

**Kiwanis Club of North Mason**  
**Theler Center Community Project**  
**Saturday April 18, 2015**

**Introduction:** The Kiwanis Club of North Mason is joining Kiwanis Clubs around the world to celebrate 100 years of community service to children and communities by coordinating a "One-Day" community work party at the Theler Center on April 18, 2015 from 9:00-3:00. Because there will be a 5K Run from 10:00-12:00 on Theler Center trails on April 18<sup>th</sup>, we need to plan work party activities away from trails in the morning.

**Morning Projects:**

1. Both left and right planting areas and garden areas need to be weeded and have beauty bark placed on them.
2. All walkway areas in front and back of main building need to be pressure washed. Upper picnic benches and tables need to be pressure washed.
3. Kiosk near beginning of main trail needs to be cleaned.
4. Planting areas and gardens near the Exhibit Center/Classroom needs to be weeded and pruned with the assistance of a Master Gardener who knows native plants to be left on site.
5. All demonstrative gardens need to be weeded and brought back to their original beauty.
6. Step by the back stream, (Sweetwater Creek) area needs to be built up.
7. All kiosks in the Exhibit Center area need to be cleaned and debris removed from roofs.
8. Sidewalks in the Exhibit Center area need to be pressure washed.
9. Healing Garden needs to be weeded.
10. Back trail by the whale kiosk needs to have chips put down and racked.

**Afternoon Projects:** Continue unfinished morning projects.

1. Side gardens near main trail near parking lot need weeding and pruning.
2. Left side of trail behind fence needs to have scotch broom pulled.
3. Area around electrical box needs to be cleaned out for easy access.
4. Areas around totems need to be trimmed back.
5. Sitka spruce tree needs to have lower limbs lobbed off so owl totem is visible.

## Continuing Afternoon Projects

6. Maintain all trails by keeping blackberry bushes about a foot from side of trail edge by the use of a weed whacker.
7. Signage along trails need to be cleaned.
8. Side of fire lane needs to be weed wacked.
9. Trees along fire lane need to have 14 feet of access for fire trucks and emergency vehicles.
10. Rose bush needs to be cut back where bench is in back of Exhibit Center.

**Special Note:** Theler Center volunteers will be served lunch by BJ's Catering from 11:00-12:00. A limited number of T-Shirts donated by members of North Mason High School's Key Club will be available. Not all the projects listed above will be completed on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Another work party is planned at the Theler Center on Mason County's **Caring Day**.

**Equipment Needed:** If possible, bring your own garden racks, hand tools, gloves, and kneeling pads etc. Needed power equipment includes gas powered blowers, chain saw, and weed trimmers. Items like wheel barrows, paint brushes, extension cords, etc. are always nice to have at large work parties. **Be sure to have some type of ID on your equipment and tools so your items don't get lost.**

**Registration for April 18<sup>th</sup> can be done on-line at [VolunteerMason.org](http://VolunteerMason.org) and clicking on Events.** You can join us by registering on April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Theler Center beginning at 9:00 or anytime that fits your family schedule between 9:00-2:00.

**Questions about our Kiwanis Theler Center Project should be directed to Del Morton at [delmorton39@q.com](mailto:delmorton39@q.com) or by phone at (360) 275-2523. Also, Tamra Ingwaldson at [tingwaldson23@gmail.com](mailto:tingwaldson23@gmail.com) or by phone at (360)265-1719.**

**Theler Center "Adopt-An-Area Program:** Interested non-profit organizations, youth groups, local businesses, churches, and individuals are encouraged to adopt an identified area for year around maintenance. This program is similar to the Washington State Adopt-A-Highway Program. There are about twenty areas available for adoption. You can reserve or adopt an area by informing the Theler Center office staff and requesting a specific area.

**Thank you for considering to help clean-up the Theler Center grounds and trails on April 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-3:00. The Theler Center is in need of community support. By working together, as a unified community, we can make a huge difference by helping maintain the Theler Center grounds and trails.**