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Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 16

Menomonee Falls River

Clean-Up

Rotary Park (Fond du Lac Ave)

8:30am

Saturday, May 7

Guided Spring Wildflower
Walking Tour through Lime

Kiln Park with Nancy Aten

9am-Noon

Wednesday, October 19

Annual Meeting

Library Meeting Room

6:00pm

Saturday, October 22

Lime Kiln Park Fall

Clean-Up

9:00am north entrance

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Monthly Meetings

of the Friends of Lime Kiln Park
Natural Area are held the
2nd Thursday of month
10am Public House
Old Falls Village

Introducing our Newsletter

The Friends of Lime Kiln Park Natural Area will publish a biannual newsletter in spring and fall each year. This newsletter will be mailed to all members to keep them informed and involved. ❁

Guided Walking Tour on Saturday, May 7

Nancy Aten, ecological restoration consultant, will guide walking tours between 9am and noon through Lime Kiln Park Natural Area on Saturday, May 7. Rain date May 14. All are welcome.

Nancy will help us explore the various wildflowers and plants popping up in this unique park in the heart of our village.

Nancy was our 2010 Annual Meeting guest speaker. She practices landscape architecture and consults on ecological restoration in the Menomonee Valley. In her Master of Landscape Architecture she studied with Darrel Morrison, a pioneer in landscape restoration, and she has a Master of Science from Stanford University. ❁

Annual Membership Only \$25

Your tax-deductible annual membership with the *Friends* provides support for a historic place of natural beauty for Menomonee Falls to showcase to friends and visitors. Membership runs from November 1 through October 31. We appreciate member support in the following ways:

- Attending monthly meetings
- Interacting with our Public Works department
- Help in developing plans for the general enhancement of Lime Kiln Park
- Volunteering for special projects and programs

We are always interested in expanding our Board of Directors and welcome suggestions for new candidates. Contact Dave Voelz at 262.853.1835. ❁

Landscaping at the River Overlook

Have you noticed the Menomonee River Overlook area at the north end of Lime Kiln Park? Thanks for this work goes to Boy Scout Troup 80 and specifically Shane O'Neil who earned his Eagle Scout Award by managing the landscaping project. Supervised by Friends volunteer Paul Hoffman, Shane re-landscaped the area between the path and fenced area with the help of Carrie Hennesey from Johnson's Nursery. The stone work, plantings, waterings and care of the area will be evident this spring once the winter damage is repaired.

Next time you walk through the area, pause a few minutes to appreciate what this young man has accomplished. ❁

Volunteer Coordinator for Clean-Up Events Needed

We are in need of volunteer coordinators for the April River Clean-Up and the October Fall Clean-Up. Please contact Dave Voelz at 262.853.1835 if you are able to serve as coordinator of the volunteers for either event. ❁



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Reflection: Care of the Soul, by Thomas Moore

While reading Thomas Moore's book, *Care of the Soul*, this small paragraph appealed to me in connection to Lime Kiln Park Natural Area:

“Socially we should recognize the value of retreat in a public place or way. Parks, gardens, and natural areas should be protected at all costs by a city, village, county sensitive to the needs of the soul for retreat. Public buildings should have places where workers and visitors could retreat momentarily as part of their care of the soul.”

I wonder how many people working in the near by businesses take advantage of the beautiful path through Lime Kiln Park Natural Area. With spring near (I hope) now is the time to remind everyone what a wonderful place Menomonee Falls has in the middle of the Village. ☘

–Diane Cowan

Meet the Birds of Lime Kiln Park

On no particular day last spring, it happened to be May 6, a very experienced birder with the Madison Audubon Society walked through Lime Kiln Park. He identified 25 individual bird species. Many were migrating through, but many make their homes in the park. These are the birds he saw or heard. ☘

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| <i>Great Blue Heron</i> | <i>American Robin</i> | <i>Northern Cardinal</i> |
| <i>Red-tailed Hawk</i> | <i>Tennessee Warbler</i> | <i>Rose-breasted Grosbeak</i> |
| <i>Chimney Swift</i> | <i>Nashville Warbler</i> | <i>Common Grackle</i> |
| <i>Downy Woodpecker</i> | <i>Cape May Warbler</i> | <i>Brown-headed Cowbird</i> |
| <i>Blue Jay</i> | <i>Yellow-rumped Warbler</i> | <i>Baltimore Oriole</i> |
| <i>Black-capped Chickadee</i> | <i>Palm Warbler</i> | <i>American Goldfinch</i> |
| <i>White-breasted Nuthatch</i> | <i>Black-andwhite Warbler</i> | <i>House Sparrow</i> |
| <i>House Wren</i> | <i>Chipping Sparrow</i> | |
| <i>Blue-grey Gnatcatcher</i> | <i>White-crowned Sparrow</i> | |

