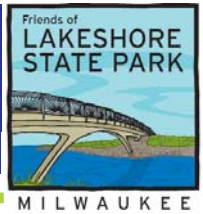


Water's Edge

Friends of Lakeshore State Park Newsletter - Spring 2008



Summer Launch Party

The Friends Groups of Lakeshore State Park and Hank Aaron State Trail are teaming up to celebrate Opening Day and the launch of summer.

Win cool prizes like Brewers and Summerfest tickets. Play Wii games and other outdoor activities *inside*.

Dine on ballpark fare - *get your hotdogs here...*
Cash bar available.

See what's happening in the Park and on the Trail.

Thursday, April 3rd
5pm to 7:30pm
Milwaukee Public Market
400 N. Water Street

To order tickets call 414-273-1173
or email office@historichirdward.org
Advanced tickets \$20 or \$25 at the door.

Event proceeds to benefit our summer activities.

A Letter from the President

What would a State Park be without its Friends? Friends groups in State Parks help make what goes on in the parks possible. Over 14 million people visit our parks every year. Volunteer groups provide the economic equivalent of \$10 to \$15 million in volunteer labor every year. One park superintendent can't do it alone. Lakeshore State Park needs the Friends groups as much as we need the Park.

This year we have two challenges to address - helping the DNR get the new Welcome Center built and plan fun events at the Park. The first challenge is for the Friends group to act as a catalyst to encourage State government to allocate the appropriate resources to design and build the Park's Welcome Center in the next few years. The building is not only for boaters who rent slips, but for the public who will attend programs or rent for receptions and parties in the Park. Quite frankly, there are not enough financial resources allocated to building a sharp, state-of-the-art green building which can be considered "our front door" to Milwaukee and the State's Park system. The Park's Welcome Center should be designed with this idea in mind.

Please contact your State Representative, Jon Richards, our friends at the DNR and in the State Park System, the Governor, the Mayor and County Executive to let them know we are anxious for the building to be completed in the next few years.

The second challenge is more immediate, more fun, and a lot less political. We need to open the Park this season with fun-filled events and help others who reserve the Park be successful. Check out our events at www.friendslsp.org.

The Park needs Friends and we are pleased that you have made the Park your commitment. Although we are still in our infancy, there is tremendous potential as a major gathering place for citizens in our region and to make our special Park premier, as Milwaukee's front door. See you at our Celebrate Summer Launch Party on April 3rd at the Milwaukee Public Market. We look forward to seeing you at the Park. Be sure to bring your friends, family and colleagues from work, too.

Todd Montgomery

President, Friends of Lakeshore State Park

New DNR Entrance Signage



L-R: Regional Director Gloria McCutcheon, Regional Land Leader Frank Trcka, Facility Repair Worker Rich Van Osch, Regional Parks and Trails Manager Greg Pilarski, and Acting Lakeshore State Park Superintendent Ron Novak

Lakeshore State Park now displays two handcrafted signs at its north and south entrances made of a dense, fine grained western red cedar which should last for 30 years or more. Rich Van Osch, Facility Repair Worker Advanced, was the project leader and manufacturer and Deb Coblentz, retired Ranger, did the custom painting.

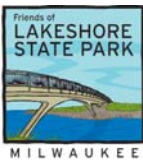
Regional Director Gloria McCutcheon, Regional Land Leader Frank Trcka and Regional Parks and Trails Supervisor Greg Pilarski provided Van Osch with general criteria and design ideas for the sign which include a sail boat component that reflects the Park's signature bridge.

The signs are a testament to the skills of Rich Van Osch. Lakeshore State Park is a perfect place to display his workmanship for the public to enjoy for years to come.

Founder's Circle Plaque

This summer we'll be honoring our Founder's Circle Members with their name on a bronze plaque. This plaque will be placed in the Park by the DNR on an angled concrete structure. We will move this plaque to the Welcome Center when it is constructed. Come and see a mock-up of the plaque at the April 3 Celebrate Summer event at the Public Market. Call for your tickets today!

Visit us online - www.friendslsp.org



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New Friends Board Members



Sandi Anderson

Sandi has lived, worked, and played in Milwaukee's downtown and east side for over 17 years. She currently serves as the Milwaukee Art Museum's Director of Special Interest and Support Groups, and as an avid inline skater, looks forward to exploring the new routes that the Park has made available.



Jerry Golembiewski

A former MPS guidance counselor and physical education teacher, Jerry is part owner of Kathleen & Associates LLC, a real estate company. He lives in the Historic Third Ward and walks or bikes Lakeshore State Park almost daily. He is also an active volunteer with many local and national organizations.



Kris Martinsek

Kris is principal/owner of Martinsek and Associates, a project-oriented consulting firm. She is active in civic and community affairs and has been involved with the Park since its inception. Kris is thrilled that after 26 years, she can finally ride her bike or walk her dog around the Park.



David J. Spano

David is founder and president of Annex Wealth Management, LLC. He is a long-time member and Chief Financial Officer for the Italian Conference Center, as well as the Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer and Chair of the Finance and Personnel Committee of the Italian Community Center.



Dawne Wood

Dawne has an extensive IT background and is currently a project coordinator with Growth Design Corporation in Milwaukee's Historic Third Ward. She volunteers for the Milwaukee International Film Festival, Discovery World and Lakeshore State Park.

Lakeshore State Park Calendar of Events



April 3 - Summer Launch of Milwaukee's State Parks and Trails *(at the Milwaukee Public Market)*

June 21 - Celebrate Summer Opening Festival

July 3 - Fireworks

July 12 - Kids Bike Ride sponsored by Alterra Mountain Biking Club

August 30 - Harley Davidson 105th Anniversary
- HOG Island

Be sure to visit our Web site for the latest event information - www.friendslsp.org

Sit on it!

The Friends of Lakeshore State Park have submitted several grants for benches for the Park and a special event in 2009. We'll find out if we are awarded the grants very soon and will showcase the benches and highlight the special event at the April 3 Celebrate Summer Launch event.



Sponsor a Bench!

The Friends of Lakeshore State Park and the Department of Natural Resources will be installing beautiful benches this summer. Show your support for the Park and the Friends group by sponsoring a beautifully crafted bench similar to the bench in the picture. Please contact us if you're interested. We'll have more details at our April 3 Celebrate Summer Launch event and on our Web site this spring.