



## MARCH SCHEDULE OF PROGRAMS

### March Schedule

CHIMNEY SWIFT TALK	3/4
FROG WATCH	3/11
EARLY CHILDHOOD OUTREACH	3/16
PUBLIC MEETING	3/18
GARDEN GROUPE	3/25
RAIN BARREL	3/25

The Friends of Harrison Hills Park have put together an exciting schedule of events for the spring of 2017.

Our talented group of volunteers want to share the natural wonders of our beautiful Harrison Hills Park.

To that end we have a great list of events that will give you a great reason to get outside, meet with other interesting people, and learn something new.

From birding to citizen science projects to hiking to environmental education, we are trying to offer something for everyone.

All events start at the Environmental Learning Center (ELC) located at the end of Chipmunk Drive.

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Check out our website - [www.friendsofharrisonhills.org](http://www.friendsofharrisonhills.org)



*Environmental Learning Center*

Find us on Facebook or Instagram.

Or call 724-224-4102 or 724-487-3586

### Harrison Hills Park

- One of 9 Allegheny County Parks
- Located off Rt 28 just north of the Natrona Heights Walmart
- ELC is located on Chipmunk Drive
- Make first left in the park, then next left is Chipmunk Drive
- Please help keep the park clean.

## CHIMNEY SWIFT TALK

Join Chris Kubiak of the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania to learn about the fascinating Chimney Swift. The Audubon Society has erected 120 Chimney

Swift tower in Western Pa including 4 at Harrison Hills. Chris will tell us why these towers are needed to support the population of Chimney Swifts that migrate here

from South America.

Join us on Saturday, March 4 @ 1:30pm at the ELC in Harrison Hills Park.

## FROG WATCH USA



Join Gabi Hughes from the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania for some FROG FUN.

Frog Watch is a Citizen Science project that invites individual and families to help conserve amphibians by reporting the calls of local frogs and toads.

Frogs and toads breed in

just about any standing water whether it is a ditch, a puddle, or an actual pond.

Harrison Hills Park has 2 ponds so if the weather cooperates, we will hike to one of them so Gabi can show us how to find egg sacks and breeding toads and frogs.

Bring the kids!!

Join us on Saturday, March 11th @ 10am at the ELC at Harrison Hills Park.

Please RSVP by emailing [friendsofharrisonhills@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofharrisonhills@gmail.com)

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## FRIENDS OUTREACH AT EARLY CHILDHOOD FAIR



While not a public participation program, the Council of Friends of Harrison Hills Park will be represented at the Highlands School Districts Early Childhood Development Fair at Highlands High School.

Highlands School District holds this annual fair to provide information for incoming Kindergarten and K4 parents and children.

FHHP staffs a table to encourage parents and

children to visit Harrison Hills Park and all it has to offer from playgrounds and ponds to hiking trails.

## FHHP PUBLIC MEETING



March 18th at 10am is the monthly public meeting of the Friends of Harrison Hills Park council.

This is an open meeting so feel free to attend.

Please RSVP so we can

be prepared with enough chairs.

Email  
[friendsofharrisonhills@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofharrisonhills@gmail.com)

## GARDEN GROUPIES-SEED STARTER

It all started with Master Gardener, Sherry Shaffer, donating a greenhouse to the park and offering to work with all those interested in growing gardens from seed.

Whether you are a novice or a seasoned gardener, Garden Groupies offers the chance to grow flowers and plants from seeds

early in March and use the Harrison Hills Park greenhouse to nurture your seeds into sprouts just in time for May planting.

Garden Groupies is limited to 15 participants so reserve a spot NOW! Reservations can be made by contacting Susan Goughler at 724-816-

3508 or [susangoughler@yahoo.com](mailto:susangoughler@yahoo.com). There is a suggested \$5.00 donation on March 25. We don't want to leave anyone out so, even if the greenhouse limit of 15 fills up, you are still most welcome to come to the class and learn how to do a greenhouse project from your home. **March 25th, 1-3pm**



## WATERSHED AWARENESS & RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP

PA Resources Council (PRC) will present their Watershed Awareness and

Rain Barrel Workshop at the Harrison Hills Environmental Learning Center

Participants will learn how to harvest rainwater from their roofs, store it, and use it to maintain landscapes and gardens. This workshop will also explain the issues associated with storm water runoff, ways to conserve

water in your homes, and watershed friendly landscaping techniques.

**Saturday, March 25,  
10:30am - Noon**

**Cost \$40/person or  
\$45/couple**

**Pre-registration re-  
quired 724-496-9774**



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