

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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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. If you haven't spotted Jason Lohr (pictured below), a UW graduate student, you've surely seen his handiwork.

The summer park ranger not only helps to maintain the natural beauty of the park, but also contributes greatly to the quality of life in the residential neighborhoods surrounding Hoyt Park. The ranger's daily presence has helped to eliminate much of the vandalism in the park and has discouraged unsavory behavior in and around the park. On all counts, the ranger helps to ensure that Hoyt Park remains a safe and fun place for families and children.

Rain Garden

Jason spent the better part of late summer planning and constructing a rain garden in the park to help alleviate storm water runoff volume, velocity, and pollution. He consulted experts from DNR and City Engineering, Forestry, and Parks for advice on rain garden design and location, impact on the surrounding white oaks, and approvals, and also received help from Friends during construction. The final area is 600 sq. ft. and 12 inches deep. We will plant the garden next spring. Contact Tim Kessenich at 238-7035 if you have plants to donate – see species list on page 2.



Overlook View

Another major undertaking this summer was to clear the dense thicket of shrubs and vines that were obscuring the view from the Hoyt Park overlook. Jason cut hundreds of buckthorn, sumac, wild grape, and other woody species that had been growing for the last 10 years.

The Hoyt Park overlook is one of the great scenic areas of Madison and maintaining the view will require intensive management for the next few years. We will need to control regrowth of woody plants and are planning to establish desirable prairie species. When prairie plants are established it will be possible to manage the area with periodic controlled burns.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS:

- Thursday, Nov. 11
 - Thursday, Jan. 13
 - Thursday, Feb. 10
 - Thursday, Mar. 10
 - Thursday, Apr. 14
- All meetings begin at 6:45 p.m. in the Sequoia Library.

FULL MOON/ OWL WALK:

Friday, February 25, 2005
with guest owl expert Al Shea
Details in February postcard

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION:

Thursday, December 9, 2004
University Club with guest
Mayor Dave Cieslewicz
Details in separate mailing

ANNUAL MEETING:

April 2005 – speaker
Robert Dott talks about
Hoyt Park geology
Details in spring newsletter

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Rain Garden Plant List

General Perennials

Amethyst shooting star
Columbine
Common strawberry
Culvers root
Ditch stonecrop
Dotted St. John's Wort
Great blue lobelia
Indian tobacco
Jack in the pulpit
Jacob's ladder
Marsh betony
Pink turtlehead
Shooting star
Smooth phlox
Solomon seal

Spiderwort
Starry solomons plume
Toothwort
Virginia wild rye
White trout lily
White turtlehead
Wild garlic
Wild ginger
Wood betony

Ferns

Interrupted fern
Lady fern
Marsh fern
Ostrich fern
Sensitive fern

Sedges

Awned graceful sedge
Bladder sedge
Fescue oval sedge
Field oval sedge
Grass sedge
Hop sedge
Larger straw sedge
Narrow-leaved cattail
sedge
Palm sedge
Sallow sedge
Slender sedge

Generous Donators

Thanks to all our generous donators during our recent fundraising campaign. Your generous donations help us fund the Summer Ranger and all the other Friends of Hoyt Park projects that help to make our park and our neighborhood a great place to live.

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