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Volunteer Opportunities Updated

Readington Trails, Open Space and Natural Areas

Our open spaces and trails exist due to the volunteer efforts of many community groups and individual volunteers!

PLANNED VOLUNTEER SESSIONS: March – May 2020

Time-limited Group Tasks, Generally Three Hours or Less, *Led by members of the Readington Township Open Space Advisory Board, or partners, to create, maintain, restore township trails, to plant trees and other vegetation along trails, clear invasive species, clean up debris and otherwise preserve the natural environment.*

SUMMARYOF EVENTS

1. **Saturday, March 14, 9 AM – Noon: Trail Work Session, Pleasant Run Trail from Summer Rd, Flemington**
2. **Saturday, March 14, 10 AM – Noon: Readington Community Garden Pre-season Prep, Dobozynski Farm Park, 42 Woodschurch Rd, Flemington.**
3. **Wednesday, March 18, 9 AM – Noon: Trail Re-route, River Trail, Flemington**
4. **Saturday, March 21, 9AM – Noon: Trail Work Session, Round Mtn, Stanton Village.**
5. **Wednesday, March 25, 9AM – Noon: Trail Work Session, Cushetunk Mtn.Trails**
6. **Thursday, March 26, 9AM - Noon: Trail Work Session, Bouman-Stickney Farmstead.**
7. **Saturday, March 28, 9AM – Noon: Trail Work Session, Round Mtn. Stanton Village.**
8. **Thursday April 2, 9AM - Noon: Trail Work Session, Lachenmayr Trail, Roosevelt Rd, Whitehouse Station**
9. **Saturday, April 4, 9AM – Noon: Trail Creation Session, Cushetunk Mountain, Dreahook Rd, Whitehouse Station.**
10. **Sunday, April 26, 9AM – Noon: Tree Seedling Planting, Dobozynski Farm Park, Woodschurch Rd, Flemington.**
11. **Saturday, May 2, 9 AM – Noon: New Trail Creation and Tree Planting Session, Cushetunk Nature Preserve, 397 U.S. Highway 22 East, Lebanon.**
12. **Saturday, May 9, 9 AM – Noon: Tree Planting and Invasives Removal, Lachenmayr Open Space, Pine Bank Rd, Flemington.**
13. **Saturday, May 23, 9 AM – Noon: Tree Planting, Lazy Brook Greenway, Summer Rd Trailhead, Flemington.**

BEFORE COMING TO A SESSION, PLEASE REGISTER OR EXPRESS INTEREST VIA EMAIL to John Klotz, Open Space Advisory Board, at jwklotz@embarqmail.com. Include your preferred email address and cell phone number for notifications. Sessions are subject to cancellation or change and volunteers who have registered will be notified of changes.

WE VALUE YOUR PARTICIPATION AT ANY LEVEL OR LENGTH OF TIME. Any level of endurance and ability is helpful. If you cannot report at the start of a session or stay to the end, come and leave when you can. You are not required to bring tools, we will have some; however if you have any of those mentioned, bringing them will be helpful.

DETAILS

1. TRAILWORK SESSION: PLEASANT RUN GREENWAY TRAIL FROM SUMMER RD, FLEMINGTON

Date: Saturday, March 14, 9AM – Noon. **Session Leaders: Sandra Madon & John Klotz**

Help Needed: Cut back invasive Autumn Olive bushes, brambles and vines along the trails and cut those invading the open field. Remove downed branches on the trail. Fix missing or damaged trail markers.

Meet: At the trailhead kiosk, intersection of Summer Rd. and Hixson Rd. If pull-off is full park on Hixson.

Tools that would be helpful: Loppers, pruners, pruning saw, gloves.

2. READINGTON COMMUNITY GARDEN PRE-SEASON PREP, DOBOZYNSKI FARM PARK, FLEMINGTON

Saturday, March 14, 10AM – Noon. **Session Leader: Julia Allen**

Help Needed: Various light tasks to ready the site for the weekly work sessions that will begin March 21. Also, Garden leaders will be holding an Open House to discuss its operation. Occasional work, planting, weeding, raking, watering etc. entitles residents to participate in the harvest. See Township Website or this month's *Readington News* for more information if you are interested in belonging this season.

Meet: At Dobozynski Farm Park, 42 Woodschurch Rd, Flemington.

Tools that would be helpful: Gloves. The Garden has an abundance of tools on site.

3. TRAILWORK SESSION, RIVER TRAIL, FLEMINGTON

Date: Wednesday, March 18, 9AM – Noon **Session Leader: John Klotz**

Help Needed: Create re- route in a section of the River Trail that runs from Deer Path Park to the Wings Section of the South Branch Preserve. Also, Put up trail markers, cut back trees and shrubs.

Meet: At the cul-de-sac at the end of Newell Rd. We will access the open space via a township right of way through a private lot.

Tools that would be helpful: Gloves, clippers, loppers, pruning saw, garden rake or pronged hoe. A string trimmer, chainsaw, rotary mower would help if one is available.

4. TRAILWORK SESSION, ROUND MOUNTAIN, STANTON

Date: Saturday, March 21, 9AM – Noon **Session Leader: Chris John**

Help Needed: Create a new route for the local section of the Peter Buell Trail intersecting with the White Trail. This work area is accessed via the White Trail that begins across from the General Store.

Meet: Across Stanton Road (Rt. 629) from the Stanton General Store at the split-rail fence. Overflow parking at the Stanton Reformed Church lot (upper end). Please do not park at the post office.

Tools that would be helpful: Shovels, clippers, loppers, thicker gloves, boots, pruning saw.

5. TRAILWORK SESSION: CUSHETUNK MTN. TRAILS, FROM PICKELL PARK, WHITEHOUSE STATION.

Date: Wednesday, March 25, 9AM – Noon. Session Leader: John Klotz

Help Needed: Cut back invasive Autumn Olive bushes, brambles and vines choking the trails and obliterating the trail markers. Remove downed branches on the trail. Restore missing or damaged trail markers. Perhaps some trail surface work to remedy wet areas.

Meet: Pickell Park, at the upper end of the parking lot, Mountain Rd, Whitehouse Station

Tools that would be helpful: Gloves, loppers, pruners, pruning saw, possibly a chainsaw.

6. TRAILWORK SESSION: BOUMAN-STICKNEY FARMSTEAD MUSEUM, STANTON.

Date: Thursday, March 26, 9AM – Noon. Session Leader: John Klotz

Help Needed Cut back invasive Autumn Olive bushes, brambles and vines choking the trails and obliterating the trail markers. Remove downed branches on the trail. Restore missing or damaged trail markers. Perhaps some trail surface work to remedy wet areas.

Meet: Bouman-Stickney Farmstead Museum parking lot, 114 Dreahook Rd, Stanton

Tools that would be helpful: Loppers, pruners, pruning saw, gloves.

7. TRAILWORK SESSION, ROUND MOUNTAIN, STANTON

Date: Saturday, March 28, 9AM – Noon Session Leader: Chris John

Help Needed: Continue clearing a new route for the local section of the Peter Buell Trail intersecting with the White Trail. This work area is accessed via the White Trail that begins across from the General Store. If we finish, we will close off the old section of trail along the old fire road going up the hill.

Meet: Across Stanton Road (Rt. 629) from the Stanton General Store at the split-rail fence. Overflow parking at the Stanton Reformed Church lot (upper end). Please do not park at the post office.

Tools that would be helpful: Shovels, clippers, loppers, gloves, boots, pruning saw.

8. TRAILWORK SESSION: LACHENMAYR TRAIL, ROOSEVELT RD, WHITEHOUSE STATION.

Date: Thursday, April 2, 9AM – Noon. Session Leader: John Klotz

Help Needed Cut back invasive Autumn Olive bushes, brambles and vines choking the trails and obliterating the trail markers. Remove downed branches on the trail. Restore missing or damaged trail markers. Restore wooden bridge. Perhaps some trail surface work to remedy wet areas.

Meet: Roosevelt Road Ball Field parking lot, at the large kiosk, Roosevelt Rd, Whitehouse Station, just south of Readington Rd. (Route 620).

Tools that would be helpful: Loppers, pruners, pruning saw, gloves, garden rake, possibly a chain saw.

9. TRAIL CREATION SESSION, CUSHETUNK MOUNTAIN FROM DREAHOOK RD, WHITEHOUSE STATION.

Date: Saturday, April 4, 9AM – Noon **Session Leader: Chris John**

What We Plan to Do: Continue blazing and clearing a new trail, begun in the autumn of 2019, from Dreahook Road towards the top of Cushetunk Mountain.

Meet: At the westernmost intersection of Horseshoe Road and Dreahook Road. (The second Horseshoe Road intersection if coming from Route 523, Horseshoe Road intersects with Dreahook in two places.) Park on Horseshoe Rd. The trail begins nearby, across Dreahook Rd from the Horseshoe Rd intersection.

Tools that would be helpful: Clippers, loppers chain saw, sledge hammer, gloves, leaf rake, lawn mower, string trimmer, ax, pruning saw, tools for clearing paths such as garden rake, pronged hoe or grub hoe.

10. TREE SEEDLING PLANTING, DOBOZYNSKI FARM PARK, 42 WOODSCHURCH RD, FLEMINGTON

Date: Sunday, April 26, 9 AM - Noon **Session Leader: Chris John**

Work to be done: Pot up approximately 300 bare root native tree seedlings in containers in the township tree nursery for later planting out along trails, streams and other open space areas

Meet: At the Township Tree Nursery; Park at the "Red Barns," Dobozynski Farm Park, 42 Woodschurch Rd, Flemington.

Tools to Bring: shovel, trowel, garden gloves.

11. TRAIL CREATION AND TREE PLANTING SESSION, CUSHETUNK NATURE PRESERVE, LEBANON.

Date: Saturday, May 2, 9AM – Noon **Session Leader: Chris John**

What We Plan to Do: Clear and blaze a trail from the vernal pond to a new trailhead on Mountain Road; also plant trees along the South Branch of the Rockaway Creek.

Meet: At the Cushetunk Nature Preserve parking area, located down a dirt drive at 397 U.S. 22 East, between Power Place and the Van Horn Road traffic light. If you need directions, we will provide.

Tools that would be helpful: clippers, loppers, thicker gloves, leaf or garden rakes, lawn mower, string trimmer, small limb saws (no chainsaws required), shovel, pitchfork, lawn mower, weed whacker, wheel barrow, watering can, empty five (5) gallon joint compound bucket (without holes).

12. TREE PLANTING, INVASIVES REMOVAL, LACHENMAYR OPEN SPACE, PINE BANK RD, FLEMINGTON

Date: Saturday, May 9, 9 AM - Noon **Session Leader: Chris John**

Work to be done: Plant Trees along the Holland Brook (2nd field), checking and servicing tubes and cages of prior planting project, removing invasive mile-a-minute from tree planting location.

Meet: Lachenmayr Trailhead on Pine Bank Road east of Roosevelt Rd, by the bridge over the Holland Brook.

Tools to Bring: Shovels, pitchforks, lawn mower, weed whacker, wheel barrow, watering cans, empty five (5) gallon joint compound bucket (without holes)

13. TREE PLANTING, LAZY BROOK GREENWAY, SUMMER RD TRAILHEAD, FLEMINGTON

Date: Saturday, May 23, 9 AM - Noon **Session Leader: Chris John**

Work to be done: Planting Trees along the trail.

Meet: At the large parking area on Summer Road for the Lazy Brook Rd, across from 40 Summer Rd.

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Tools to Bring: Shovels, pitchforks, weed whacker, wheel barrow, watering cans, empty five (5) gallon joint compound bucket (without holes)

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