

The Oakleaf

THE FRIENDS OF HOYT PARK NEWSLETTER

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This board meets monthly to discuss issues concerning Hoyt Park. We welcome your input.

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All donations support your park and are tax deductible.
What a bargain!

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Hoyt Park Summer Ranger

Thanks to your generous financial support, we funded a summer park ranger this year. Recent UW graduate in biology and history, Michael Johnson worked in Hoyt Park for 12 weeks from mid-May through mid-August.

Michael's routine included removing litter, maintaining trails, pruning along the trail edges, removing weeds from the Ready Prairie, and removing exotic plants such as buckthorn, honeysuckle, dames rocket, garlic mustard, and Japanese hedge parsley throughout the park. Because of some big storms this summer, Michael also spent entire days removing fallen trees and debris from trails and repairing washed out areas.



Throughout the summer, he focused his efforts in the specific areas of the Ready Prairie, the overlook, and the area bordered by the playground, the bluff, and the large open area. He fears that this last area is primed for an invasion of Japanese hedge parsley since he removed a half dozen stands of it over the summer.



Edgewood High School Student Volunteers

On Wednesday, September 27th, a group of students from Edgewood High School spent nearly five hours putting mulch around the oak trees at the upper part of the park. What a nice and hard working groups of young people they were! After lunch, everybody walked the interpretive trail and Helen Baldwin and John Elliott pointed out interesting features of our park. We all carried trash bags and picked up litter along the way, making the park just a bit cleaner.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS:

- Thursday, Nov. 9
- Thursday, Jan. 11
- Thursday, Feb. 8
- Thursday, Mar. 8
- Thursday, Apr. 12

All meetings begin at 6:45 p.m. in the Sequoia Library.

FULL MOON/ OWL WALK:

Friday, February 2, 2007
Details in a winter postcard

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MCF Enhances Hoyt Park

The Madison Community Foundation (MCF) chose Hoyt Park to receive a special gift. It's perfectly suited to please park visitors. In October 2006, they placed a grouping of three handsome benches above the Sunset Point overlook and planted an Amelanchier (Serviceberry) tree near them. From these benches, Park Friends and Visitors can sit comfortably and look west at changing foliage and brilliant sunsets. In addition, the ugly trash drums will be replaced with more attractive containers, and there may be a plaque near the benches.

Please take a minute to thank folks at the Madison Community Foundation for their generosity. This is our first step in enhancing the Sunset Point area. If you'd like to plan the future of the overlook area, please contact John Elliot at 232-1846 or elliott@edgewood.edu.

Donate to and Come Bid at our Silent Auction!

We are having a silent auction for our Holiday Party this year. We encourage FHP members to donate goods and services. If you have something to donate, please contact Deborah Lawson at 238-8186 or dlawson@restainobunbury.com.

§ Come join us for an End-of-Year-Celebration
on December 14 at 6:00 p.m. at the University Club
with silent auction and speaker Brent Haglund §
Details in separate mailing.

Holiday Giving

Make your generosity count this holiday season. Please give to The Friends of Hoyt Park. All donations are tax deductible. Mail to: FHP, Inc., P O Box 5542, Madison WI 53705-0542



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