

Friends of Lake View Hill Park

Annual Meeting
Feb 11, 2017

AGENDA

- ▶ Welcome and Introductions
- ▶ 2016 Overview and a Look Ahead to 2017
 - ▶ Volunteers and Events
 - ▶ Restoration Work
 - ▶ Membership and Treasurers Report
 - ▶ Board Member Updates and Director Election - Dan Tortorice
 - ▶ 2017 Goals
- ▶ Speaker - Lars Higdon, Dane County Parks Naturalist
 - ▶ Reed Canary Grass and Wood Betony
- ▶ Speaker - Jennifer Redell, WI DNR Bat Specialist
 - ▶ Update on Wisconsin's Brown Bats and more
 - ▶ See some bats!

Adjourn and Tour of the Bat Tunnel



2016 VOLUNTEERS – 1103!

- ▶ Americorp
- ▶ Dane Co. Youth Conservation Corp/Operation Fresh Start
- ▶ Dane County Neighborhood Intervention Program
- ▶ Dane County Huber Program
- ▶ Friends Board
- ▶ Love Madison Blackhawk Church
- ▶ Shabazz High School Green Teens
- ▶ Students Today Leaders Forever (STLF) Pay It Forward
- ▶ UW Law School Days of Caring

VOLUNTEERS

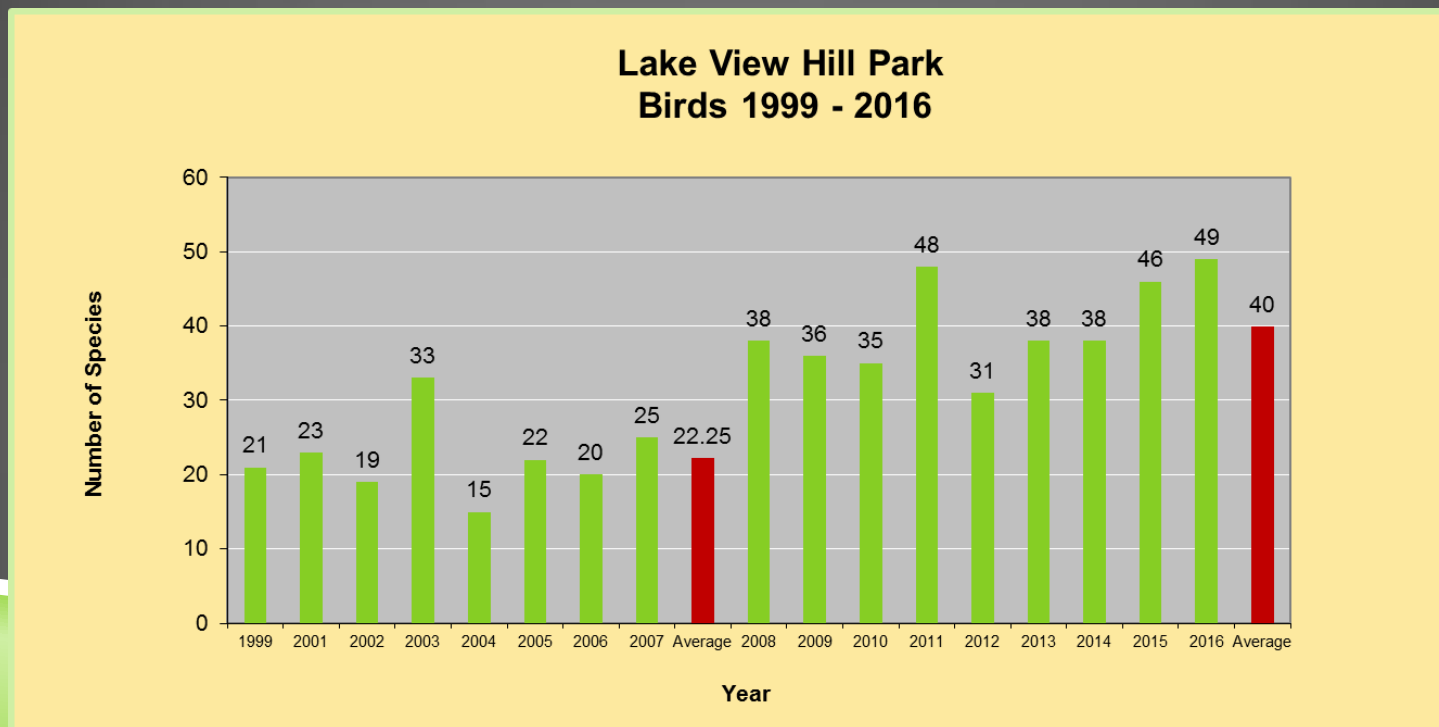


- Pick garlic mustard
- Burn brush piles
- Stack firewood
- Treat buckthorn
- Clean out cistern ponds
- Cut burdock
- Gather seeds
- Clean up picnic area



EVENTS

- ▶ Spring Bird Count
- ▶ Dane County Human Services Staff – Historic Woods Walk
- ▶ Dane County Parks Commission
- ▶ *Note -Yoga in the Park – cancelled twice due to rain – arrghhh!*
 - ▶ *But wait until this year – to be sponsored by Parks in a few county parks!*



RESTORATION WORK PROGRESS

- ▶ Continue ongoing work to pull, cut, or eradicate garlic mustard, burdock, buckthorn, honeysuckle, and other invasives
 - ▶ New invasives include Queen Anne's Lace aka Wild Carrot, Creeping Bellflower, & Japanese Hedgeparsley
- ▶ Maintain mown lawn and manage meadows around the periphery
- ▶ Expose remnants of cistern pools and stone water features, and add ornamental native plants around the edges
- ▶ Partially maintain fire breaks and burn brush piles
- ▶ Provide input to city and county on restoration landscaping for water tower and lower dorm meadow with work planned in 2017



MEMBERSHIP AND TREASURER'S REPORT

- ▶ More emphasis on membership due to lack of tower funds
- ▶ New brochure developed, printed, and delivered to over 200 homes
- ▶ To date - 24 paying members for 2016/17 = \$725
- ▶ Membership committee formed with plans to reach out to nearby organizations
- ▶ Process developed for thank you cards and year end letter
- ▶ Treasurer's Report – Total assets \$1852.63



FRIENDS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

▶ Continuing in 2017

1. Mike Bacsi
2. Susan Ballard
3. Nelson Eisman
4. Pris Herman
5. Bill Huisheere
6. Sue Gleason
7. Jackie Nikolaus
8. Dorothy Wheeler *

▶ Resigning

- ▶ Lisa Geer Pearson
- ▶ Anita Weier

▶ For election for 2017-2020

- Dan Tortorice
- There is one more opportunity!

▶ 2017 Board Mtgs – 2nd Wed, 5-7pm

- March 8
- May 10
- June 14
- August 9
- October 11
- December 13

2017 GOALS

1. Finalize 2017 annual restoration work plan
2. Plan with county for use of partial cell tower funds
3. Continue and sustain restoration progress
4. Develop succession plan for park maintenance
5. Develop guided and self-guided walking tours
6. Work with parks to coordinate the completion of the Dorm Veranda Memorial and installation of historic plaques
7. Review 2009 Master Plan and 2011 Cultural Study progress & determine priorities
8. Celebrate completion of water tower !! and monitor landscaping in the area and new water main routes
9. Engage more visitors with events
10. Develop stronger volunteer base and double our membership!



GUEST SPEAKERS

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