

## **Meeting of the Huron Arbor Stewardship Network**

Bruegel's Bagels

Tues 13 Feb 07

### **Topic: Using Volunteers**

#### Sources of volunteers

students--from high schools or secondary schools

--from uni frats with public service requirements

--some classes have public service requirements

neighbors

civic minded citizens, or those who love the outdoors

scout troops

church groups

public service organizations

#### Reaching the volunteers

e-mail lists most effective; building them often requires traditional methods

find the above-mentioned school groups

go door-to-door for neighborhood projects

advertize in local papers, community and church bulletins, student papers

invite your friends

word of mouth works over time for recurring work days

[www.stewardshipnetwork.org](http://www.stewardshipnetwork.org) calendar is live; submit your request to NAP

#### Staff/leadership involvement

plan thoroughly, in detail

have all tools and supplies

volunteers **do not** use power tools or herbicide

have sign-in sheet for names and e-addresses

assign individuals to specific tasks

at least one person supervises only; oversees and troubleshoots

keep records when possible--names and number of workers

--hours worked

--sites and activities

take pictures for advertizing, and for reporting in-kind contributions

advertize thanks wherever the work day was advertized

#### Strategies

regular days and times facilitate the growth of the volunteer community

take a midway break for snacks and discussion of the project and the work

end the workday with a tour of the work or other nearby attractions

Announcement: Saturday 3 Mar 07 workshop on hosting volunteer work days, to be held at the Botanical Gardens