

# 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. UW student Ariel DeBroux worked in Hoyt Park from May through August culminating in a party at the lower shelter on September 7.

Ariel's routine included removing garbage and graffiti, maintaining trails, communicating with park users, and removing invasive plants such as buckthorn, honeysuckle, dames rocket, garlic mustard, and a newer invasive, Japanese hedge parsley, throughout the park.

By cleaning up trash daily in the main areas, she hoped to keep the park friendly, safe, and beautiful. She was encouraged to hear from one city worker who parks here on lunch breaks that this is one of the cleanest parks in Madison.

In her final report, she states, "I truly enjoyed this summer, and would like to thank the Friends for creating an amazing and rewarding summer job! I look forward to returning to Hoyt Park for either work or relaxation!"

## Hoyt Park Historical Photographs

Do you have any old family photographs that include Hoyt Park? We are interested in any photographs or memories from the 1940s or 50s including people enjoying the park, the original front entrance, and stonework. Contact Perri Liebl at 231-3105.



Thank you to Catherine Murray for generously sharing her fond memories and photographs of family outings to Hoyt Park. The photo above shows Catherine's father, Mike Tripalin, in the middle, with her grandparents Joe and Margaret Kovacs.

## Join the Great Backyard Bird Count!

Bird and nature fans throughout North America are invited to join tens of thousands of everyday bird watchers for the 12th annual Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC), February 13-16, 2009. Participants count birds and report their sightings online at [www.birdcount.org](http://www.birdcount.org).

Join Friends of Hoyt Park volunteers on a walk around the park to identify and count birds for the GBBC. Don't forget your binoculars. Saturday, Feb. 14 walk starts at 10:00 am. Meet in the Hoyt Park parking lot.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

### 2009 BOARD MEETINGS:

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

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

### HOLIDAY PARTY:

Thursday, December 11  
Details in separate mailing

### FULL MOON/ OWL WALK:

February 8, 2009  
Details in a winter postcard

### CITY OF MADISON VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Wednesday, January 14, 2009  
Olbrich Gardens

### GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

Saturday, February 14, 2009  
Hoyt parking lot

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## Annual Holiday Party and Silent Auction

Mark your calendars for the 11th of December, at the University Club at 803 State Street. This year will feature our new city of Madison Parks' superintendent Kevin Briski who looks forward to introducing himself to those of us who haven't met him yet and talking with us about our park, and his ideas for the future.

We will also have an exciting and special silent auction, whose theme this year is 'gardening.' We'll get a chance to buy things like tools and mulch, garden tilling, jams and sauces, or garden art.

Watch for the invite in your mailboxes or call or email now to reserve your place or donate a gardening themed item or service. Contact Deborah Lawson at 238-8186 or [dlawson@restainohomes.com](mailto:dlawson@restainohomes.com).

§ Come join us for an End-of-Year-Celebration  
on December 11 at 6:00 p.m. at the University Club  
with silent auction and speaker Kevin Briski §  
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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