

December
2015

HAVENWOODS STATE FOREST

Volunteer Connection

Thank you

Bravo!

On behalf of the staff, I want to thank everyone who has helped out at Havenwoods this past year. Your service has helped us to continue providing quality nature experiences and pleasant visits in the nature center for all our visitors.

I especially want to recognize Judy Dollhausen, our Friends group president, for the many new responsibilities she has taken on in the past two years. She and I have worked closely to build new partnerships in the community. Judy participates in many meetings and does a lot of behind-the-scenes work to build the capacity of the Friends to help us with Havenwoods' operations. I am grateful to be able to work

with Judy to strengthen Havenwoods for the future.

Fencing work crew

Many thanks to all the volunteers who came here on November 7 and worked with our wildlife technician, Jesse Hill, to replace the gardening fencing. You made huge progress on this project.

Andy Brawn	Jack Mouradian
Mary Dunnwald	George Morrison
Jim Goetz	Barbara Pilak
Dennis Kaehny	Mimi Piltz
Betty Koch	Al Siemsen
Steve Llanas	Diane Warner

I apologize if I've missed anyone. Please let me know who you are.

Work will continue on the north side fencing as needed in spring.

Park stickers are here

The 2016 park stickers are now available for purchase. Here are the ones you can get at Havenwoods:

- Resident annual: \$28
- Reduced rate annual (additional car in household): \$15.50
- Senior citizen annual: \$13
- Trail pass annual: \$25
- Non-resident annual: \$38

These prices reflect a \$3-5 increase from what they have been in recent years.

Holiday hours: The center will be closed December 24 - 27 and 31, and January 1. It will be open on Saturday, January 2. We wish you happy and safe holidays with your families and friends.



Winter Plans

After much consideration, we have decided not to conduct our winter festival this February.

It was a tough conclusion to reach, because we all enjoy planning these events and working with you to provide them. We just don't have the staff time we need to organize the event this winter.

Instead, we will focus on catching up on planning programs, updating publications, cleaning, repairing and replacing signage, and making land management plans.

You can help us. We want to have a couple of workdays for

cleaning, organizing, and painting. Watch for dates in the January newsletter. But you don't have to wait for a workday. There is always a To-Do list available in the staffroom.

We still anticipate having our fall festival and coordinating with HEDC and their run/walk in September 2016. Think Snakessss!

Looking up: At long last, a contractor determined the sources of the leaks in the nature center exterior and has fixed the problem. Sometime soon, all the ceiling tiles in the auditorium will be replaced.

The richest people in the world are those who give more than they take. Giving fills your life with things money can't buy.

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