

Water's Edge

Friends of Lakeshore State Park Newsletter - Spring 2007



At The Park

Lakeshore State Park is a 17-acre park surrounded by water and connected to Urban Park by the beautiful Lakeshore State Park bridge. The park will be open year-round and close daily at 10pm. Park amenities include:

Wildlife Habitat & Viewing Areas created by restoring native short grass prairie for resident and migratory grassland bird species.

Lakeside Multi-Purpose Trail for walking, cycling, skating and dog-walking* connects the Hank Aaron State Trail and the Oak Leaf Trail completing a path from Lake Michigan's shore to the banks of the Mississippi River.

Accessible & Traditional Fishing Areas & Small Watercraft Beach Area designed for canoes and kayaks. This area is not designed for swimming.

Visitor Boat Slips & Overnight Boat Camping accommodates 20 boats up to 60 feet in length. Overnight stays limited to four days. Fees are \$1.50/ft (minimum \$30).

* Dogs must be on a leash not to exceed 8 feet and pet owners must clean up after their dogs.

Community Kick Off Partners

We are teaming up with the first annual Easter Seals' WALK WITH ME and Polish Fest! The 2.5 mile walk registration begins at 9:30am at the entrance of the park. The Walk begins at 10:30am and finishes back at the Lakeshore State Park Community Kick-Off. Visit www.easterseals.com to register. A limited number of free Polish Fest passes will be given to new members to the Friends of Lakeshore State Park.

Volunteer Corner
You can volunteer to help the Friends of Lakeshore State Park! Call Kae at 414-588-0617. Help us at the Kick Off and other fun community events!

July 3 Fireworks

The Park is greening up nicely, but the new short and tall prairie grasses time to establish themselves. The Park will be open to view the July 3 fireworks beginning in 2008.



Meet Lakeshore State Park Superintendent, Clarke Johnson

Greetings from Clarke Johnson, the Superintendent of Lakeshore State Park (LSP). I'd like to welcome you, your family and friends to the only urban state park on the shores of Lake Michigan. Lakeshore State Park is surrounded by many other wonderful destinations including the Maier Festival Grounds, Discovery World at Pier Wisconsin, Milwaukee Art Museum, Betty Brinn Museum and numerous walking and biking trails.



Clarke Johnson

All Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Park Superintendents are credentialed law enforcement officers and manage and protect the state resource and its visitors. I will also manage the marina, special events, and work with DNR staff and community partners to create programs and activities at the Park throughout the year.

The new LSP office is located in Discovery World Museum at Pier Wisconsin. I'll be joined by Melissa Cook, the southeast region trail coordinator and an Urban Outdoor Educator.

It's been an great experience to be part of the design and construction phase of the Park and to work with our partners and stakeholders to bring this awesome urban state park to Milwaukee. There has been a tremendous amount of cooperation and input from the Port of Milwaukee, the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Maier Festival Grounds, Milwaukee Art Museum and Discovery World.

An exciting future is in store for the Park, including a Visitor's Center with boater's area and hardscaped patio for educational activities and events. We are in the planning stages of a process to increase the green space of the Park which will expand the space behind the easement of the Marcus Amphitheater that follows the Milwaukee River just east of Erie Street.

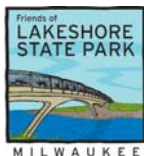
We look forward to seeing you at the Park. Visit us by bike or boat, enjoy a stroll with your dog on a leash, or increase your heart rate with a power walk around the Park trail.

Have a great summer!
Clarke Johnson

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Friends
Annual
Meeting
October 2007

You're invited to
**Lakeshore
State Park's**



Community Kick Off Celebration **Saturday, June 23, 2007 - Noon to 4pm**

Bring your family and friends and explore...

- * Canoeing and kayaking lessons and demonstrations with Laacke & Joys
- * DNR fishing demonstrations and Naturalists with Live Animals
- * Kite flying and sales with Gift of Wings
- * Nordic walking demonstrations
- * Kids Activities with Betty Brinn, Discovery World, Wehr Nature Center & Milwaukee Art Museum
- * Park passport and door prizes
- * Special prices for sails on the schooner *S/V Denis Sullivan*. Call 414.765.8642 to make a reservation.

Founder's Circle Members

Time is limited! Founder's Circle Membership closes September 1, 2007
Call 414.263.8570 for more info!

Founder's Circle Member's names will be commemorated on a plaque in the Park and noted on the Web site.

Sue Black
Gerry Broderick
Catral Doyle Creative
Tina Chang
Discovery World at Pier Wisconsin
Easter Seals Kindcare
Edward Gillen Co.
Bob & Liz Fenlon
Friends of Wisconsin State Parks
The Gilbane Co.
Bob & Carol Gosse
Gary & Anne Grunau

Harbor Front Condominiums
Hinshaw and Culbertson, LLP.
Historic Third Ward Association
The Daniel Hoan Foundation
Tim Hoelter
Bill & Rita Jennaro
JBK Properties, Inc.
JJR, LLC.
Mike Kelly
Julilly Kohler
Ken & Melinda Krei
Steve & Kristy Macaione

Kris Martinsek
Tom & Vicky Mason
Gloria McCutcheon
Terry McMahon
Milwaukee Art Museum
Milwaukee World Festival, Inc.
Todd Montgomery
Detlef Moore & Rochelle Bast
Kevin & Nancy O'Keefe
Mike Palmisano
The Penworthy Company
Christine Rodriguez

STS Consultants, Ltd.
Ronald S. San Felippo
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Barbara & Howard Schnoll
Martin & Elaine Schreiber
Doug Stoneman
Chuck & Cathy Ward
Yolanda Wattsjohnson
Mackie & Sandy Westbrook
Barbara & Ted Wiley
Dawne Wood Luetscher