

# Leaves



## Newsletter of the Michigan Forest Association

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**Association News** Debra Huff, guest editor

### **NEW OFFICE!**



MFA has moved to North Lansing! Our new address and contact information is noted in the header! : Your contacts will be Debra Huff (Executive Director) and Lisa Parker (Secretary/Associate Director). Members are all welcome to stop by anytime, just call first to be sure one of us is around to open up the office. If we aren't there when you call, press 1 to leave a message! I will try to be in the office on Tuesday mornings from 10:00am – 1:00pm. Deb [debra.huff@michiganforests.org](mailto:debra.huff@michiganforests.org)



### **Coming Events**

#### **MFA Annual Meeting**

A unique opportunity to learn about Urban Forests with their many benefits *and* see first hand how Forests are shaping Detroit's Renaissance! Landowners, Foresters, and Forest-Lovers alike will learn and enjoy this engaging event in MFA's oft passed by Chapter 12.

**MFA Teacher Workshop at R.A.MacMullan Conference Center, Roscommon**

June 20 – 24, 2016

## **MFA Annual Meeting 2016 Schedule** (Subject to minor adjustments)

### **Thursday August 18, 2016**

1:00pm – 5:00pm MFA Board of Directors Meeting  
BBQ dinner at Lakeshore Park in Novi

### **Friday August 19, 2016**

9:00am – 10:30am MFA Business Meeting

#### **Urban Forests Emerge!**

#### **Speakers include:**

**Jac Kyle – Environmental Education Director for Greening of Detroit on:**  
Professional & Citizen Foresters working together to effect Detroit's Forest Renaissance.

**Lee Mueller – Community Forestry Consultant/Project Developer for Davey Tree on:**  
How Forests Can Save our Cities: The Critical Role of Urban Greenspace.

#### **Tour Tollgate Farms in Novi, MI !**

**Roy Prentiss – Michigan State University Extension Tollgate Farm Manager**  
Managing a Forty Acre Woodland in a Suburban Metropolis

#### **Evening Festivities: Banquet, Awards, Auction & Raffle**

### **Saturday August 20, 2016** (8:30 am Load Buses)

#### **Tour the Renaissance Forests of Detroit!**

**Belle Isle State Park – a Natural Resource Jewel for Forests, Wildlife & People**  
Michigan's 102<sup>nd</sup> State Park was designed in part by Frederick Law Olmstead.

**Greening of Detroit – Aspiring to a Greener Tomorrow for Detroit**  
Growing New Urban Forests & Community

**Hantz Woodlands: an enterprise of Hantz Farms Detroit – Building a green economy.**  
Private Enterprise Transforms Blight to Beauty with Trees

#### **Saturday Evening in the City: Detroit Tigers vs. Boston Red Sox**

*Join MFA for Tiger Baseball or Find Your Own Fun!*

*Some Possibilities:* Greektown at Sundown, the Woodward Dream Cruise, Michigan Renaissance Festival, African World Festival, Live Area Concerts (Don Henley at Meadowbrook, Beach Boys & Four Tops at Freedom Hill Amphitheater, Hank Williams Jr. at DTE Energy Music Theater)

A registration form is attached at the end of this newsletter!

## Our apologies

Dues: You are a valued and welcome member! And Yes, you will be receiving a dues notice. We apologize for the delay, but there are always growing pains when one leadership transitions to another. Please bear with Lisa and I as we are doing our best to match all that Bill and Alice did for us!

Also, please pardon the tardiness of our Leaves Newsletter. We promise to do a better job as we get ourselves organized and moving in the right direction towards the future. We have a lot of exciting things happening and can't wait to tell you all about it!

## Wildlife News

### **Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) – Mandatory Deer Checks in 5 Michigan Counties**



May 2016 - The Michigan Natural Resources Commission has approved a Department of Natural Resources plan to expand the Core CWD Area from nine townships in three counties to 17 townships in four counties. A broader CWD Management Zone, which includes fewer restrictions than the core area, now includes Eaton and Ionia counties, along with Clinton, Ingham and Shiawassee counties.

Successful hunters in the eight new townships will be required to take their deer to a DNR check station to be tested for the fatal neurological disease. Baiting likely will be outlawed in all five counties.

DNR officials have scheduled two new town hall meetings to discuss the management changes and the DNR's response to the outbreak. The meetings will be June 1 at the Foster Community Center in Lansing and June 7 at the Armory Community Center in Ionia. Both sessions will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

More information can be found on the Michigan DNR website.

<http://www.michigan.gov/emergingdiseases/0,1607,7-186-25806---,00.html>

## Forest Health

### **Spruce Budworm (SBW) numbers are increasing in the Upper Peninsula**



It appears that Michigan has entered the beginning years of the next regional spruce budworm (*Choristoneura fumiferana*) outbreak. SBW defoliated the entire western Upper Peninsula, areas in the eastern UP and areas in the northeastern Lower Peninsula for the second consecutive year. Epidemics of spruce budworm periodically cause extensive defoliation and tree mortality in spruce and fir forests. Large-scale SBW outbreaks cause widespread top kill and tree mortality. Mature and over-mature balsam fir dominated stands are most severely damaged. Susceptible stands often lose 60 to 80 percent of the fir and 20 to 40 percent of the spruce. Mature fir stands may be entirely lost. The last outbreak in Michigan started in the UP in the late 1960s and ended in the early 1980s. Over 519,000 acres of spruce and fir trees died in Michigan as a result. Michigan DNR 2015 Forest Health Highlights

Photo from WA DNR

## Forest Products

**Tall Wood Buildings.** A new bill from Congress would establish performance driven research for advancing tall wood building construction in the U.S. The “Timber Innovation Act” would:

- Authorize the Tall Wood Building Prize Competition through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) annually for the next five years
- Create federal grants to support state, local, university and private sector education, outreach, research and development, including education and assistance for architects and builders, that will accelerate the use of wood in tall buildings
- Authorize technical assistance for USDA, in cooperation with state foresters and state extension directors (or equivalent state officials), to implement a program of education and technical assistance for mass timber applications

The Woodworking Network

## Carbon Markets

### **USDA Secretary Vilsack Commits to Investment in Forest Carbon Sequestration**

During a speech on climate at the Center for American Progress in Washington, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced a new \$72.3 million investment to boost carbon storage in healthy soils as part of the USDA’s Building Blocks for Climate Smart Agriculture and Forestry, one year after he unveiled the plan at Michigan State University.

## Fires

### **Burned Forests of Fort McMurray are Providing Habitat to Ash Loving Insects!**



The fires surrounding Fort McMurray, Alberta Canada have attracted beetles that are part of the fire-dependent ecosystem. The Alberta wildfire has torched over 566,000 acres of boreal forest and continues to threaten neighbors in Saskatchewan. However, nature’s recyclers have moved in to prepare for the next forest. These beetles are attracted to the burned areas and thrive in these landscapes. Peter Heule, an insect expert with Edmonton's Royal Alberta Museum, said these pyrophilus creatures are critical to rejuvenating the boreal forest. The most famous of these fire-loving insects is the white-spotted longhorn beetle. The pitch-black, long-antennae critters feed on conifers such as spruce, pine and fir trees in forests across North America.

Better known as the tar-sand beetle, they are a common sight in Fort McMurray and are much maligned for their tendency to crawl into the warmth of mineworkers pant legs, and latch on.

There's a reason there are so many in the region. Smells of oil sands attract these beetles, and they look for charred wood on which to lay eggs. These insects help turn deadwood back into soil, allowing seedlings to return to the landscape in a matter of months. Research shows that if the insects aren't there to chew their way through the blackened logs, the burned landscape remains stagnant for much longer.

By Wallis Snowdon, [CBC News](#), May 10, 2016



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**Woodlands in My Back Yard**

**MFA's 44th ANNUAL MEETING**

**Headquarters – Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall**  
 19801 Farmington Rd, Livonia, MI 48152

**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, AUGUST 19 AND 20, 2016**

**(Early bird \$20 discount until August 1, 2016, Tigers baseball tickets reservations no later than July 13, 2016)**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

FULL NAME(S)	ADULT	CHILD (AGE)	ANY DIETARY RESTRICTIONS? PLEASE SPECIFY

(Use the back of the form, if necessary, for additional registrants.)

Address (head of party): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Full meeting registration includes all costs except lodging, including: Friday lunch & Banquet, Saturday bus tour & lunch. The registration fee (but not lodging) for two individuals is included in Oak and White Pine memberships -- **but please register.**

Registration Type	Cost (Before Aug. 1)	Cost (After Aug 1)	Number of People	Amount due
Adult full registration (MFA members & spouses)	\$95	\$115		
Adult full registration (non-members)	\$110	\$130		
Child (ages 5-12) -age 4 and under are free	\$50	\$50		
Friday program with lunch	\$25	\$30		
Friday program with Banquet only	\$35	\$40		
Friday program with lunch and Banquet	\$60	\$70		
Saturday program with lunch and bus tour	\$40	\$50		
Tigers tickets – <b>by July 13</b> – 70 available - tickets available with and without bus transportation	\$40 w/bus	\$35 w/out bus		
Raffle tickets - \$5 each – Chain saw, Maple table				
<b>Total enclosed</b>				

Please make checks payable to **Michigan Forest Association** and mail to MFA at the above address. Confirmation, maps, and final program will be sent to registrants, along with a list of local motels and campgrounds. This info also can also be found in *Leaves Spring 2016* and on the MFA web site.

**Please register as soon as possible.**

For late registration (after **August 1**), please phone or email to check space availability.

## Recommended Hotels in Livonia

### Fairfield Inn & Suites

17350 Fox Drive  
Livonia, MI 48152  
1-734-953-8888

Rates and Reservations CUTOFF DATE July 28, 2016

- Call hotel directly for reservations – tell them you are with the Michigan Forest Association.  
Cutoff date: July 28, 2016

OR go to the website at [www.fairfieldinnlivonia.com](http://www.fairfieldinnlivonia.com) and enter one of the following codes into the group code box which they will find under "Special rates":

Queen/Queen rooms: MFAMFAQ

King rooms: MFAMFAK

King Sofa rooms: MFAMFAS

King Studio: MFAMFAE

- Our special rates at the Fairfield Inn are:

ROOM TYPE	RATE
King	\$102.00
Queen/Queen	\$102.00
King Sofa	\$112.00
King Studio	\$112.00

Please note all rooms are non-smoking. A \$250 fee per room will be assessed if there is smoking in any guest rooms. Please note these room rates are per room, per night, and are subject to 10.5% applicable taxes.

**\*Breakfast is included in this rate.**

### Courtyard Detroit Livonia

17200 N Laurel Park Drive  
Livonia, MI 48152-3915  
(734) 462-2000

Rates and Reservations CUTOFF DATE July 28, 2016

- Call Marriott Reservations at 1 (800) 321-2211 or (734) 462-2000 on or before **Thursday, July 28, 2016, (the "Cutoff Date")** to make their reservations. Please identify yourselves as part of the Michigan Forest Association (MFA) group staying at the Courtyard Detroit Livonia, located at 17200 N Laurel Park Drive, Livonia, MI 48152-3915.
- All reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card. The hotel will not hold any reservations unless secured by credit card. Our special rates at the Courtyard by Marriott are:

ROOM TYPE	RATE
King	\$109.00
Queen/Queen	\$99.00

The Hotel's room rates are subject to applicable state and local taxes (currently **10.50%**) in effect at the time of check out.

**\*Breakfast not included in room rate**