

The Oakleaf

THE FRIENDS OF HOYT PARK NEWSLETTER

November 2013

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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 Year in Review 2013

It was another banner year for the Friends of Hoyt Park. How you ask? We'd have to note our Conservation Ranger, Danny Volz, and our relationship with the City of Madison.

Danny is a recent graduate of Colorado State University with a degree in Natural Resource Recreation and Tourism and we benefited from his tenure as our Park Ranger in his diligent efforts in controlling invasive plant species, and trying to control the activities humans in the form of mountain bike riders, dog walkers, teenagers. A tall order to be sure. Well, not only does the park look great, but his Ranger Report, posted on our website, is a wonder to behold.

Twenty six pages it is and eloquently written. It bristles with ideas, suggestions, observations, detailed maps that will help us and future rangers to come. If you ever wonder



what exactly get for your membership donation, we would have to note our rangers: ambitious young people who help make our park a better and safer place to be.

The big project that the City is funding now is the replacement of the fencing that follows the quarry bluff and Park's western boundary. We have had meetings with the Parks people and with neighbors to ensure that this project will be satisfying for all concerned.

Eagle Scout Earns Badge Benefitting FHP

Owen Connolly of Troop 2 built a work bench for FHP as his Eagle Badge project. The work bench is located in the storage room underneath the rest rooms at the Park. Owen enjoyed this opportunity to improve his leadership and carpentry skills on this project. The funding for the project was provided by friends and family of Jim Tochell to honor Jim and his love of Hoyt Park. Stay tuned for information about another Eagle Badge project, new and improved bat houses, which will benefit Hoyt Park.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

2014 BOARD MEETINGS:

- Thursday, Jan. 9
- Thursday, Feb. 13
- Thursday, Mar. 13
- Thursday, Apr. 10

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

HOLIDAY PARTY:

Wednesday, December 11
Details in separate mailing

FULL MOON/ OWL WALK:

Friday, February 14, 2014
Details in winter postcard

CITY OF MADISON VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Date TBD
Olbrich Gardens

GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

Saturday, February 15, 2014

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Annual Holiday Party and Silent Auction

Mark your calendars for December 11 at the University Club at 803 State. Our Guest Speaker is Bill Cronon, Frederick Jackson Turner and Vilas Research Professor of History, Geography, and Environmental Studies.

§ 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 §
Details in separate mailing.

We will also have an exciting and special silent auction. Have something fantastic to donate to the auction? Contact Jean MacCubbin at 238-4863 or citizenjean2@gmail.com.

Look for a separate mailing for this fun event.

Membership Renewal

Please renew your membership to FHP for calendar year 2014 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. We encourage you to check the box for emailing newsletters so more of your donation goes to Park projects.

Holiday Giving

Make your generosity count this holiday season. Please give to The Friends of Hoyt Park. All donations are tax deductible.

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NOTE CARDS

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

- Package of 6 cards - \$10

