

Marquette Park Trails Project

**Dedication of Trails Project
October 9, 2021 10:30 AM**
outdoors in front of Aquatorium

*Come take a guided tour highlighting new
park trails signage!*

**Walking Tours October 9, 2021
11:00 AM & 1:00 PM**

Meet in front of the Aquatorium
in Marquette Park
at the Miller Garden Club Beer Brats &
Bulbs Event



Trailhead sign at Montgomery/Oak Street entrance



Trailhead sign at Marquette Dr. entrance



Trailhead sign at Lake St. entrance

Explore the nature and history of Marquette Park and the shoreline of Lake Michigan by utilizing the Marquette Park Trail System. There are four trails: the Long Loop (2.51 miles), the Short Loop (1.37 miles), the Beach Loop (0.29 miles), and the Accessible Loop (1.35 miles). The interpretive signs along the way highlight the Aquatorium, Octave Chanute and Tuskegee Airmen; Nelson Algren and Simone de Beauvoir; the Pavilion; Patterson Island; the Lagoons and Bridges; and the Shipwreck of Lake Michigan. Mission accomplished!

This project was fully funded by Friends of Marquette Park Membership donations.



Water Safety Social Group

Many thanks to everyone for supporting our efforts. All Beach Safety Stations have 2-year sponsors, and residents were very willing to display our water safety signs in their yards. We observed many beach-goers stopping and reading the signs. They may have better understanding of the power of Lake Michigan. We hope our Water Safety efforts are making an impact. If you do have one or more signs, we ask that you take them down soon and store them for next year. Please do not throw them away. If you prefer not to store them, please contact Mary Ann Best at friendsofmarquettepark@gmail.com.



Bench for Zully

Friends of Marquette Park is raising funds for a commemorative bench for Zully Alvarado to be installed in Marquette Park at the Lagoon Outlook Garden.

Zully, an advocate for universal accessibility in our community, is the creator of and force behind the LOG that has raised-bed sensory gardens, native plants, a universally accessible kayak canoe launch, new sidewalks, artful chess tables and bench, and ash tree trunk sculpture. Zully had moved to Florida, due to her health. Help us celebrate her contributions with her very own bench facing the lagoon.

Mail donations to: Friends of Marquette Park, PO Box 2645, Gary, IN 46403.

Disc Golf, Anyone?

We are exploring the possibility of having a Disc Golf Course in Marquette Park. It is a fast-growing outdoor sport and has low impact on the body, so anyone can play. Like in golf, there is a course. Instead of a golf ball, you use a disc (or frisbee), walk the course and aim for a basket instead of a hole. The number of “holes” varies. Weather permitting, you can play year-round. We are visiting other courses in our area to see how they are designed. Would you welcome this type of activity in our park? Is it worth pursuing? Let us know.

FMP ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Marquette Park Trails Project completed
- Shipwreck piece relocated for display
- Statue Garden maintained by volunteers
- Water Safety Stations funded by sponsors
- Water Safety education at the beach for families
- Water Safety signs displayed at homes and in the park
- Statue Garden Water Pipe repair
- Memorial Bench Project Phase II approved
- Park Board Meetings attended regularly
- FMP Volunteers assisted with planting at Chanute Area Restoration and MGC Aquatorium Rain Garden Restoration

FMP PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

- Memorial Bench Project Phase II
- National Historic Park Designation
- Statue Garden maintenance
- Montgomery Street/Oak Ave. Plant Pruning for visibility
- Lagoon East Bank maintenance
- Annual Fundraising and In-Kind Donations
- Volunteer Recruitment and Recognition
- Water Safety Initiatives
- Beach Clean-Ups with Organizations and Park Staff
- FMP/City of Gary relationship building
- Disc Golf as a possibility - Let us know what you think.

CITY OF GARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Boat Launch cleared regularly
- Montgomery Street Concession Stand open consistently
- Enforcement of No Parking Dusk to Dawn in Park
- FMP Projects approved
- Litter Clean-Up by Dedicated Park Staff continued
- Statue Garden Mulching delivered
- Playground Garden Mulch delivered
- Pavilion booked with many events
- Beach Clean-Ups coordinated with Audubon Society

FMP'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO CITY

- Asian (Japanese) Bridge Phase II repair or replace
- Beach Steps & Wall supported and sand replenished
- Suspension Bridge repair or replace
- Pavilion Bridge (main building to Patio) assess & repair
- Main Entrance Marquette Park Sign repair
- Historic Street Lights/Poles (4) replace with LED lights
- WiFi throughout the Park install
- Playground Sand replenished
- Playground Sidewalks & Steps cleared
- Emergency Phones replaced

FRIENDS OF MARQUETTE PARK MEMBERSHIP

Annual FMP Membership is \$100. Donations of any amount, large and small, are welcome. Your donations and membership entitles you to receive our Friends of Marquette Park seasonal Newsletter and emails. Your membership and donations help fund projects in Marquette Park.

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, click on DONATE NOW and search for Friends of Marquette Park in Miller. You may also mail checks to:

Legacy Foundation, 370 E. 84th Drive, Suite 100, Merrillville, IN 46410

Friends of Marquette Park is an entirely volunteer organization. 97% of your donation goes toward our projects. The Legacy Foundation, our financial manager, receives an administrative fee of 3%.

The Legacy Foundation is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization.

DESIGNATED GIFTS

You are welcome to designate your gift to be utilized toward a specific project at the amount of your choosing.

- ___ Asian Bridge Project
- ___ Suspension Bridge Project
- ___ Statue Garden Projects
- ___ Water Safety Projects
- ___ Other (Please specify)

THANK YOU, LEGACY FOUNDATION

We are able to fund projects in Marquette Park because of our amazing partnership with you.

FRIENDS OF MARQUETTE PARK LEADERS

Tom Cera, Mary Ann Best, Susan Cohen, Linda Halas, Joe Petras, George Rogge, Carol Smith