

FRIENDS OF MARQUETTE PARK

OF THE MCC SHORELINE COMMITTEE WITH LEGACY FOUNDATION

Southern Point of Lake Michigan Marker Dedication

Come join us for the Friends of Marquette Park unveiling of the Southern Point of Lake Michigan.

Meet on the sidewalk

north of Shelter 3 and the granite gateway.

*Tuesday, July 24, 2018
time?*

Many thanks to the generous donors and creators of a significant point of interest in our community for the world to see. View the marker and learn fun facts about our great lake.

Wednesday at Wells Street with Friends of Marquette Park

August 15, 2018 (rain date August 22)

5:30 – 8:30

Let's have a get together with Friends of Marquette Park & enjoy the people, food, drink, music and the sunset on the beach.

Thank you!

Once again, we thank our members for your continued support of Friends of Marquette Park. Over 50 members and guests joined us at our 2nd Annual Meeting and Celebration on a sunny but chilly Thursday, May 17, 2018. We kicked off our summer membership drive and shared our goals for the year. Our membership, our resources and our projects are growing, thanks to all of you. Our mission is to raise funds for special projects in Marquette Park that includes 241 acres of park and more than 4 miles of shoreline beach. With your support, we can make an impact.



DECORATIVE BOULDER PROJECT 2017 - 2018

BUY A PIECE OF THE ROCK!

We added ten (10) more decorative boulders in strategic places to protect electrical utility boxes and sand dunes. There are now thirteen boulders doing their job of looking good and preventing expensive damage. It's working!

We have our sights on several more places where boulders would help protect areas in the park.

When the two missing historic street lights are replaced,

we will install more boulders to protect them. Aesthetically, things look best in groups of three, so we need to add boulders where we have only two. Please consider "buying a piece of the rock" by designating your donation to our boulder project. We hope you agree that the boulders contribute to the beauty of our park.



PROJECT UPDATES

Solar Powered LED Crosswalk Signs

Our "little green men" keep walking away and needed an upgrade. Two flashing crosswalk signs have been installed near the concession stand and at the top of the hill between going south on Grand Ave. Hopefully, the signs will help slow down traffic and keep pedestrians safe.

Statue Garden and Lagoon Area Landscaping

We continue to replenish plants and bushes and maintain the gardens. This year we had funds and in-kind gifts to pay for removal of leaves and edging of the lawn. This saved the backs of our volunteers. We always need volunteers to help with gardening. Come join us.

Water Safety Program

The Centennial Water Safety program through the American Red Cross is providing much needed support and training for our lifeguards and first responders. This training deals with open water rescues that are much different than guarding a pool.

What Did I Miss?

There is room for a bit more

Carry-In / Carry-Out Support

We all want a clean beach and park. We are hoping that educating beach goers through signage will help. Friends of Marquette Park and Miller Community Fund plan to match the 20 signs the Parks Department is purchasing with 20 more signs for the easements from Montgomery Street to County Line Road. We plan to install bag dispensers to help beach goers. A huge "thank you" to all who help keep our beach and park trash free.

Working with the Parks Department

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, Parks Superintendent, Nate George, and Beach Patrol Supervisor, Detective Simon Lillie.

The last Taco Tuesday will be August 14, 5 - 9PM, all you can eat, \$10. Come thank Tiffany and the Pavilion staff for providing public dining when we needed it most. The Beach clean-up dates supported by United Way will be announced. Volunteers are always needed.

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)
\$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

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Donate online to Legacy Foundation:
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or
Call Legacy Foundation at 219-736-1880.

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PARK PROJECTS

Park Department Projects include:

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

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