

The Oakleaf

THE FRIENDS OF HOYT PARK NEWSLETTER

October 2011

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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 and Volunteers

Thanks to your generous financial support, we funded a summer park ranger this year. Dustin Mireles comes to us from Madison College and this fall transferred to Edgewood College studying biology.

In 2011, the FHP Ranger and volunteers focused on restoring the Owen Parkway roadside vegetation to be a showcase of the original character of the Madison Pleasure Drives. This was the highest priority of the Management Plan that we developed in 2005 and adopted by the Park Commission.

Burning over the past several years has had limited success in killing buckthorn and other invasives. This year we made a major effort, with the ranger and volunteers, to cut and stump-treat



with herbicides all of the large invasives in this corridor. We are also working in partnership with City staff to pick up our brush and to remove some of the larger invasives (Norway maple, catalpa, ash, and elm that crowd the oaks). Our goal is to let enough light through the oak canopy to grow native oak woodland flowers, shrubs, and oak seedlings.

Here's our program for accomplishing that goal over the next two years.

- herbicide treatment of invasive resprouts and seedlings in fall 2011 and June 2012
- seeding appropriate cover crop grasses fall 2011
- burn and/or mow understory in spring 2012 to facilitate June herbicide treatment and reseeding
- another herbicide treatment in June 2012
- removal of invasive garlic mustard and Dame's Rocket in spring 2012 to prevent their proliferation in the more sunny woods
- plant and maintain native woodland plants and seed in summer 2012-spring 2013
- continue maintenance burns and volunteer invasive control in future years.

Please come and join us reach our goals!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

2012 BOARD MEETINGS:

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

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

HOLIDAY PARTY:

Thursday, December 8
Details in separate mailing

FULL MOON/ OWL WALK:

Friday, February 12, 2012
Details in winter postcard

CITY OF MADISON VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Date TBD
Olbrich Gardens

GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

Saturday, February 18, 2011
Details in winter postcard

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Annual Holiday Party and Silent Auction

Mark your calendars for the 8th of December, at the University Club at 803 State Street. This year will feature Si Widstrand, retired City Parks Supervisor and FHP and other City Parks' volunteer.

We will also have an exciting and special silent auction.

§ Come join us for an End-of-Year-Celebration on December 8 at 6:00 p.m. at the University Club with silent auction and speaker Si Widstrand §
Details in separate mailing.

Watch for the invitation in your mailboxes or call or email now to reserve your place or donate a themed item or service. Contact Betsy Lane at 238-6864 or betsynlane@gmail.com.

Membership Renewal

Please renew your membership to FHP for calendar year 2012 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.

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NOTE CARDS

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

- Package of 6 cards - \$10

