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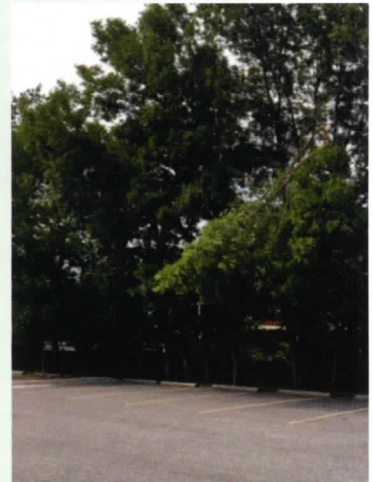
RESURRECTION UNIVERSITY PARISH

Land Stewardship Committee

ALL THINGS GREAT AND SMALL

Bill Vaughn once wrote that "suburbia is where the developer bulldozes out the trees, then names the streets after them. That was never an issue in "early Bozeman" but today with rampant growth and speculation on flipping houses in instant subdivisions more of such conduct is becoming all too common. Why would developers that build houses without even securing permits (as was seen off of Love Lane) care if trees are removed?

Resurrection Parish has already experienced the "shady side" of tree issues when the Mountain Ash tree was in the way of the handicap ramp constructed on the north side of the church after the new addition was opened. The tree had to go. Zip, Zip, bag it and tag it and away went an abundant source of fall berries much cherished by robins and cedar waxwings.



Tree Truths

Here are some tree truths worth noting. The not-so-nice, potentially hazardous side to trees is most obvious in large, old ones. They can topple (or shed large branches) during storms, bringing down power and utility lines. They can smash into homes and vehicles; rain down sap, leaves, nuts, seedpods and other unwanted offerings; and make a general mess of things as leaves and such clog a home's gutters and downspouts. They can even serve as access points for insects and other critters to make their way into your house. Resurrection Parish has several trees that are splitting, dangerously hanging over the parking lot, obstructing highway signs or disease/insect invested. Good land stewardship calls it's a good idea to trim or remove potentially threatening branches.

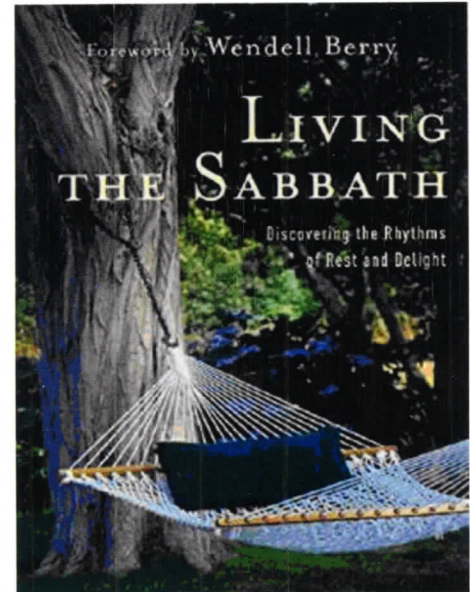
*The true meaning of life is
to plant a trees, under whose
shade you do not expect to sit*

Nelson Henderson

SPEAKING OF LITTLE THINGS THAT ARE GREAT

NEW FROM LAND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE A Zoom Lenten Evening of Reflection

The **LAND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE** will be hosting a Lenten book discussion on Wednesday, March 30, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. (Bozeman time) online via zoom. We are reading NORMAN WIRZBA book *LIVING THE SABBATH*. Here is a cup of water for thirsty souls. It is a writing of pure relief from the *busy-ness of the consumer-throw-away-I want it now society* of the Christian world with an in depth look at what resting on the seventh day really meant in the Old Testament. Chapter 11 is a particularly intriguing look at Sabbath and Environmentalism with spill over relationship to Green Peace, Feminine Ecology, Environmental Spirituality and many other not so modern concepts. The zoom meeting will be moderated by Paul Gore who holds a Master of Theology from the St. Vincent DePaul major seminary in Florida. Books will be provided free to attendees. This program is age appropriate senior year high school to all upper level college degree pursuits. **MSU students and Creation Care/Land Stewardship members are encouraged to join.**



If you like Wendell Barry, Anne Dillon, and Aldo Leopold you will love this book.

For more details, please contact Paul Gore at paulagore@att.net or 406-587-2001.

GREEN LEAF AND LAND STEWARDSHIP are planning for the "*New Look*" of Resurrection University Parish. You will be hearing more about this over the coming months but fundamentally it is a greater concentration on campus ministry and outreach to young students and those that may be experiencing the call of God to join the priesthood. Land Stewardship ministry is forming up its part in this plan with a list of lecturers and programs, including book reviews, zoom sharing sessions and the like for the student body all centered on ecology, environmentalism, and the spiritual dimension of the Good Earth. Native American aspects will be a significant part of the written and spoken presentations. And the "old timers" are not to be forgotten and will be a major focus also. This Old Timer, member of the parish and soon to be four-score, is senior editor and publisher of the Green Leaf and needs help. Lots of help. So how about it, you New Look youngsters as well as you veteran Old Timers.

See hoechoka.com and the tab Green Leaf for background.
Paul Gore, 406-587-2001





About the Critters 'n Things...

THE GREAT HORNED OWL NESTS IN MARCH

*Wind singing through the larch
Intones the hymn of March.*

*The owl upon her nest
Waits with patient breast.*

*There is no sign of leaf
To foster her belief:*

*Nothing now but snow
Interminable below.*

*Minstrel winds of March
Singing through the larch:*

*Eggs within the nest
Warm beneath her breast*

Marjory Titus Greene, Nature Magazine, Vol.49, No.3, March 1956,
p.147

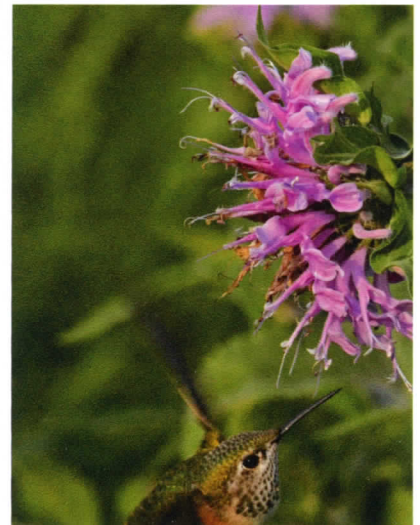


FEATHER



A feather is surely
A wonderful thing—
Less simple by far
 Than the robes of a king:
The *shaft* of a feather
 Grows on the *quill*
The *barb* the shaft—
 And there's *more* to this still!—
The *barbules* sprout out
 From the side of the barb—
 Just think of all *this*
 For a humming-bird's garb!—
 And the *barbicels* grow
 On the tiny barbules:
O Maker-of-feathers,
 what were your tools?

Nature Magazine. Page 152. Mae Norton Morris



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