

COMMUNITY

River Food Pantry adds development staff

By Joan Hill
The River Food Pantry

The River Food Pantry is pleased to announce the hiring of two key staff positions to its organization. Joan Hill, development director, comes to the nonprofit with 20 years of firsthand fundraising experience. Hill's expertise comes in the form of grant writing, marketing/communications and special event planning. She has worked for various nonprofits, in public education and for a low-income transitional housing program. Hill relocated back to her home state of Wisconsin from the Denver area.



Photo provided by Joan Hill

The River Food Pantry is pleased to welcome new hires Joan Hill and Pat Gallagher.

Pat Gallagher, community relations director, comes to The River from a 27-year Madison radio career, most recently as program director at 105.5 Triple M. Pat has an extensive background in marketing, branding, event planning and social media. Pat has been involved with several Madison events, including Ride the Drive, Rhythm & Booms and Taste of Madison. He has helped raise money and awareness for the AIDS Network, Habitat for Humanity, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and the Red Cross.

River founders Jenny and Andy Czerkas are excited to welcome Hill

and Gallagher aboard. "These hires will allow us to move to the next level of service for our well-deserving neighbors in need," said Jenny. Last year The River served approximately 25,000 free hot meals and provided 1.5 million pounds of free food. "We see an average 15 percent increase every year," said Andy. "With that amount of demand, we need to increase our fundraising efforts on all levels. Of course, we are very grateful for the efforts of Betsy Ezell, our former development director. She did an amazing job for us," said Jenny.

Springtime clothing donations needed at River Food Pantry

By Joan Hill
The River Food Pantry

With Easter and Mother's Day just around the corner, we at the River Food Pantry are hoping to fill up our clothing supply with updated seasonal items. Specifically, we are asking for donations of gently used springtime clothing for our deserving men, women and children (even babies).

What little girl doesn't dream of putting on a pretty pink dress to wear to church on Easter Sunday? Please help us by donating clean clothing of all sizes. We are asking for new or recycled seasonal clothing to reflect the warmer spring temperatures. Items such as dresses, children's tops and pants, hip t-shirts, skirts and pants for teens, and business casual for our adult population. Light jackets, hats and shoes

in all sizes are also welcome (again, gently used and clean). Please note that winter items are not needed at this time.

We also accept small household and kitchen items. Our families are always thrilled to find treasures that help improve their quality of life.

We will gladly accept donations at our warehouse at 2201 Darwin Road (near Northport Drive and Packers Avenue). Our dedicated volunteers are available to accept your items during the following times: Mondays, 9:30 am-5:30 pm; Tuesdays, 10:30 am-7:30 pm; Thursdays, 9:30 am-7:30 pm; Fridays, 11 am-9 pm. We are closed on Wednesdays.

More than just meals, the River provides a warm and welcoming family atmosphere where everyone is treated with



Photo provided by Joan Hill

Beth, one of The River's dedicated volunteers, organizes donated new and gently used clothing of all sizes.

dignity and respect. The River is Dane County's busiest food pantry, offering free groceries, hot meals and clothing to anyone who comes for help.

All donations to the River Food Pantry are 100 percent tax deductible. For more information, visit our website at www.riverfoodpantry.org or call 442-8815.



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Meet the farmers of the Cherokee Marsh watershed

By Jan Axelson
Friends of Cherokee Marsh

Think spring. The uplands that surround Cherokee Marsh are home to a number of active farms. At the Northside Farmers Market last summer, I spoke with several folks who farm in the Cherokee Marsh watershed.

John Binkley and Laura Purdy manage Equinox Community Farm just west of the Yahara River at Bong and River Roads. John grew up across the street from the farm. John's mother, Mary Binkley, is a former Cherokee Marsh naturalist guide for the Madison Area School District.

On the five-year-old farm's 32 acres, John and Laura grow just about every vegetable that grows in south-

ern Wisconsin. John said the soil, which was conventionally farmed in corn and soybeans for 15 years, is a silt clay that was "like concrete at first." But growing cover crops and adding other organic matter has improved the soil structure.

Most of Equinox's produce goes to Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) customers who sign up to receive weekly boxes. Tomatoes are the best sellers at the market. New last year



Photo by Jan Axelson

Peg Whiteside raises beef cattle on her farm near Cherokee Marsh.

were Laura's pickles and jams. A plan to offer pick-your-own strawberries had to be postponed due to last year's heavy spring rains, which flooded the strawberry patch. The farm also has a few pigs, goats and turkeys.

John likes the variety his work offers, working outside, seeing a tangible outcome from his labor, and being his own boss.

Next door to John and Laura, Peg Whiteside owns Earth Rise Farm. Peg's parents bought the farm in 1945, and Peg continues to operate 74 acres of her land, plus 34 acres that belong to a neighbor.

Last summer, Earth Rise Farm was

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Northside Farmers Market: Moving from winter to summer market

By Winnie Bade

Don't you feel like we all deserve "survivor" t-shirts just for making it through the last four months? Mother Nature is all set to reward us with some warm and sunny Sundays. While organizing your busy summer calendar, don't forget to pencil in some friendly down-time at the weekly Northside Farmers Market, opening Sunday, May 4.

This will be our 10th birthday, so expect a party. The Northside Farmers Market was launched in a ribbon-cutting ceremony June 5, 2005, the result of the hard work and determination of many supporters, including the Northside Community Co-op, Northside Planning Council, Northside News, local farmers, Friends of Troy Gardens, the

Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services and managers from the Eastside and Southside farmers markets. Financial assistance came from the Mayor's Allied Emerging Neighborhoods Fund, initiated by then-mayor Dave Cieslewicz, and the Willy Street Co-op. The Northside is especially indebted to Dave and Don Bruns, who donated use of the Northside TownCenter parking lot. What an amazing success story of grassroots perseverance.

Since then, the market has grown into a popular center of activity for the Northside. Last year, market vendors offered fresh, locally produced vegetables, fruits, mushrooms, honey, eggs, cheese, salsa, Angus beef, cut flowers, garden plants and woolen

goods. Visitors enjoyed fresh-made tacos, tamales, eggrolls, wontons, cinnamon rolls and smoothies for breakfast, and children drew some amazing chalk creations under the tent. We held a pet parade, one-pot cook-off, food pantry fundraiser and other fun activities. Expect this and more in 2014. Better yet, be a part of it and join the team of dedicated volunteers who make it all happen.

The summer market runs May through October from 8:30 am-12:30 pm at the Northside TownCenter on the corner of Northport Drive and Sherman Avenue. Parking is free.

Northside winter market organizers wish to thank the volunteers and vendors who

made the inaugural winter market possible. Through bone-chilling cold, mountains of snow and layers of ice, these hardy volunteers and vendors faithfully kept the market going. We are indebted to Dave and Don Bruns for the use of our heated indoor space. Heartfelt thanks also to Just Coffee, Fox Water and Pierce's Market for generous donations of fresh ground coffee, clean tasty water, organic creamer and other supplies.

For more information about volunteering, vendors or activities, visit our website and subscribe to our newsletter at northsidefarmersmarket.org or like us on Facebook or contact Robin at 217-5941. We'll see you May 4.



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Most of us never expect our beloved pets to be lost or stolen. The reality is that accidents do happen, and when they do, many owners are unprepared. The most common cause of pet loss is children or workmen who inadvertently let pets out of the house or yard. One in three pets will become lost at some point during their lives, and 90 percent of lost pets without proper identification never make it home again. Last year the Dane County Humane Society (DCHS) received 1,020 dogs and 2,043 cats brought to the shelter as strays. Only 63 percent of the dogs and 12 percent of the cats were returned to their owners.

Many more pets could be reunited with their owners if they were microchipped and/or tagged. The Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association has shown a return-to-owner rate of 52 percent for dogs who are microchipped, versus 22 percent for dogs who are not microchipped. That means microchipping your dog more than doubles your chances of finding it if it's ever lost. Cats had an even more dramatic increase in successful returns home if microchipped. Only

two percent of unchipped cats were returned to their owners, compared to more than 38 percent of cats that were microchipped. The combination of a tag and a microchip gives the best chance of recovery by providing a visual ID and an implanted ID.

DCHS will host a steeply discounted tag (\$5) and microchip (\$15) event April 21-22 and April 24-27 at the shelter for both dogs and cats. Microchipping can also be done at the shelter on a walk-in basis any day during normal hours of operation or by appointment with your veterinarian.

It's understandable that, especially in tough economic times, some owners can no longer afford to care for their pets. Never release your pet into the wild. Doing so will likely result in a slow, stressful and painful death for your animal. Please surrender it to DCHS so someone else can provide it a safe home.

If you find a stray or injured animal, bring it to the DCHS shelter at 5132 Voges Rd. or call Animal Services (255-2345). If after hours, take the animal to Madison Veterinary Specialists, 229 W. Beltline Hwy. (274-7772). For more information visit the DCHS website www.giveshelter.org, or call 838-0413.

Scholarship available for adults

By Alyssa Kenney

Margaret's Fund is accepting applications for its 2014-15 scholarship award. Any Northside resident who is an adult returning to post-secondary school after an interruption in their education is invited to apply.

Applicants must be Northside residents and be accepted into a degree or certificate-seeking program for the 2014-15 academic year. Preference will be given to applicants who actively participate or volunteer in Northside organizations and have overcome substantial obstacles or challenges to success.

The application and full guidelines are available at www.northsidemadison.org. Applications must be postmarked by Monday, June 2.

Margaret's Fund was established in 2007 to support residents of Northside Madison neighborhoods who are pursuing higher education. The award goes to a graduating high school senior in odd years and to a returning adult in even years.

College is expensive in many ways beyond tuition and books, the two areas covered by most scholarships. Because Margaret's Fund is unrestricted, the recipient can use the award to pay for some of the often forgotten extra costs of college, such as child care, computers, transportation, supplies or special fees. The scholarship award is \$500.

The first Margaret's Fund scholarship went to Tara Hoffman, a 2009 gradu-



2012 Margaret's Fund recipient Omobolanle Kikelomo Olubi

Photo provided by Anne Pryor

ate of East High School. Nicole Tackes, the 2010 returning adult recipient, said "The scholarship was important for me because I used it to purchase books and supplies without taking out any additional loans. The award helped me complete all my prerequisites for the nursing program. Thank you." Tackes is currently on the waiting list for the Madison College nursing program. Other awardees include Stacy Yang in 2011, Omobolanle Kikelomo Olubi in 2012 and Chekwube Obieze in 2013. Margaret's Fund has distributed \$2,500 to Northside residents since 2008.

Margaret's Fund is professionally managed by the Madison Community Foundation. Donations are tax deductible and very much appreciated. Questions about Margaret's Fund: A Northside Scholarship can be directed to Alyssa Kenney at 213-7917 or Anne Pryor at 244-7099.

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One mom and pop shop's mission to support DAIS

By Jamie Quam

Domestic Abuse Intervention Services

Jewelers Workshop is a household name for many Northsiders and since the very beginning they have been dedicated to supporting organizations like Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS) in unique and inspiring ways to highlight the issue of domestic violence. They have stepped up once again to donate a beautiful custom necklace and earring set for the seventh annual Celebrate Independence! Luncheon which will be held June 24.

"It's really difficult for the mom and pop shops these days," shared Jason Braden, Jewelers Workshop's owner. "We are so grateful for the support we have received from the community that has helped Jewelers Workshop to thrive. We have always been there to help Madison celebrate their great moments, and we feel by being a part of the community all the time, the community will help keep the workshop going long into the future."

In Jason's community service he often meets domestic violence survivors who share their stories about how DAIS has helped them. He also noted how hard it is for people who have been helped by DAIS to stand up and talk about the organization's importance.

"Those who have been helped express their gratitude frequently in whispers, if you aren't right there you can't know how many people are helped. Those who are unaware of how wide spread the problem is may think they are alone if they themselves are in need," Jason said.

"Business owners have no idea how important it is for the community, and when DAIS is starved for space and resources people may not know where they can go for help." For these reasons, Jason and Jewelers Workshop have made the commitment to supporting DAIS and helping to get the word out about the services it offers. One of the primary ways they do this is by being a sponsor of the Celebrate Independence! Luncheon.

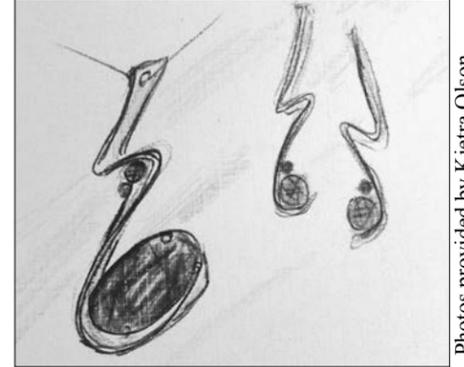
The Celebrate Independence! Luncheon is a key effort to raise awareness about domestic violence and funds for DAIS's programs and resources. This year's focus is on teen dating violence and healthy relationships, and will feature keynote speaker Dr. Jill Murray, the nation's leading expert on this subject.

"It's important to raise awareness about abusive relationships — especially with teens — so that we don't continue to perpetuate this devastating cycle of abuse into further generations," Dr. Murray shared. Abusive dating relationships are at an epidemic rate with far-reaching implications for further violence both in personal relationships and in society at large. Furthermore, nationally one in three adolescents is a victim of physical, sexual, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner, a figure that far exceeds rates of other types of youth violence.

For a chance to see Dr. Murray speak at length about this issue, sponsorship opportunities and tables are still available for purchase. For more information please visit <http://abuseintervention.org/celebrate-independence>.



Jewelers Workshop jewelers and designers Jason Braden, Jackie Goetz and Rab Bauman.



Concept sketch for DAIS jewelry.

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Look! Spring is coming to a prairie near you

By Marge Pitts
Community GroundWorks

The more you look, the more you see as spring finally comes to the prairie at Troy Gardens. The art of paying attention to what happens when in a natural area is called phenology. It's not only a science but a fun hobby that anyone can take up. All you need are eyes and ears, and maybe a notebook to record your observations.

Which plants emerge and flower first? When you see flowers, you will soon see flying insects. When you see insects in the prairie, you will soon hear birdsong pealing through the woodlands, as the migratory songbirds return and begin competing for nesting sites. Which bird will you hear first? Cardinals, chickadees and house finches stay here over the winter to get a jump on the fair weather species. You don't need to be a scientist to feel a surge of relief the first time you hear a cardinal whistle his distinctive song.

As the snow recedes, you can take walks on the trails with eyes and ears open. You may hear the konk-la-rees of redwing blackbirds, or perhaps the sing-song of a robin, a song that is so familiar and yet gives a shock of delight the first time you hear it in the spring. It only gets better — pay attention. You'll know spring is truly here when you hear the melodious buzz of the song sparrow. And when you see your first bluebird perching on a fence post in the gardens next to the prairie, well, it's OK if you sit right down and weep for joy. Once the bluebirds return, the trees are a ruckus of yellow warblers, brown thrashers and gold



The Seas of Grass sign post is part of the Troy Gardens guided walking tour, written by Marge Pitts. Come watch while this field of snow is transformed into a field of grass.

finches. By then the dragonflies, butterflies, bees and every crawler we expect are up and at it in the prairie — plenty of food for those hard-working songbirds.

If you turn your attention upward, you may see much bigger birds migrating north. Last spring many people spotted bald eagles flying over Troy Prairie. Sandhill cranes are old friends returning, and you can even glimpse an occasional osprey cruising above on its way to hunt fish in Lake Mendota. Even white pelicans have been spotted. Sightings like these are a surefire remedy for the misery

of the past winter.

Community GroundWorks (CGW) manages Troy Gardens with a commitment to both the environment and the human experience of it. According to CGW's management plan, "Prairies are home to a wide host of flowers with different life histories and niches. The differing bloom times and seed sizes of prairie plants can support a greater diversity of avian and rodent populations, creating a more interconnected food web for the Troy Gardens landscape and Lake Mendota watershed as a whole."



An early bluebird perches on a branch of the burr oak tree in the center of Troy Prairie.

Workers at Troy Community Farm, next to the prairie, consider the nearby natural diversity one of the best perks of the job. According to Justin Markofski, Troy Farm crew leader, "Hawks, cranes and even red foxes all have a place in and around the farm. The predators who find habitat in the natural areas are not able to entirely subdue the furry thieves — rabbits, woodchucks, voles and mice — from making their mark on the produce, but they help. Whether you are the farmer, the CSA member, the dog walker or the nature-loving neighbor, the land that we call Troy Gardens is a magical home for insects, birds, humans and almost everything in between. What a wonderful slice of the natural world in our own backyard."

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ENVIRONMENT

Northside nature trails and tales — enjoy Northside nature recreation

By Paul Noeldner

After a long, cold winter, some sunny warm outdoor time is a welcome and well deserved break. Take the family to enjoy nature recreation at one of our nearby Northside parks. We are fortunate to have Warner Park, Lake View Hill Park, Cherokee Marsh Conservation Park and other large natural areas within easy walking or biking distance of most Northside neighborhoods or just a few minutes drive from anywhere in the Madison area.

Watch Mother Nature unfold her amazing spring array of green buds, beautiful birds, bouquets of wildflowers and baby creatures of all kinds. Mark your calendar for the free activities listed in this issue's Nature Recreation Calendar. Check the websites for details, last minute updates and more events. Or, just head outdoors any time for a healthy walk to enjoy the relaxing and energizing natural side of the Northside.

Spring Nature Recreation Calendar

Sunday, April 6, noon-3 pm

Weed Warriors at Cherokee Marsh, North Unit parking lot, 6098 N. Sherman Ave. We will be removing garlic mustard, dame's rocket, other invasive plants and trash. Help clean up our precious conservation park. Co-sponsored by Friends of Cherokee Marsh (cherokeemarsh.org) and Weed Warriors.

Sunday, April 6, 1:30-3 pm

Bird and Nature Walk at Cherokee Marsh,

North Unit parking lot, 6098 N. Sherman Ave. Enjoy a family friendly walk with a bit of nature education along the way at Cherokee Marsh the first Sunday of every month. Co-sponsored by Friends of Cherokee Marsh (cherokeemarsh.org), Madison Audubon (madisonaudubon.org) and Madison Parks (cityofmadison.com/parks).

Friday, April 11, 6:30 pm

Evening at Cherokee Marsh, North Unit parking lot, 6098 N. Sherman Ave. Take an evening stroll with expert birders Levi Wood and Tony Kalenic and watch the amazing mating flights of the woodcock at dusk. Co-sponsored by Friends of Cherokee Marsh (cherokeemarsh.org) and Madison Audubon (madisonaudubon.org).

Saturday, April 19

Earth Day activities at Lakeview Hill Park, Water Tower kiosk, 1202 Northport Dr. See the website for details. Also check the websites for other Northside parks for Earth Day activities. Sponsored by Friends of Lakeview Hill (lakeviewhill.org).

Sunday, April 20, 1:30-3 pm

Bird and Nature Walk at Warner Park, Warner Park shelter by the Warner Pond lagoon, 1625 Northport Dr. Join in a healthy walk through the wild side of Warner Park the third Sunday of every month. We will look for signs of spring in the water, plants and trees and the yearly return of birds and animal activity. Co-sponsored by Wild Warner (wildwarner.org), Madison Audubon

(madisonaudubon.org) and Madison Parks (cityofmadison.com/parks).

Saturday, May 3, 9:30 am-4:30 pm

Madison Audubon Art Fair and Nature Celebration Field Trips, Warner Park Community Recreation Center, 1625 Northport Dr. This is a great Northside family outing the week before Mother's Day. Sponsored by Madison Audubon (madisonaudubon.org).

Saturday, May 3, 6:30 am

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Thursday, May 8, 6:30 pm

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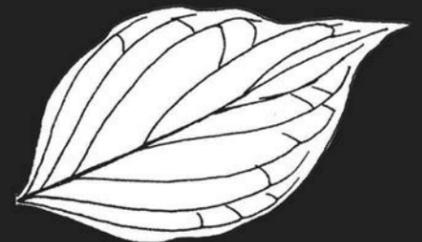
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ENVIRONMENT

The future of light bulbs is here

By Dan Tortorice

For those of us of a certain age, Thomas Edison was one of the great American heroes of our youth. Our parents and teachers celebrated his great accomplishment of lighting our nation for the modern age.

As we enter 2014, the age of the Edison light bulb is coming to an end. The federal government has mandated a change to more efficient lighting, and this conversion is happening now. The energy savings and environmental benefits will be substantial and essential to our future. The old-style incandescent bulbs used 90 percent of their

energy to produce heat and only 10 percent to produce light.

As of Jan. 1, the production or importation of 40-watt and 60-watt incandescent bulbs is illegal in the United States. The 100-watt and 75-watt bulbs were phased out in the previous two years. Specialty bulbs, like those used in chandeliers, for example, will still be legal, as will three-way bulbs.

Since we all use light bulbs in our homes and businesses, we are going to have to educate ourselves about this new world of lighting. We used to rely on wattage to tell us which bulb to use, but the new bulbs are

so much more efficient that wattage doesn't mean much anymore. A new light bulb will produce as much light as a 60-watt bulb but will consume only 15 watts of electricity. We need to look for statements such as "60-watt equivalent" on the label and look for the number of lumens (units of light) produced by each bulb. Any product with an Energy Star label is always a good choice.

There are other factors to consider, such as the "warmth" or "coolness" of the lighting and the cost of the bulbs.

The new generation of bulbs include compact fluorescent (CFL), halogen incan-

descent and light-emitting diode (LED). Each of these has its advantages. CFLs are much more efficient than old bulbs, but many people don't like their lighting effects and they are not dimmable. Halogen incandescent bulbs produce bright light and will be relatively cheaper in the short run, but they still use a lot of energy and create a lot of heat. LEDs are the most efficient and flexible of these choices. LEDs can produce a wide variety of light, are dimmable and have a long life span (approximately 25,000 hours). They are more expensive now but the price is dropping rapidly. Most experts believe the LED will be the main bulb of the future and the change to LEDs will happen fairly quickly.

We Northsiders are lucky to have North Side True Value as a resource to learn about new light bulbs. "Things are changing a lot in the area of light bulbs," said owner Tom Meikle. "We will have special deals from time to time on things like LED bulbs, and I will be educating my staff to help people choose their new bulbs." Meikle said he ordered extra stock of the old-style bulbs so they will be around for the short term.

With the price of LEDs expected to drop rapidly in the coming months, one strategy might be to use the older bulbs for a while and take advantage of lower prices later.

There is no doubt, however, that these new technologies are the path to a brighter future for everyone.

Compost bin and rain barrels for sale

Spring is almost here and that means it's time for the annual City of Madison Compost Bin and Rain Barrel Sale Saturday, May 3 from 10 am-12 pm at the Alliant Energy Center parking lot.

This year's event features a modern rain barrel equipped with a downspout diverter. Rain barrels as well as a sleeker compost bin are available in three different colors-brown, tan and gray. The standard rain barrel holds 50 gallons of rainwater and the larger systems can hold 200 gallons per downspout. Just one half-inch of rain on a 1000 square roof space produces 300 gallons of harvestable rainwater. Rainwater harvesting and backyard composting are important individual actions to protect Madison area waterways. As part of the Clean Lakes Alliance citizen action campaign, each customer will receive a Renew the Blue sticker with their rain barrel or compost bin purchase. "When

people do their smallest part to take care of the lakes, they are part of a collective whole," said James Tye, vice president of the Clean Lakes Alliance. It is estimated that over 8,000 homes in Madison already have rain barrels or compost bins.

Compost bins will be sold for \$69.99, normally \$129.99 and rain barrels start at just \$109.99, or \$40 off when pre-ordered by April 23. For more information, to pre-order or learn more about upcoming composting workshops put on by the City of Madison Streets Division, visit www.cityofmadison.com/streets/compost/CompostBinSale.cfm.



A modern rain barrel equipped with a downspout diverter.

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ENVIRONMENT

Winter Bird and Nature Walk at Warner Park

By Paul Noeldner

Sixteen people joined in the February Bird and Nature Walk at Warner Park. After listening to a reading from the works of naturalist John Muir, the group gamely hiked from Warner Park Community Recreation Center through fresh sparkling snow past the beautifully restored statue of Lady Liberty on the knoll and into the nature recreation side of Warner Park. We paused to admire the sturdy, mud, castle-like homes of the cliff swallow on the cement pillars of the Tin Can Shelter, then made a loop out past the Warner Pond lagoon ice skating area to the cattail shores of Warner Island to view a wood duck box and kestrel box.

Undaunted by the deep snow, the group circled into Warner Woods to find downy and red-bellied woodpeckers. It's always a great game trying to describe where something is in a natural world with no right angles. Where? On that limb. Which limb? Zoom pictures on a digital camera someone brought along helped bring the birds up close for everyone to see.

The walk ended with welcome hot chocolate at the Historic Oak shelter. We left the great downhill sled hill to neighborhood children this time.

Along the way, participants shared stories about the local Sandhill cranes and giant Pileated woodpeckers that sometimes visit neighborhood backyards. We talked about how keeping native mixed woodlands and some deadwood habitat in parks and yards is important for the woodpeckers, chickadees and other birds that help control tree insects. Woodpeckers are now helping city foresters lo-



A group of intrepid walkers participated in the Bird and Nature Walk in February to admire the winter birds.

Photo provided by Paul Noeldner

cate emerald ash borer infestations.

Sandy Schwab, of Four Lakes Wildlife Center, described the plight of chimney swifts and the possibility of putting up a swift tower in Warner Park to compensate for the loss of old deadwood trees and home chimneys.

The highlight of the walk was a group of American crows pestering a red-tailed hawk circling low overhead in the bright sun. Somehow winter seems less daunting

when you are out in nature. Nonetheless, everyone welcomed the thought that red-wing blackbirds may make their spring appearance by next month's Bird and Nature Walk.

Walks are held at Cherokee Marsh the first Sunday of every month from 1:30-3 pm, at Turville Point the second Saturday from 10-11:30 am, and at Warner Park the third Sunday from 1:30-3 pm. Students, families and children are welcome.

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