

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. Recent forestry graduate Rachel Kronenberg worked in Hoyt Park for 12 weeks from mid-May through mid-August. Rachel's routine included removing litter, maintaining trails, removing weeds from the Ready Prairie, and removing exotic plants such as garlic mustard, dames rocket, honeysuckle, and buckthorn throughout the park.

Rachel also had a number of special projects. She started her summer helping FHP volunteers plant the new rain garden. Later, she salvaged Wild Geranium, Jack-in-the-Pulpit, May Apple, and Solomon's Plume from a vacant lot across town to plant in a newly designated "no-mow" area north of the playground. She also continued our efforts to remove invasive brush from the Sunset Point overlook area in anticipation of a new major project there.

Park Entrance Restoration

We thank the Boy Scouts Troop #104, and

particularly the leadership of Eagle Scout candidate Nick Hughes, for helping restore our wonderful park entrance to its original condition.



Jacob Arndt uncovered a small section of the stone pavement while he replaced the broken bench 2 years ago. Then, on a FHP workday, Brian Williamson and several other volunteers shoveled off more of the earth at the west side of the tarmac.

This fall, Troop #104, their scout master Ron Radunzel, and several scout fathers uncovered flagstones in front of the stone walls and benches, cleaned the uncovered flagstones, and cut brush back from the walls. The city Parks Division removed the blacktop and moved the large rock to a spot to the left of the entrance.



Leopold Benches

We thank the Boy Scouts Troop #15, and particularly the leadership of James Campbell, for building six benches now placed throughout the Park. They used a bench pattern designed by Aldo Leopold.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS:

- Thursday, Nov. 10
- Thursday, Jan. 12
- Thursday, Feb. 9
- Thursday, Mar. 9
- Thursday, Apr. 13

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

FULL MOON/ OWL WALK:

Sunday, February 12, 2006
Details in a winter postcard

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Information Kiosk

We thank the Boy Scouts Troop #15, and particularly Eagle Scout John Ewanowski and his dad David Ewanowski, for the wonderful new information kiosk near the main parking lot. The kiosk, designed by John and David and constructed of cedar, includes 6 bulletin boards. We also thank Joe Daniels Construction for donating the concrete for the bases.



Hoyt Long-Range Plan

The Friends of Hoyt Park is drafting a new long-range plan for the park, which will identify the objectives and priorities that will guide our organization's activities over the next five to ten years. We've largely accomplished the goals set out in the original 1995 plan and we now have an impressive list of projects completed.

The plan committee sent a survey to members and park neighbors inviting them to weigh in on issues such as park use, accessibility, the natural environment, paths and roadways, storm water, and structures and services in the park. If you've misplaced the form, there's still time to contribute ideas. Contact Ron Harris (10 Shepard Terrace, rwharris@wisc.edu) or come to our November 10 meeting.

§ Come join us for an End-of-Year-Celebration
on December 6 at 6:00 p.m. at the University Club
with guest/speaker Tony Earl. §
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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