

# FRIENDS OF MARQUETTE PARK

OF THE MCC SHORELINE COMMITTEE WITH LEGACY FOUNDATION

## Annual Meeting & Celebration

*Come join us for the Friends of Marquette Annual Meeting and Celebration at the beautiful Marquette Park Statue Garden.*

*May 17, 2018  
6:00 - 8:00 PM*

Light hors d'oeuvres, sweets and cash bar

\$10 Donation

We will kick off our 2018 Membership Drive.

If inclement weather, the event will be held in the Pavilion.

At 7:00 PM, we will have our annual meeting and share our progress with you. Our success is because of you, our friends and neighbors who have generously supported our efforts to raise funds for special projects in Marquette Park. We are most grateful for your continuous support.



Socializing at Annual Meeting 2017



Annual Meeting 2017 at Statue Garden

### Winter Beauty in the Park



Did you enjoy the holiday lights at night and the red twig dogwood bushes with their deep red stems in the bright white snow during the day? Volunteers maintain these shrubs.

### DECORATIVE BOULDER PROJECT 2017 - 2018

### BUY A PIECE OF THE ROCK!

The Park Board of Commissioners approved our Boulder Pilot Project in November 2017. Our goal is to place boulders in strategic locations to protect electrical boxes and streetlights from damage. We had three Wisconsin granite boulders installed in the park by three electrical boxes. They are at the grand entrance to Marquette Park, on Montgomery Street, and Grand Avenue going south. One boulder was hit with no damage. The Park Board has just approved our Boulder

Project 2018 to add ten more decorative boulders in other locations to protect infrastructure and restrict vehicles from driving on the dunes and destroying dune grasses.

Be a part of our boulder project. A donation of \$250 will allow us to place a more than half-ton boulder in our park. If you like, your gift will be recognized. Help us add some natural beauty to our park that also provides protection.



SPRING HAS SPRUNG - TIME TO GET BUSY

FMP 2018 Projects include:

- Beach Water Safety
- Beach Safety Stations
- Beach Can Liner Volunteers
- Decorative Boulders
- Pedestrian Safety Signage
- Statue Garden Maintenance
- Lagoon Landscaping
- Public Art
- Marquette Park Promotion
- Southern Point of Lake Michigan Promotion

The relationship of trust and respect that we have built with our community and the Park staff makes it possible to accomplish many of our goals. The Shoreline Committee continues to meet with

the Marquette Park Director, Tiffany Merrills, whose passion for Marquette Park’s success matches ours. We welcome Nate George, our new Parks Superintendent, to his position. He has already attended our first Shoreline meeting. Friends of Marquette Park is the fundraising arm of the Shoreline Committee.

It is important to note that the Gary Parks are not a taxing unit. Marquette Park is sustained by the income generated by events, parking fees and grants. Please support events in our Marquette Park. Taco Tuesday at the Pavilion is every 2nd & 4th Tuesdays in March, April, and May, 5 - 9PM, all you can eat, \$10. Beach clean-up dates supported by United Way will be announced. Volunteers are always needed.

PARK PROJECTS

Park Department Projects include:

- Beach Rules publicity
- Water Safety priorities
- Beach trash removal improvements
- Carry-In, Carry-Out - planning stage
- Replacement of damaged street lights
- Lighting in shelters
- Lake Street parking and jet ski launch improvements
- Beach clean-ups
- Concession stand in operation
- Concession stand parking lot plans

FRIENDS OF MARQUETTE PARK LEVELS OF GIVING

- \_\_\_ \$25+ Flower Garden & Trails Mulch for trails & landscaping
- \_\_\_ \$50+ Shoreline Concrete walkways & stairs
- \_\_\_ \$100+ Pavilion Area Native landscaping for the lagoon
- \_\_\_ \$200+ Fr. Marquette Garden Seasonal displays & gardens
- \_\_\_ \$250+ Boulder Project (cost of one boulder with your name attached)
- \_\_\_ \$300+ Mighty Oaks Major projects to preserve Marquette Park
- \_\_\_ Major Marquette Park Preservation Long-term major projects
- \_\_\_ Other Wildflowers for the gardens
- \_\_\_ Other Shoreline Safety

Please write checks to: Friends of Marquette Park/Legacy Foundation and Mail to: Friends of Marquette Park, PO Box 2645, Gary, IN 46403

or  
Donate online to Legacy Foundation: [www.legacyfdn.org](http://www.legacyfdn.org), click on DONATE NOW and search for Friends of Marquette Park  
or call Legacy Foundation at 219-736-1880

Thank you, Legacy Foundation!

SHORELINE WATER SAFETY

News from the Shoreline:

- May - National Water Safety Month.
- May 15 is International Water Safety Day.
- Fundraising to provide safety packs for beach patrol, details to come.
- Working with organizations to bring water safety programs to our lake-front, city pools and lifeguards.
- Looking for swimmers and volunteers to be safety walkers and paddlers for Munster Master’s Open Swim in Lake Michigan, Aug. 18.
- Gary is hiring lifeguards for the summer and offering swim classes. Contact Parks Dept. if interested.

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