

FMP NEWSLETTER

END OF WINTER 2019





You are invited to Friends of Marquette Park Annual Meeting and Celebration Marquette Park Statue Garden

> Thursday, May 30, 2019 6:00-8:00 PM Light hors d'oeuvres, sweets and cash bar \$10 Donation

We will kick off our 2019 Membership Drive. If inclement weather, the event will be held in the Pavilion

At 7:00 PM will have our annual meeting to share accomplishments and plans for this year. We're growing, due to your support of our efforts to raise funds for special projects in the park. We thank you for your continuous support.

100th Anniversary of Marquette Park

Aug. 1919 - Aug. 2019

Plans are in the works for celebrating our beautiful historic park. Watch for updates on our FB page Friends of Marquette Park. Share your ideas with us at <u>friendsofmarquettepark@gmail.com</u>

Never Enough Boulders

We placed fifteen new boulders in the park near street lights and utility boxes for their protection. Another boulder near the lagoon was placed for sitting near the Lagoon Outlook Garden. Our protecting boulders did their job. Two boulder were hit, but not the lights. However, the light post near the lagoon boulder was demolished, missing the boulder! Help! We need more protective boulders. Please consider giving to this project.

Too Many Lost Lights

We are working with the Parks Department and City to replace all four demolished streetlights with a model that is more affordable, available and mounted on a substantial base.



Watch for Our New Signs!

- Street sign pointing to the Southern Point of Lake Michigan Marker will be installed in the spring to help visitors find the big marker.
- 100th Year Marquette Park Marker to be installed near concession stand. Watch for ways to be a part of this project.
- Portable A-frame sign to show where and when volunteers are working in the park.
- Shelf Ice warning signs were placed at ticket booths and Wells St. Beach to keep people off of dangerous ice.
- Carry-in/carry-out signs will be going up this spring.
- FMP Logo improved and updated:



Here's What We're Up To

Ongoing Projects

- · Concrete repairs on stairs
- Memorial Bench project
- Maintenance of Statue Garden and Lagoon Area
- Landscaping
- Beach Water Safety & Signage
- Support programs in the park to make Marquette Park an inviting destination

New Projects

- New Marker with Marquette Park Map near concession stand
- Cleaning and polishing of Fr. Marquette Statue
- New LED lighting of Fr. Marquette Statue with electrical connections.
- Elimination of bagworms infesting evergreens
- Painting lifeguard stands different colors and painting easement street sign posts near the beach
- New FMP apparel to wear with our new logo

We Can't Do It Alone

- <u>You</u>, our members and donors, are absolutely necessary to help us with ongoing and new projects to beautify our park. We hope you continue supporting Friends of Marquette Park.
- <u>Volunteers</u> are crucial to get the jobs done. If you see us working and can spare the time, stop and lend a hand. Even a honk and a smile helps. Contact us if you would like to join the fun: <u>friendsofmarquettepark@gmail.com</u>.
- <u>MCC and Shoreline Committee</u>, "our parents", who gave us our wings to raise funds.
- <u>Parks Department</u> personnel and <u>Park Board of</u> <u>Commissioners</u> who are supportive of our many projects and are open to new ideas.
- <u>Legacy Foundation</u>, our financial manager, who keeps us on our toes and encourages us every step of the way.
- Mutually supportive organizations who care about Marquette Park: Miller Garden Club, Lagoon Outlook Garden, Playground Committee.

We are grateful for a supportive Miller community who appreciate the work we do.

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\$25+ \$50+ \$100+ \$200+ \$250+ \$300+ Major Other	Flower Garden & Trails Mulch for trails & landscaping Shoreline Concrete walkways & stairs Pavilion Area Native landscaping for the lagoon Fr. Marquette Garden Seasonal displays & gardens Boulder Project (cost of one boulder with your name attached) Mighty Oaks Major projects to preserve Marquette Park Marquette Park Preservation Long-term major projects Shoreline Safety	 Park Department Projects include: Beach Rules publicity Water Safety priorities Carry-In, Carry-Out & Beach trash removal improvements Replacement of street lights
Mail to: Friend or Donate online t <u>www.legacyfdr</u>	ecks to: Friends of Marquette Park/Legacy Foundation and s of Marquette Park, PO Box 2645, Gary, IN 46403 to Legacy Foundation: h.org, click on DONATE NOW and search for Friends of Marquette Park in Legacy Foundation at 219-736-1880	 Lighting in shelters Lake Street parking and jet ski launch improvements Beach clean-ups Concession stand and parking area improvements

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