



FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

When I was first elected to the Board of Directors for the Friends Of Dodge County Parks, Inc. (FODCPI) in 2010, I never dreamed that 13 years later, nine of them as President, I would still be where I am. Now, as I look back at communications found in retained electronic records starting back in 2010, and how those communications have multiplied through to the present, I am truly amazed at how far FODCPI has come as an organization. We have morphed from a small group 501c3 where a good majority of the “background” work was quietly handled with County assistance, to an organization that has taken a hold of its future that keeps growing larger every year. We have funded and made many improvements in all of Dodge County’s Parks and Trails, as well as adding a new trail, the Gold Star Memorial Trail (GSMT). The GSMT being the newest ongoing project of FODCPI, has pavement on the ground, with more to start soon as we establish the trail from the City of Horicon to the Wild Goose State Trail (WGST). Once that is completed, it’s on to Beaver Dam, and beyond? This past winter, FODCPI welcomed a dynamic group of citizens from Hustisford into our organization, the Pelican Path Trail Committee. These folks have

the vision of establishing a paved bicycling and hiking trail to connect Hustisford and its surrounding communities to each other and the WGST. With over 50 letters of support from businesses, towns and cities in the area, an awarded Grant to fund the Feasibility Study 100%, and a never ending “Can Do” attitude, you will be hearing more on this project frequently going forward. How have we gone so far in a little over a decade? It is due mostly in part to you, our members, monetary donors, and all the volunteers who give so much of their time and talents. Many hands make the job lighter, and FODCPI proves that out every year. As you will read in the many articles in this issue, I have only scratched the surface of the multifaceted group we are. The credit for our success is shared by every volunteer, member, donor, and the public that support our efforts and events year after year. Thank You one and all! I close as always with my shameless plea for help in any capacity you can provide. I am reachable by phone or text at (262) 370-3224, or Email: gpdaily57@gmail.com .

See You at the Parks!

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING!

FODCPI Annual Membership and Elections Meeting

THURS. MAY 4, 2023, AT 6:00 P.M.

Dodge County Admin. Bldg – 1st Floor Auditorium

ON THE AGENDA: Election of open Board of Director positions

Review FODCPI financial status

Approval of FODCPI By-Law changes (see page 8)

Learn about 2022 County Park highlights and what is ahead for 2023 and beyond!

All paid members in good standing are eligible for nomination to the Board and eligible to vote.

For questions or comments contact President Glenn Daily at (262) 370-3224 or email at gpdaily57@gmail.com



PELICAN PATH TRAIL RECEIVES DONATION

The Hustisford Business Association Inc. recently donated \$500 to the proposed Pelican Path Trail, a 5-mile trail linking Hustisford to the Wild Goose State Trail. Pictured from left to right:

Jerry Traughber (Chairman, Pelican Path Trail committee), Lori Traughber (PPT committee), Kay Brady (member, HBA), Pam Grant (Vice President, HBA), Glenn Daily (President, Friends of Dodge County Parks, Inc.), Mari Kaul (member, HBA), Dr. Paul Rubert (President, HBA), Carol Pfalz (PPT committee), John Pfalz (PPT committee). To learn more or to donate, visit www.pelicanpath.org.



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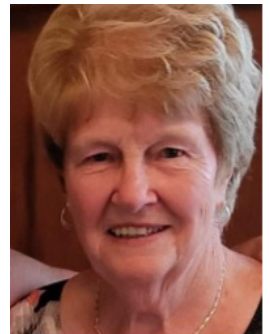
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Jason Roy, Parks & Trails Supervisor

CORRECTION TO SHIRLEY ZWIEG'S MEMORIAL

Our sincerest apologies to the family of Shirley. We are setting the record straight by publishing Shirley's correct birth date which was May 11, 1940 not April as previously published in the 2022 Spring Newsletter, and the correct spelling of her last name, Zwieg. In the words of Shirley's sister Betty Tremaine, "From its infancy, Shirley and Martin Zwieg were two of the founding members of the community group surrounding Harnischfeger Park. As part of this group Shirley and Martin dedicated themselves to working endlessly, ensuring that the land would remain a park, thereby keeping the threat of urban sprawl and condos off anyone's drawing board."



Coming Soon!



FODCPI t-shirts

check out facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/FriendsofDodgeParks/> or contact Erin Johns (WIFODCPI@gmail.com) for information

RED WOLF TRAIL

by Erin Johns & Bill Ehlenbeck

The original idea to develop a trail dedicated to Red Wolf, was hatched shortly after the property was acquired by Dodge County 20 years ago. Red Wolf was one of the earliest known caretakers of the Nitschke Mounds. A few members of the Rock River Archeology Society brought up the idea while they were starting to clear the mounds and develop the trails. The idea was never pursued until the NMPAC brought it back up this past year, with the intention of including boardwalk sections where needed.

The initial boardwalk concept for the park was introduced by County Park staff and was focused on crossing the pond on the east side in order to connect trails that ended at the pond. The Red Wolf Trail/boardwalk sprung off the combined ideas in order to make a special loop trail dedicated to Red Wolf. A boardwalk is needed to traverse some of the wetter areas of this loop trail in order to allow its use year-round. It will be a similar style of boardwalk that has been very popular at the other Dodge County Parks.

The basic trail is built and currently in use in the southeast portion of the park. It begins and ends by the shelter and consists of a 0.5-mile loop that meanders through open areas, along the Nitschke pond and through

the front woods near Hwy E leading back to shelter area. We also hope to construct a children's storybook walk along this trail that will involve Native American and nature-inspired children's books. Complete trail and boardwalk installed (using volunteers and staff) plus signs and a couple benches is currently projected at about \$35,000.00.

BUSINESS AND PRIVATE DONATIONS CAN BE MADE DIRECTLY TO THIS PROJECT BY THE FOLLOWING:

- Send checks payable to "FODCPI" (Memo: Nitschke Park Red Wolf Trail) to: **FODCPI, P.O. Box 72 , JUNEAU, WI 53039**
- To donate online go to Venmo: <https://account.venmo.com/u/FODCPI>
- PayPal via <https://goldstarmemorialtrailwi.org> (Memo: Nitschke Mounds Red Wolf Trail)

FODCPI is a 501c3 Corporation
Taxpayer ID # – 39-1543203

MORE FUNDRAISING EVENTS!

APRIL 1-30th AT NUNATAK COFFEE: Our first fundraiser runs the entire month of April at Nunatak Coffee in Beaver Dam (315 S. Spring Street). Nunatak Coffee has worked tirelessly with us to create a Red Wolf Label for one of their signature coffee blends. For each one-pound bag of Red Wolf label coffee sold the month of April, the Red Wolf Trail will receive \$3.00.

APRIL 16th AT HORICON SUBWAY - SUNDAY FUNDAY: We will be partnering with Subway in Horicon (309 Barstow Street) for our fundraiser on Sunday, April 16. 20% of the net profits from this business day will go towards our Red Wolf Trail.

APRIL 30th IRON RIDGE INN SPEAKER & BRUNCH: To wrap up the month, we will be hosting a Speaker with Brunch and a Silent Auction at Iron Ridge Inn located in Iron Ridge (131 S. Main Street) on Sunday, April 30 from 11am to 2pm. Our speaker will be none other than Kurt Sampson, archeologist and curator of the Dodge County Historical Society Museum. He will be speaking on the importance of protecting and maintaining effigy mounds with mention of specific mounds in Dodge County. Silent Auction items to include art, nature and camping baskets, and gift cards generously donated by local volunteers and businesses. Tickets for the event are \$25.00 at the door. RSVP is required to reserve your spot. Please contact Sherri Gysbers at 920-251-4441.



*Red Wolf
Memorial Trail
Fundraiser*

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- ▶ Sunday April 30 11am to 2pm
- ▶ All you can Eat Lunch Buffet
- ▶ Silent Auction
- ▶ Speaker Kurt Sampson
- ▶ Located at Iron Ridge Inn
131 S Main Street Iron Ridge
- ▶ Tickets sold at the door
\$25.00 per person
- ▶ RSVP Required contact
920-251-4441 to reserve a spot

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Friends of Dodge County Parks, Inc. is holding a fundraiser for the Red Wolf Memorial Boardwalk and Trail at Nitschke Mounds Dodge County Park. Join us in honoring the legacy of Red Wolf, caretaker of local effigy mounds.

SAVE THE DATE
for FallFest 2023!

The 17th Annual FallFest at Harnischfeger Park will take place on Saturday, September 30, 2023, from 8am to 4pm. Free Parking, Free Entry, and many Free Activities for the whole family! All of your favorite demonstrations and activities as well as some new things to do!

HARNISCHFEGER PARK HAPPENINGS

by Glenn Daily

With the North Barn Silo repair work completed, the Vintage Farm Equipment displays completed in the new museum building, and the Tom Triplett Memorial trail completed in 2022, we are now turning our attention to the following projects for 2023 and beyond.

1. Currently, we are meeting as needed to plan the crops for our annual FallFest event.
2. Now that our displays are completed, plans are in the works to hold an open house once a month on the first Sunday of the month from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. April through October. This will be in conjunction with the Lebanon Historical Society (LHS) which will be open at the same time. Hopes are to have two volunteers at the park for these dates, and both LHS and we will direct people to the others venue.
3. The North Barn has been assessed and the decision has been made to have the barn sided with sheet metal to match the museum building and all sliding doors replaced with new ones that will close tight against unwanted wildlife. As part of the quoting process, we are getting pricing on replacing the 15+ year old asphalt roof with metal at the same time. Estimated Cost: \$40,000
4. The next phase of the Old Homestead Site project will be to create a walk-through archway and corner markers using the salvaged bricks from the home when it was razed. The archway will replicate the arch construction that existed over all the doors and windows on the home. Estimated Cost: \$20,000
5. Future plans for the Homestead area include a pergola and kiosk signs with pictures of the home as it once stood in that location.



GSMT PHASE 2 & 3

by Bill Ehlenbeck

After receiving a \$1.1 million Federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant this past year, Phase 2 (Horicon to Wild Goose Trail) design and engineering work is set to begin shortly. The Grant agreement will soon be finalized to allow the search for a Design and Engineering firm to begin as well as work on potential easements. The TAP grant will provide up to 80% funding for design and construction. The Friends group has pledged at least \$50,000 toward the local share of costs. Almost \$30,000 has been raised to date. Consider purchasing GSMT tee shirts, sweatshirts, ornaments and stickers or donating monetarily to help meet the goal before the end of 2023. Design and engineering will take place in 2023-2024. Construction is expected in late 2024 or 2025.

Phase 3 (Wild Goose Trail to Beaver Dam) was awarded American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds by the County Board to conduct preliminary design and analysis of the route to aid in grant applications in 2024. Work on this should begin this summer and work concurrently with the Phase 2 efforts. If successful with grants and sufficient local donations and funding, Phase 3 could start design and engineering by 2025 or 2026.

Donations to these phases are still critically needed to help cover the local cost share requirement. Donations can be made online at www.goldstarmemorialtrailwi.org. via Venmo, PayPal or credit card. Donations can also be sent via check to Friends of Dodge County Parks, P.O. Box 72, Juneau, WI 53039. Make sure to indicate Gold Star Memorial Trail and what phase you are donating to.



Gold Star Memorial Trail items are a way to honor and remember the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for your freedom, and their families. At the same time, you are donating to help fund the next phases of the Gold Star Memorial Trail.

SWEATSHIRT L & XL - \$25; XXL & XXXL - \$28
ORNAMENT 4.5" x 4" Solid Aluminum \$20
STICKER 3" x 4" Clear Vinyl \$5

Cost of Shipping: To be determined for each order
 To order, call or email Cindy at 920-285-0305 or haerterich1860@gmail.com



Another winter is coming to an end. With that, comes the joy and anticipation of a new season in our parks and on our trails. Our seasonal staff will be returning and preparing each of their parks for the opening camping weekend beginning Friday, April, 14th. Our Trail Caretaker will be busy cleaning winter debris from each of the trails. Administrative staff (Nicole) has been steadily booking reservations for the 2023 camping season. All indications are this season will be another outstanding year for our campers and our parks. It is always a pleasure to welcome new and returning friends to our parks and trails. We're looking forward to the 2023 camping and summer trail season and the adventures ahead.

ASTICO PARK: Design options continue for the replacement of Shelter 2. One option being explored is a combined restroom/shower building with an attached pavilion where Shelter 1 is currently located. Planning also continues for the removal of the house and upgrades to the firewood lot. New vault toilets are scheduled to be delivered and placed this spring. The eastside trails will be widened this year to accommodate the trail groomer, allowing us to provide multi-use groomed winter trails. There will be some new faces in the park this year for our Park Attendant and Camp Host. Our previous Attendant, Carol Baumgartner and Host, Thomas Weidner have opted not to return for another season. We are very grateful for the time they spent with us and wish them the best in the future.

DERGE PARK: Site redesign and drainage issues were addressed last

season. The electrical upgrades were delayed and are now scheduled to begin in fall of 2023. A new vault toilet will also be delivered and placed. This will replace the existing vault toilet. The addition of a fish cleaning station/shelter is also being explored. This project would be in partnership with a local high school Industrial Arts class.

HARNISCHFEGER PARK: The Thomas R. Triplett Memorial Trail was completed last fall. The trail comprises a walking path to the past. Antique farm equipment from the late 1800's to the early 1900's is on display around the path in order of use from spring planting through fall harvest. Harnischfeger will also see a new staff member this season. The vacant Park Attendant position will be filled in the near future. An ADA accessible portable toilet will be moved from Ledge Park and placed at the north parking lot.

Please come visit our parks and trails and enjoy the adventure with us!

NITSCHKE MOUNDS PARK

by Harvey Gysbers

As spring arrives, people will again be visiting the park to walk their dogs, spend time viewing and listening to birds, discovering the signs and sounds of local wildlife with a rare sighting here and there, and walk the trails looking for various wildflowers and other plants. Some of these spring wildflowers and plants are rare, protected, and disappearing at alarming rates. If you are lucky enough to discover them, take all the pictures you would like, but PLEASE LEAVE THEM IN THE GROUND where they are for others to enjoy as you have.

Spring will also be bringing crews of volunteers out, focused on the never-ending battle against invasive plants. Invasive species at Nitschke include Wild Parsnip, Garlic Mustard, and Buckthorn. Nitschke is very fortunate to have several different groups of volunteers dedicated to this task.

Saturday, April 29, 2023 is the date for this year's FODCPI annual Field Trip tours of Nitschke Mounds for the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin. The morning session will run from 10am- 12pm and the afternoon session from 1-3pm. Registration is required online at www.wisconservation.org beginning April 1st. There is a small fee required to register for these tours.

LEDGE PARK: New vault toilets are scheduled to be delivered and installed this spring. The pier by the lower Ledge pond will see some upgrades and improvements, which may include a bridge across the pond.

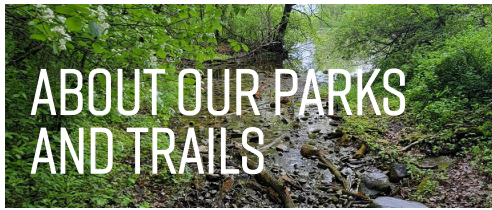
NITSCHKE MOUNDS PARK: Trail development and improvements will continue this season. The effort to remove invasive species from identified locations within the park is an ongoing process. Thank you to all the volunteers that have helped and continue to help with this battle.

GLACIAL RIVER TRAIL: Planning continues with Jefferson County and Rock County to promote usage of this multi-jurisdictional trail.

GOLD STAR MEMORIAL TRAIL: Route planning and development continues for the over-all trail, connecting the City of Mayville to the City of Beaver Dam.

NITSCHKE MOUNDS PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Nitschke Mounds Park Advisory Committee (NMPAC) was formed in 2022. The committee consists of Friends Of Dodge County Park Inc. (FODCPI) Board members, volunteers, and park staff. The heart behind this committee is to continue to protect and maintain the mounds, provide educational opportunities at the park, and expand trails and amenities. With that in mind, we want to be sure that all people understand that Nitschke Mounds Park is a sacred ancient place created by indigenous people over 2,000 years ago and needs to be respected and treated as such.



Dodge County operates five parks and three recreational trails, providing a perfect year-round escape to the scenic rural countryside to relax or take part in many recreational activities available. The County Parks are located at various points around Dodge County, providing scenery and views.

ASTICO PARK ~ Located 3 miles east of Columbus, is a 100-acre park on the Crawfish River and features campsites, hiking trails, canoe/kayak rentals, fishing access, picnic shelters, a naturalist program area, and more. Potential projects include trail expansions/improvements, playground upgrades, improved ADA accessibility, replacement vault toilets, and invasive species vegetation control.

DERGE PARK ~ Located northwest of Beaver Dam, is a 13-acre park that provides access to the 6,600-acre Beaver Dam Lake and features campsites, a boat launch, an ADA accessible kayak pier, and fishing access. Potential projects: new fishing/docking pier, improved shoreline fishing access with benches & landscaping, and parking expansion.

NATURALIST CORNER - SPRING 2023

by Arwyn Yarwood

This year is shaping up to be another big year for naturalist work at Dodge County Parks. I will once again be assisting Harvey Gysbers with the Nitschke Mounds tours for the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin in April. This year, the Astico Perseverance 4-H group and I will continue our work on the prairie restoration at Astico. We prepped about half of the land, so this year we will be prepping the rest of the land and hopefully seeding in the fall. Another project in the works is creating an invasive species management plan, which includes the use of the invasive species management app, ISMTrack. We are initially setting this up for Nitschke Mounds, but we have plans to include all of our parks.

There are some additional fun projects that I am working on. Look for wildflower stickers in the near future, as well as a field guide to Dodge County Parks' wildflowers. Some educational videos will also be posted on TikTok and the Friends Of Dodge County Parks, Inc.'s Facebook page. I primarily focus on education and conservation within our parks, so if you have any naturalist-related questions, concerns, or ideas, feel free to contact me at arwyn.yarwood@gmail.com or by phone/text at 920-245-1002.

HARNISCHFEGER PARK ~ Located along the Rock River is 8 miles east of Watertown. This 132-acre park contains a variety of terrain, vegetation, and facilities for multiple recreation opportunities. The park hosts the annual FallFest on the last Saturday in September. New to the park are Vintage Farming displays in the north barn & building. The park features a clubhouse and picnic shelters for group picnics and activities. There are hiking trails with boardwalks, campsites, canoe/ kayak rentals, fishing access, 9-hole mini-golf and 9-hole disc golf courses. Current and potential projects include mini-golf & disc-golf rehab and expansion, clubhouse improvements and expansion, a gazebo for general use, a future enclosed "Off Leash" dog run, an edible plants harvest naturalist program, invasive species vegetation control, north barn restoration phase 3, homestead area repurposing phase 2, trail improvements and a vault toilet for the north end of the park.

LEDGE PARK ~ Located near the Horicon Marsh, is a 83-acre park that lies on and along the Niagara Escarpment and provides a breathtaking over-look of the Horicon Marsh. The park features campsites, hiking trails, picnic shelters, playgrounds, and an ADA accessible boardwalk to the edge of the ledge, overlooking the scenic Horicon

Marsh. Potential projects include trail and accessibility improvements, replacement vault toilets, invasive species vegetation control, pond boardwalk and more parking.

NITSCHKE MOUNDS PARK ~ Located 4 miles north of Juneau and adjacent to the Wild Goose Trail, is a 54-acre park featuring 39 pre-historic Native American animal, conical, and linear effigy mounds, with hiking trails through the mounds and park, and an open-air picnic shelter. Current and potential projects include trail and interpretive mound identification improvements, brush removal of additional existing mounds, invasive species vegetation control and the Red Wolf Memorial Trail including a pond boardwalk.

WILD GOOSE STATE TRAIL ~ This 34-mile limestone trail on an abandoned railroad grade has a southern Trailhead on Highway 60 and links the city of Juneau to the city of Fond du Lac. Potential and future projects include parking lot improvements and invasive species vegetation control.

GLACIAL RIVER TRAIL ~ This 3.5-mile trail is a paved hiking and biking only path along HWY 26, running from HWY CJ near Clyman, south to 2nd Road near Watertown. It is part of the multi-county trail that runs south through Jefferson County and into Rock County. This trail connects to the Wild Goose State Trail via road routes to & thru Clyman, and then to the WGST southern trailhead at Highway 60.

GOLD STAR MEMORIAL TRAIL ~ To honor the fallen military, the newest East-West paved hiking & biking only trail system will eventually link Mayville, Horicon, and Beaver Dam to the Wild Goose State Trail. Phase 1 from Mayville's Theiler Park to Horicon Marsh, had its Grand Opening in June of 2019. A route to walk your bike through the marsh to Horicon has been established, and a signed city bike route through the city of Horicon is completed.

Grant applications and funding campaigns continue to build this trail onwards to Beaver Dam. Phase 2 from Horicon to the Wild Goose Trail is the current priority.

PATH OF HUSTISFORD AWARDED \$ FOR PELICAN PATH STUDY

PATH of Hustisford Awarded \$32,700 for Pelican Path Feasibility Study (Tanya Lemke/Jerry Traughber)

PATH of Hustisford would like to extend heartfelt gratitude to the Greater Watertown Community Health Foundation (GWCHF). PATH of Hustisford was awarded a \$32,700 grant from the GWCHF Capacity Building Grants fund. Thanks to this grant, PATH will fund a feasibility study for a recreational trail concept, spearheaded by a group of community members seeking to create “The Pelican Path” recreational trail.

The proposed Pelican Path Trail is a 5-mile, multi-use trail that will run east to west from Hustisford to the Wild Goose State Trail (WGST). By connecting to the WGST, residents will gain access to the Glacial River Trail to the south, and the ability to use the WGST north to Fond du Lac. This connectivity is further bolstered by the development and ultimate completion of the Gold Star Memorial Trail (GSMT). The GSMT will be a mid-County east to west, multi-use paved trail which is currently working on the phase two segment which will connect the City of Horicon to the WGST, and the eventual implementation of phase three from the WGST to Beaver Dam. Once completed, the Pelican Path Trail will effectively open opportunities for residents in southern

Dodge County to have the ability to travel to Fond du Lac to the north, Janesville to the south, Mayville to the East, and Beaver Dam to the west via mostly off-road paths.

The feasibility study will seek to determine the best route options between Hustisford and the WGST trail. MSA Professional Services of Beaver Dam will be conducting the study. The contract kick-off meeting was held Feb 13, 2023. The study is expected to take 2.5 and 4 months to complete.

“It’s exciting to see this project come to light. The Pelican Path committee has received dozens and dozens of letters of support from citizens, organizations and businesses in the communities surrounding the proposed trail areas. There’s good research out there pointing to the economic and other benefits that recreational trails can bring to a community,” says Jill Anderson from PATH of Hustisford.

The Pelican Path Committee is currently pursuing additional grant opportunities and fundraising to pay for a future design contract to follow the route and feasibility study. Corporate and private donations are welcomed and appreciated. Information about donating can be found at www.pelicanpath.org.

Slated as a Pelican Path Trail fundraising event, the Third Annual Wild Goose Chase bike ride is set for Saturday, June 24, 2023. Riders of all abilities are welcome and can choose any ride length up to the full 70 miles. The ride starts at the southern trailhead of the Wild Goose State Trail in Clyman, turns around at the northern trailhead in Fond du Lac, and returns to start. Registration is required by June 1, 2023. Go to www.pelicanpath.org to register.

FRIENDS OF DODGE COUNTY PARKS, INC. YEAR END FINANCIALS

FUND ACCOUNTS	2022	2021
Administrative Fund	1,179	3
Astico Fund	8,100	7,303
Derge Fund	5,952	6,505
Ledge Fund	-247	2,283
Wild Goose Trail Fund	4,019	4,090
Nitschke Mounds Fund	4,476	2,423
Harnischfeger Fund	38,154	52,534
Gold Star Mem. Trail Fund	31,920	28,366
Pelican Path Fund	1,047	0
Future Park Fund	245	245
Endowment Fund - Temp	175	115
Undesignated General Fund	8,728	6,504
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$103,747	\$110,371
Total Revenues	36,537	30,708
Total Expenses	43,081	21,575
Transfer to Endowment	500	445
NET REVENUE	-\$6,544	\$9,133
Endowment Fund (Dec. 31st Balance)	35,738	36,946
Beaver Dam Area Comm. Foundation Fund (Dec. 31st Balance)	856	1,044



FODCPI MISSION STATEMENT

The Friends of Dodge County Parks, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit for the purpose of enhancing the quality of life in Dodge County by increasing opportunities for active and passive recreation and by preserving, protecting, restoring, and promoting natural resources, parks, trails, and recreation areas owned and/or maintained by Dodge County.

SPONSOR A MEMORIAL BENCH

Benches along the Gold Star Memorial Trail Phase 1 (Mayville to Horicon Marsh) and at Ledge Park (Ledge overlook platform), were installed this past year and are now ready for sponsorship at \$1000 each. Sponsorship includes up to 3 lines of engraving or a 9x12 sign that can include a picture along with text. Sponsors can provide their own bronze or special plaque if desired. Requests for more information or for bench sponsorship can be emailed to parks@co.dodge.wi.us



with contact name, address, phone #, who the memorial is for, and which bench/location is desired. The Friends of Dodge County Parks Board will review all requests and will award sponsorship locations as they deem appropriate. Sponsorships are payable to Friends of Dodge County Parks, Inc. after requests are approved.

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If you are a Thrivent Financial account holder you can have Thrivent Financial donate to the Friends of Dodge County Parks, Inc. through their Thrivent Choice program. Log onto www.thrivent.com and go to Thrivent Choice under the "Making a Difference" tab.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO FODCPI BY-LAWS

In the FODCPI By-Laws, on page 10, under Article XVIII – Finance and Execution of Instruments, in section B – Dues: "Memberships shall be valid for the current calendar year and entitle the holder to vote at the annual meeting if paid by that date. A membership paid on or after December 1st shall entitle the holder to all rights and benefits of membership through the following calendar year..."

The FODCPI Board proposes to change the on or after date to "September 15th" replacing "December 1st". The proposed change of date is to allow for membership promotion at the Harnischfeger FallFest event at the end of September. The September 15th date allows for FallFest to be held anytime September 15th or later. This change to the FODCPI By-Laws will be voted on at the May 4, 2023 Membership Meeting.

2023 MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS!
 One **FREE** bundle of firewood at Derge, Ledge, Astico, or Harnischfeger Park
 One **FREE** round of mini-golf at Harnischfeger Park ~ One **FREE** FODCPI Sticker

2023 FODCPI MEMBERSHIP FORM

Online membership and donation options are available at our website <https://GoldStarMemorialTrailWI.org>

- Senior Citizen or Child (\$10)
- Individual / School / Class (\$20)
- Family (\$25)
- Club, Agency, Organization or Not-for-Profit (\$50)
- Municipality (\$75)
- Corporation or Business (\$100)

Designate purpose or park _____

Membership Total \$ _____
 General Donation \$ _____
 Endowment Fund \$ _____
Total Enclosed \$ _____

Name(s): _____
 Organization: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please send completed form with check made out to:
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