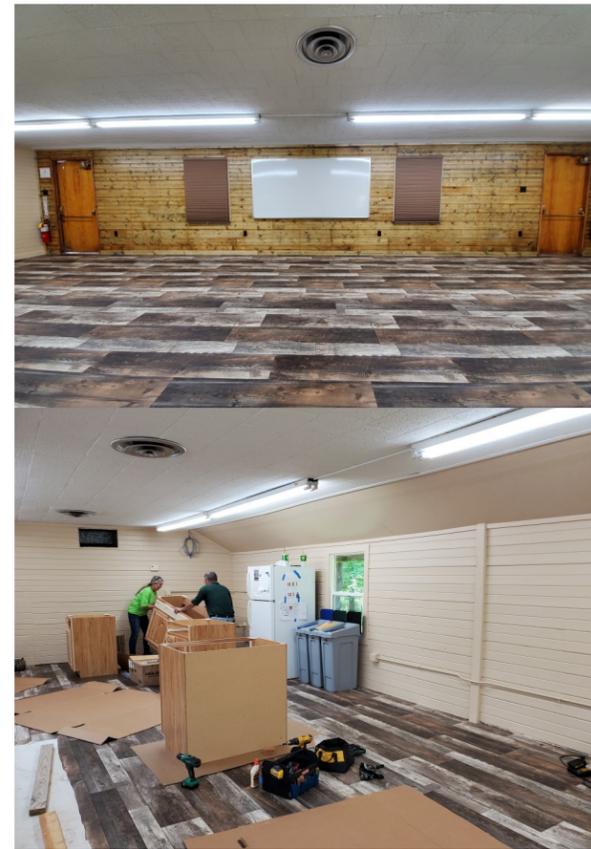
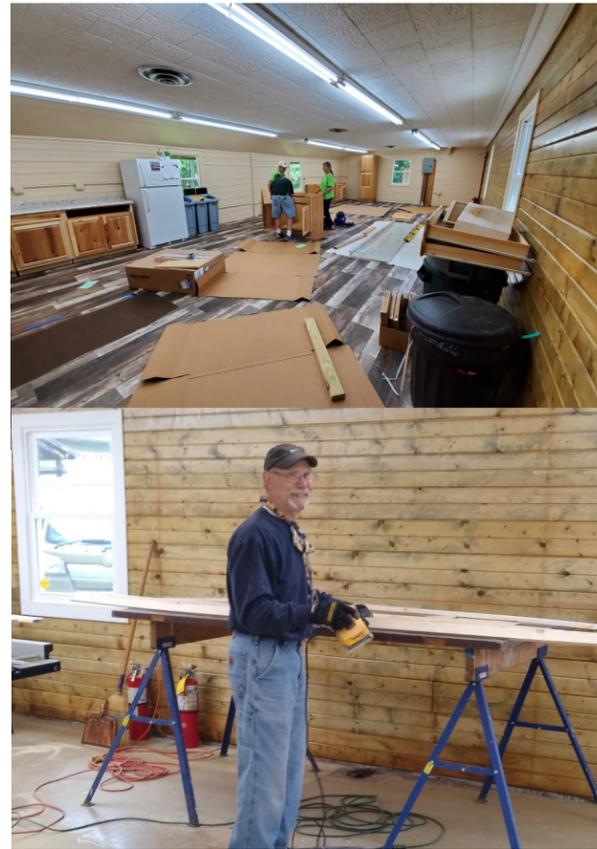
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A NEW LOOK FOR THE ANNEX

When you think “historic buildings at Hayes Arboretum”, most think of the Nature Center or even the Hayes House; however, our Annex - although much smaller in comparison - also has some historic value. To many, it is the building they park next to in the West Side parking area. To others, it is a place full of memories from past programs. To Hayes Arboretum, this is the original chicken coop that was on property when Stanley W. Hayes purchased it. The property itself opened in 1963 to the public. By 1966, the 1833 dairy barn was remodeled into the Nature Center. Around the same time, the chicken coop was repurposed into a classroom area which is now called the Annex Building. Since then, the Annex has been used for programs, summer classes, and rentals. With the help of our amazing volunteers Dick, Diana, and Rex Lanning we have been able to use this time to update the Annex for future generations. We appreciate all of their hard work and cannot wait to show you the final product. Take a sneak peak of their progress below!



LEARN TO IDENTIFY TREES WITH PLANTSMAP!

Are you looking for a way to learn how to identify tree species? No worries! Hayes Arboretum has recently labeled trees on our property with tags to help you with tree identification. Take it a step further by using your smartphone to read the QR codes for more information on that specific tree species. These tagged trees are found on two portions on the West Side property. Half of the trees can be found in the Native Woody Plant Preserve. The other half can be found along the entrance drive to the Nature Center off of 801 Elks Rd. To find a map, go to plantsmap.com and search “Hayes Arboretum”.



EXPLORER PACKETS 2020

Looking for free nature activities for your children this summer? We have a solution! Check out our Explorer Packets! Every packet includes a scavenger hunt, word search, button, tree cookie, and themed craft. Online content includes informational vlogs and story times. On top of that, there is a free Saturday hike that is self-led that relates to that week's theme. To learn more and register, please visit www.hayesarb.org/explorer-packets-2020.

Swamps & Streams: July 13th - 18th

Feather Festival: July 20th - 25th

Earth Art: July 27th - Aug 1st



THANK YOU TREY RIDER!

A huge shout out to Trey Rider for choosing to make a chimney swift tower at Hayes Arboretum for his Eagle Scout Project. Chimney Swifts, like many other birds, are experiencing a decline in population; however, the reason for this decline may surprise you. As the name suggests, Chimney Swifts can be found near chimneys. Spending most of its life in the air, the bird uses chimneys, tree hollows, and caves to cling to as it cannot physically perch like other birds. As chimneys are no longer a necessity to homes, we see less chimneys being built while older ones are deconstructed or capped. Without a place to cling to, these birds do not have resting places. Most times, when we hear "habitat loss", we think of the loss of forests and grasslands but for the Chimney Swift, the loss of a manmade structure is causing it more harm. Historically, these birds could be found



on cliff edges and caves. When European settlers introduced chimneys, however, this bird was able to adapt around the changing environment. This is why the construction of swift towers, like the one built by Trey, can be beneficial to Hayes Arboretum and the community. Go to chimneyswifts.org to learn more!

INDEPENDENT PROGRAMS AT HAYES ARBORETUM

MEDITATION HIKES

Every Thursday | 6:00PM

Join us for a relaxing hike to the Woodland Chapel where we will meditate. Please meet at the East Side Trailhead off of Hayes Arb Rd and Woodside Dr at 6PM sharp. We ask that you kindly follow state and local guidelines during this time.

Free and open to all 15 and over.

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July 21st , July 30th | 4:00PM

Are you looking for a healthy activity? Maybe even a group of hikers to travel the trails with in Wayne County? Join the American Discovery Trail Hiking Club as they hike through Hayes Arboretum. Group meets in the Nature Center Parking Lot.

Free and open to all.

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