

The Oakleaf

THE FRIENDS OF HOYT PARK NEWSLETTER

October 2012

FRIENDS OF HOYT PARK, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

John Elliott
Chairperson
232-1846

Jane Voichick
Vice-Chairperson
233-0807

Tim Kessenich
Treasurer
238-7035

Peter Hanson
Secretary
251-4416

Mike Dieterle
233-9151

Bob Downing
233-1986

Jean MacCubbin
238-4863

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

Email: chair@hoypark.org
Website: www.hoypark.org

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

Mail to:
Friends of Hoyt Park, Inc.
P O Box 5542
Madison WI 53705-0542

Hoyt Park Year in Review 2012

It was during this past year that our hard work, volunteered hours, monetary donations, and good old Madison stick-to-it-ness paid off in ways we would not have imagined in that the City of Madison engaged in major improvements in Hoyt Park. The stone wall behind the bathroom was fixed, as was the drainage problem at our beloved lookout, along with patching the paved path to the wall. Then there was the replacement stone steps and the powder coated steel railings alongside them. And, in the areas that we had so diligently removed invasive species along Regent St., the city planted over 2500 native plants, which the contractor watered during our very dry summer. Madisonians will enjoy these improvements for decades to come.

But, let us not forget our own ranger, Dustin Mireles. This ambitious young man is a Biology student at Edgewood College, and this was his second year as our ranger. Using the Hoyt Park's Master Plan, he managed invasive species, helped promote woodland vegetation diversity, helped improve park esthetics, and developed new project ideas for future rangers. If the park is looking especially good these days, in large respect, we have Dustin to thank for that.



A New Hoyt Park Endangered Species – Our Ranger

We talk a lot about getting rid of invasive species, how about preserving an endangered one? That one is our ranger. The Friends of Hoyt Park need your help. To put it bluntly, once we pay the city for our ranger, the Friends will have something between \$800 to \$1000 in our coffers. As a result, there is a distinct possibility that we will not be able to afford a ranger next year. Why do you think that the city so generously improved the park this year? We are the reason. We are also the preeminent parks group in town, the template for all others. It's is due to our hard work and that of our ranger, that make this is a park you want live next to, take your kids to, have a gathering at. So, to ensure the continuation of having a ranger, and this group, please give.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

2013 BOARD MEETINGS:

- Thursday, Jan. 10
- Thursday, Feb. 14
- Thursday, Mar. 14
- Thursday, Apr. 11

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

HOLIDAY PARTY:

Thursday, December 13
Details in separate mailing

FULL MOON/ OWL WALK:

Friday, February 25, 2013
Details in winter postcard

CITY OF MADISON VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Date TBD
Olbrich Gardens

GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

Saturday, February 16, 2013

Friends of Hoyt Park, Inc.
P O Box 5542
Madison WI 53705-0542
membership@hoytpark.org

<http://www.hoytpark.org>

Annual Holiday Party and Silent Auction

Mark your calendars for the 13th of December, at the University Club at 803 State Street. This year we will have very special guest, Mayor, and very good friend of Hoyt Park, Paul Soglin.

§ Come join us for an End-of-Year-Celebration on December 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the University Club with silent auction and speaker Paul Soglin §
Details in separate mailing.

We will also have an exciting and special silent auction. Have something fantastic to donate to the auction? Call John Elliott at 232-1846.

Look for a separate mailing for this fun event.

Membership Renewal

Please renew your membership to FHP for calendar year 2013 using the enclosed form and envelope. Your volunteer and financial support helps maintain the award winning activities of FHP so that you may enjoy a great neighborhood park.

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.

NOTE CARDS

FHP note cards will be available at the Century House and Parks Division.

- Package of 6 cards - \$10

