



**Homewood Izaak Walton Preserve, Inc.**

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To our members and friends:

**ANNUAL TURKEY RAFFLE, BAKE SALE, AND AUCTION PARTY**

You will soon receive (or already have received) your ticket booklets in the mail for our Annual Turkey Raffle and Auction Party to be held Saturday November 11th, at 7:00 PM. This event consists of an auction, bake sale and prize drawings. A letter is included with 2 ticket booklets describing in detail changes for this year's event. We will offer 3 Grand prizes (including a 55" LED 4k SMART ULTRA HDTV) and 30 turkey coupons from Walt's foods (value \$25.00). Individual raffle tickets will again cost \$5 and a booklet of 6 tickets will cost \$25. This is our primary annual fund-raising event and it accounts for a substantial amount of annual Preserve revenue. Please consider purchasing or selling these tickets and return the ticket stubs and payment via mail or in person at Senior Hall (1100 Ridge Road). Tickets may be donated to the needy if you wish; simply note that when returning ticket stubs and payment. Any ticket drawn with this designation will result in the coupon being donated to organizations that serve those in need.

Additional ticket booklets are available at Senior Hall. Stop by or call to request additional booklets. (708-798-1850). New this year is our ability to accept payment for raffle tickets via credit or debit card at Senior Hall. Members will receive one complimentary turkey coupon (\$25 value) for selling each block of 6 or more ticket booklets.

You may also contribute to the success of this event by donating items for the auction and bake sale. Please bring auction items to Senior Hall prior to November 12th tagged with your name (if desired) and estimated value; bake sale items can be delivered the afternoon of the event. As best we can, we will post pics of the larger and potentially more valuable auction items on our web and Facebook pages between November 1 and the day of the auction. For many, many years the enthusiasm of our membership for this event has been gratifying and wonderful. Thanks to you all for your continuing support for this key fund-raising event.

**GENERAL MEETING AND PROGRAM---Thursday, October 26, 7:00 PM**

NASA recently announced that in 2018, it will launch a probe to orbit the sun and coming closer to the sun than any previous spacecraft. The probe will be named the Parker Solar Probe after renowned U of C physicist Eugene Parker who almost 60 years ago wrote a seminal article about the sun's corona and coined the term "solar wind." Though controversial at the time, the scientific theories contained in that article have now come to be recognized as groundbreaking but which took the solar scientific community years to recognize. Dr. Parker and his wife Niesje have been

members and volunteers at Izaak Walton for many years. We are most pleased and honored to have Dr. Parker present a program to us on Thursday October 26<sup>th</sup> on his scientific discoveries including a review of his personal thought process that led to his ground-breaking theories. You will not want to miss this!

### **THE ANNUAL ART SHOW RETURNS IN EARLY NOVEMBER**

We are again sponsoring an art show on Saturday and Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in the cabin. Michelle Kaysen, who did a great job last year bringing this event back after a two-year hiatus, is once again organizing the show and has already contacted local artists to participate. The cabin has proven to be a wonderful setting to display nature oriented original art and photographs, which are for sale. Look for additional details in the October newsletter.

### **WALK A SCARY AND SPOOKY TRAIL ... FOR A GOOD CAUSE**

A local group at the HF high school, called YOU MATTER 2, conducts monthly philanthropic events that involve both students and our community. Last year in October, this group conducted an event at the Preserve to collect donated food for the needy, which was a resounding success. On Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup> this year, they are returning. They will set up a spooky and scary trail on the old railroad bed, which we use for equipment just north of the parking lot. This means anyone desiring to walk our marked hiking trails will not be affected. The theme is “We Scare Hunger Trail” and the cost of admission is a donation of at least 4 non-perishable food items, which will be given to Respond Now, a United Way sponsored charity that operates in the southern suburbs. Also, some games and booths will be set up for children. Family hours are 5-7 PM and Scare hours are from 7-9 PM. We are pleased to host this group again and encourage all of our members to come out and participate, support a good cause, and enjoy the enthusiasm of these young people while enjoying the Preserve at night.

### **HOMEWOOD SCIENCE CENTER FUNDRAISER SUNDAY OCT 22**

Some of you may be aware of this new organization in Homewood, which was formed with the backing of the Village of Homewood in 2014, and has now become active in 2016 with their “Pop Up Science” events put on at their building, formerly the Ryan Funeral Home across the street from City Hall. We have once again accepted their request and invitation to partner with them in holding their second annual fundraiser on our grounds and in both of our buildings on Sunday October 22 from 12-3 PM, rain or shine. This event is called “Walk Walton 2.0” The event will feature a double dose of Pop Up Science: “Spooky Science” and “Autumn Ecology” as well as guided nature walks, entertainment for children, a raffle, bonfires and family fun. Our volunteers will provide roast corn, ice cream and non-alcoholic drinks for sale, which will benefit the Preserve. Food trucks will be in the parking lot offering more items. They will be charging admission, \$25 for adults, but no charge for children if accompanied by an adult. During this event, the grounds area from the Senior Hall to Black Bear Lodge to the east picnic shelter will be roped off for their exclusive use. We encourage you to participate and support them by registering in advance on their website: [www.homewoodsciencecenter.org](http://www.homewoodsciencecenter.org).

### **THE BEES HAVE BEEN BUSY....AND PRODUCTIVE !**

As you know, beekeepers Michael Rusnak and Tony Ferracane established 10 beehives in June of 2016 in a very favorable location in the prairie lakes area near the Dedert Corp property. As

part of this arrangement we receive 2 lbs. of honey per hive annually as “rent.” They also sold us an additional 5 gallons of honey with an additional discount from their normal wholesale price but last year that honey came from other local hives due to the only mixed success of the hives last year. We are pleased to report that the hives are doing much better this year and we now have honey for sale in the cabin. So, this year WE ARE calling this HIWP honey and we expect to have much more of it available to sell. The honey in 12 oz. jars for \$8 each is now available in the cabin three weeks earlier than last year. Be sure to get some HIWP natural honey while supplies last!

### **RUN FOREST RUN**

For the 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, we will be sponsoring our Fall Trail Race event on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30a. This 4-mile run through our well-maintained trail system has become a very popular event in our local running community. Anyone who has participated in the past has already been invited to participate again via email registration. We may need to limit the number of registered runners as our trails can comfortably handle only a limited number of runners. Nevertheless, anyone learning about this event for the first time and desiring to participate is encouraged to call John Brinkman ASAP at 708-638-9418.

Sincerely,  
Your President,

*John*

John Brinkman

## **HOMEWOOD IZAAK WALTON PRESERVE PROGRAM**

**Dr. Eugene Parker, renowned solar scientist from the University of Chicago, and HIWP member and volunteer will present a program on his world-famous discoveries (controversial at the time but now validated) about how the sun creates heat and the solar wind. NASA has named a solar probe scheduled for launch next summer the Parker Probe due to the groundbreaking nature of these discoveries.**

**Date: Thursday October 26th**

**Time 7:00 PM**

Arthur Senior Hall  
1100 Ridge Road Homewood, IL

Light refreshments will be served