

Green Hill Park Coalition



Upcoming Events

-  Arbor Day tree planting sponsored by GWLT on May 3rd at 8:30am
-  Mass Audubon Society will sponsor a bird walk on June 14th at 9am. Meet at the reformatory
-  Cars of Summer will be returning in July
-  Hikes covering parts of the East Side Trail will take place at 9am on July 12th, August 16th, and September 13th
-  A Civil War reenactment will happen around Labor Day

Green Hill Park Coalition 1998-2014

A message from the President

I sometimes wonder if the time and effort that we (the Green Hill Park Coalition) spend to preserve and protect the park is worth it. We have been doing so for many years and it does wear one down.

Then, along comes a snow storm that blankets the rolling hills with a pure whiteness that is just breathtaking. When I walk in the park the day after a storm it is so beautiful and so peaceful that it kindles a feeling in me that is hard to describe. This feeling is a cross between spiritual and awe. An awe that

reminds me how lucky we are that we have a 450+acre park in our city that holds recreation opportunities for so many of our residents. The recreational opportunities are numerous. This year we had more than enough skiing, sledding, hiking and ice fishing. The coming seasons will bring the organized sports such as golf, baseball, softball, soccer and functions (weddings, church cookouts, etc.) in the refectory while still offering the more passive recreations such as sitting on a park bench, bird watching, picnicking, strolling through the farm

feeding the animals and my favorite, hiking the many trails through the park. This park is a great asset for the City and its people. It is heavily used, especially on the weekends, and needs to be protected. Thankfully we have City Councilors, City administrators, State legislators and a Parks Commissioner and board who fully understand the importance of ALL parks and do their utmost to protect and preserve our open spaces.

Is the protection of the park worth our time and effort? Indeed it is!!

The Past

The City and Park Administrators recognize the importance of the park and treat it accordingly. In the past year the following projects were completed using City and State funding:

Phase I of the restoration of the farm was completed at a cost of \$750, 000.00. This work included new ADA accessible sidewalks, new fencing, as well as new exhibit areas for the

sheep and pigs. Additionally the lighting was enhanced, the pond edges rebuilt, a new play area was constructed and the farm building itself was resided.

Security was enhanced with the addition of gates and cameras. The addition of the cameras brought the total number of cameras to 10 including four with in the Vietnam Memorial area.

A look at the top of the hill (the former site of the mansion) brings a new look with the demolition of the former park headquarters and storage building. This area will soon be returned to a more natural, grassy state.

The Park Steward program again served the park well, maintaining the trails, repairing benches, painting, etc.



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The Future

Funding for this year includes approximately \$1,000,000.00 for additional work at the zoo. This work will include: New peacock and pheasant displays, a new entrance, new restrooms (YEAH!!), new lighting and a new storage area that will make the farm barn building available to the public as it should be.

Additional work within the park is also being planned and will include the demolition of the old bathrooms near the dam, the demolition of the old snack shack, repairs to the refectory, a buffer area along Bates Avenue and an ADA accessible pedestrian access at Marsh Avenue. Lastly, the City is

Considering locating a dog walk area within the park. The issue is under study at this time and no decision has been made.

Green Hill Park Coalition Mission...

The green hill park coalition is a non-profit membership organization dedicated to preserving and to enhancing the park's natural and cultural resources, and to

protecting the future of the park through a conservation restriction.

Earth Day

Earth day, the day that we celebrate the beauty of the earth and our stewardship of it was observed on Saturday, April 12th. Several groups including the Green Hill Park Coalition were in the park to clean and tidy up the area. We (the GHPC) worked from the center of the park at the refectory, south to Rodney Street along Bear Brook and then up through the Memorial Grove to Hermitage Lane and Channing Street. We collected approximately a dozen bags of litter in addition to a tent, sleeping bags and other "stuff". The park was cleaner this year than last year and much, much cleaner than it was when we first began the Earth Day cleanups. It was great to feel that we have a positive impact on the park.

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