

PARKS FRIENDS UPDATE

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Second Quarter 2024—Celebrating, Anticipating, and Dreaming



Volunteer



Improve Our Parks



Improve Our World



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Celebrating—Pollinator Garden 2024 Installations



Sun Prairie Parks Friends continued its effort to bring awareness to the environment and especially providing visibility to gardens that provide plants that support the range of pollinators. This year the Friends installed pollinator gardens in four of the City's parks. The gardens are located around the new signs to provide that increased visibility and awareness. The event continued an effort that has seen 10 other pollinator gardens installed including the garden, bench and tree in memory of Sue Larson. Sue was an advocate for the environment and actively supported the installation of pollinator gardens in the community.

The crew of volunteers was able to install the four garden on morning of June 1st. Thanks to all the volunteers who braved the wet weather and came out to support this continuing effort in our community. We look forward to continuing this work in the coming years, both installing new gardens and maintaining and expanding the existing ones.



Parks included Sunset Park, Liberty Park, Birkinbine Park, and Wetmore Park.

Celebrating—Disc Golf Practice Course Installation

The Friends completed installation of the Practice Disc Golf Course during June at Wyndham Hills Park. The 3-hole practice course is available for play and is the first disc golf facility in Sun Prairie. The course was both funded and installed by the Friends and its generous donors. It is an example of the Friends fulfilling its missions to advocate for, raise funds for, and use volunteer efforts to install new or improved parks facilities. Thanks to all who contributed and helped!



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Anticipating—Comprehensive Open Space and Parks Master Plan Update —2023



The Sun Prairie Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department is currently updating its Community Open Space, Recreation and Parks (CORP) Master Plan. If you have an interest in specific parks improvement like expanding the disc golf facilities in the City, provide your input to the Parks and Recreation at their website. This is an opportunity for everyone to provide input on what improvements, additions, or change to our parks you would like to see. This plan will guide the City for the next 5 years for work in the parks and recreation area.

Here is the address and QR code for their site: <https://cityofsunprairie.com/1085/Parks-Recreation-Forestry>

Opportunities to Support the Friends—Community Playground Build



Our next planned volunteer event is the Community Playground Build which will occur in Weswynde Park in September or October. Please watch our website for this opportunity to get some hands on experience in building a playground in one of our neighborhood parks. Our volunteer efforts help to provide additional funds to upgrade the equipment installed.

Get updates and sign up at: <https://parksfriends.org/>

Anticipating—Opportunity to Serve



The Sun Prairie Parks Friends is currently doing some visioning and mission evaluation to see how we could better serve the community, Sun Prairie Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department and the citizens of Sun Prairie. We are currently a member organization that organize and plan specific events and fund raisers. We are looking at potentially more effective ways of supporting the community, raising funds for specific projects, and mobilizing volunteers to support our parks. If you are interested in joining our board or providing assistance or guidance as we plan our future, please contact one of our board members.

Upcoming Activities

August 1, 2024—National Night Out, Cannery Square, Sun Prairie

August 10, 2024—7:00 am—12:00 pm, SPPF at the Farmers Market

September 7, 2024, —7:00 am—12:00 pm, SPPF at the Farmers Market

September 18, 2024—Bier Garden in the Park and Disc Golf at Wyndham Hills Park

September 21, 2024, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm —MultiCultural Fair, Sheehan Park, Sun Prairie

Fall 2024—Community Playground Build—Westwynde Park

Annual Meeting—January 15, 2025—TBA

Be an active supporter of the Parks in Sun Prairie!



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