

# River cleanup also helps the birds

Friends of the Rouge are looking for area residents to help revitalize the Rouge River at the annual cleanup event on Saturday, June 5.

There are 25 area sites at which volunteers can help build and place nesting boxes for small birds, wood ducks and other creatures such as bats; plant trees, shrubs and grasses; and stencil storm drains with warnings against dumping toxic stuff into drains that flow into the river.

They will also remove graffiti from bridges and paved river banks and build steps and repair foot bridges.

Jim Graham, executive director of Friends of the Rouge, says that while the Rouge is far from pristine today and a great deal of work remains to be done in future

years, there are real signs that progress is being made toward making the river clean, accessible and usable.

One example is the 4,500 fingerling brown trout that were planted in the spring of 1992 by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in Johnson Dam near Northville.

Small-mouth bass are doing well in a fish habitat established in Southfield, near the intersection of Telegraph and Civic Center Drive.

In Oakland County, area registration sites and sponsoring organizations include:

■ Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge Campus, 2707 Orchard Lake Road, southeast corner of lot six near Farmington Road. Call Mike Kadrofske at

471-7606.

■ City of Birmingham, Woodward between Maple and Oak. Call Bob Fox at 644-1807.

■ City of Southfield, Beech Woods Park on Beech Daly just south of Nine Mile. Call Heidi Wayco at 354-9548 (call between 3:30-5:30 p.m. only).

■ City Farmington Hills, Botsford Continuing Health Center, corner of Tuck and Folsom roads. Call Jean Barrett at 473-9520.

■ Cranbrook, Lone Pine Road between Telegraph and Woodward. Call Maura Lobos at 645-3233.

Sponsors and sites in nearby areas include:

■ City of Livonia, Levan Knolls at Edward Hines Drives between Newburgh and Wayne roads. Call Sharon Sabat at 421-2000, Ext. 221.

■ City of Plymouth, 908 W. Ann Arbor Road (behind NBD). Call Jim Penn at 453-1234, Ext. 229.

■ Redford Township Citizens, Lola Valley Park, southeast corner of Lola at Beech Daly. Call Karen Hicks at 534-0605 or 534-5441.

■ Holiday Nature Preserve Association, Ann Arbor Trail just west of Hines Drive. Call Pat Kobylarz at 421-8190.

■ City Management Corp. at Nankin Mills on Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive. Call Stan Jordan at 923-3500.

■ City of Westland at Holliday Park Nature Preserve. Call Bob Patterson at 695-000288.

■ Bonnie Brook Golf Course, southeast corner of Telegraph and Eight Mile. Call Joe Schaefer at 534-0125.

## Housing center seeks exhibitors

The Oakland County Center for Open Housing is seeking exhibitors for a Renters' Exposition from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Southfield Civic Center Pavilion.

Property owners, property management groups, real estate service companies and property insurance companies are invited to participate. The exposition will provide an opportunity for companies to enhance their fair housing efforts by displaying their properties to a diverse pool of an anticipated 3,000 attendees, while providing a single setting to market multiple properties or products.

The open housing center will provide metro-wide advertisement of the exposition. The event also will feature open housing seminars; apartment site video previews; rental specials; and renters' rights and fair housing information.

Refreshments will be served. Admission is free. For exhibitor information, call the open housing center, 313-647-0577.

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