

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 Year in Review 2014

Did you know that in 2000, the invasive tree buckthorn covered 89% of Hoyt Park? True. Now, that same invasive's presence has been reduced to 44%. How do we know these numbers? From our ranger Danny Volz's tree survey that he conducted over the summer. And how did buckthorn's presence get reduced from 89% to 44 %? "Buckthorn busting" as Danny noted in his 2014 Hoyt Park Ranger Report.

Yes, we were lucky to get Danny back for a second stellar return engagement as our Park Ranger, and he did great job. Oh, did I say "return engagement" for Danny? Better yet, he and his fiancé Mandy were married in the park last August!

Danny's other accomplishments include, but are not limited to: public outreach, graffiti control, helping enforce park rules, treating and removing invasive species, adding or fixing trail water bars.

In the coming year, we would like to try some new things: for example monthly bird walks led by volunteers, doing trail improvements, putting in interpretive signs related to geology, quarry history or invasive species management.

The Friends of Hoyt Park have an excellent relationship with the City of Madison, which is finishing up the replacing the fence that goes along the quarry's upper ledge and is working with a contractor to do some concrete work on the stairs that got washed out a bit last summer.

Well, as they say, we couldn't do it without you, so please renew your membership and perhaps kick a bit more than usual to make sure that we can continue to do what we do.



Madison Designated Bird City

In 2013 Madison was named a bird city. To celebrate our designation, parks friends groups around the city have been hosting monthly bird walks. Our board thought that there might be a member or group of member interested birders who would enjoy developing and leading a walks in our park. Check out the City's website for more information and ideas. www.cityofmadison.com/parks/celebrate/birdnaturewalks.cfm

FHP 20th Anniversary

Yes, you read that right. The Friends of Hoyt Park is celebrating 20 years in 2015. We plan on some special events and we could use some help. If you have ideas or want to help, please contact a board member.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

2015 BOARD

MEETINGS:

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

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

HOLIDAY PARTY:

February 2015

Details in separate mailing

FULL MOON/ OWL WALK:

Monday, February 2, 2015

Details in winter postcard

CITY OF MADISON VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Date TBD

Olbrich Gardens

GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

Saturday, February 14, 2015

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Annual Holiday Party Changes

It's time to reboot that much loved Friends of Hoyt Park tradition, our Holiday Party. As we all know too well, the holiday season is jam-packed with much to do, and for people with families, it gets really busy. So, in an attempt to increase the number of people who can attend, and to combat the mid-winter blahs, we are moving the party to February. Venue and date to be announced. But, worry not. This event will still be the spirit of past parties - fun, something special, nice food. Look out for our announcement

Membership Renewal

Please renew your membership to FHP for calendar year 2015 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

