

Thurston Nature Committee Meeting

October 21, 2024

Zoom

Attendance: Praveena Ramaswami, Pam O'Neal, Jim Vallem, Beth Caldwell, Emily Eisbruch, Michael Tucker, Holly Zechar, Kristen Cella, Amy Creten

- TNC Workday Saturday October 26 10-12 pm – has been advertised in the Thurston PTO newsletter; Land stewards will work on a plan for activities needed on the work day
- Enchanted Nature Walk Friday October 25 5-7pm. TNC will have a Lorax-themed booth
- The TNC approved a second statement clarifying the committee's engagement on the project and the committee's actions. The statement was sent via social media, and posted on the TNC website October 9th:

Community Members,

For nearly 60 years, our dedicated volunteers have proudly served as stewards of the Thurston Nature Center. Recently, we became aware of independent efforts led by individuals **NOT** affiliated with the Thurston Nature Center Committee, which include statements, flyers, and an online petition. We want to clarify that the Committee has **NOT** been involved in these activities, nor have we endorsed or promoted them. The TNC Committee's communications have been focused on providing information on our mission, history, wildlife and work with the community.

As a sub-entity of the Thurston PTO, we serve as stewards in partnership with the Ann Arbor Public Schools (AAPS) and Orchard Hills Athletic Club (OHAC), the landowners. Our commitment remains to work collaboratively with AAPS and the community, continuing to preserve and protect the natural landscape, just as we have done since the Center's founding in 1967.

We thank you for your continued support.

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