

October 11, 2007

MEMORANDUM

From: Sally Prunty, Planning Director

To: Board of Commissioners

Re: Planning Activity Report

Interpretive Signage

Lise Schools has sent us the semifinal version of the interpretive signs. Lise has done a great job coordinating information and photos into a cohesive presentation that packs a wallop. District staff has been reviewing this version of the signs, and Planning is coordinating staff comments.

Golf Course Renovation

- Staff has digitized design changes for the snack bar entrance and the accessible walkway to the clubhouse.
- Planning worked with Dave Torrens on the addendum for the golf course parking lot bid.

Continuing Education

Insurance Training

Planning participated in a PDRMA seminar on insurance, which was quite helpful. We reviewed the certificate itself, and the PDRMA reps clarified the purpose and function of each line item on the certificate. They identified the key items on which to focus.

We also reviewed the key role a good contract plays in indemnification for the District, as well as reminding us we should check the ratings of the insurance company on the A.M. Best website. If the company has a B- rating, they recommended that we not hire that contractor.

NRPA Congress

The NRPA Congress was a rewarding and stimulating educational experience. It's sometimes easy to forget, in between conferences, how energized I get by going to the sessions and interacting with others in the field. This was definitely the case with the NRPA conference this time. It was also enjoyable to revisit Indianapolis – it is a vibrant community center with a lot of history and character.

October 5, 2007

MEMORANDUM

From: Bryan Stevens, Construction Manager

To: Board of Commissioners

Re: Construction Activity Report

Miscellaneous

Over the past month, the Construction Department:

- continued work on the Lake of the Woods storage bins; and
- constructed protective steel enclosures for downspouts on the new gutters installed on the Lake of the Woods Covered Bridge.

Middle Fork Manufactured Home

Staff has awarded the contract to Wonderful World of Homes of Mahomet.

October 5, 2007

MEMORANDUM

From: Daniel Olson, Director of Natural Resources

To: Board of Commissioners

Re: Natural Resources Activity Report

General

- We are very excited to announce that Phil Hult and Gail Snowdon were chosen as the Illinois Association of Park Districts' Outstanding Volunteers of the Year. This is a very prestigious statewide award given to one person (or in this case, couple) annually. Although they were unable to attend the awards banquet last month, we will be honoring them at the volunteer appreciation event on Oct. 25. We would like to say thank you and congratulations for all they do for the District. Please see the attached nomination forms.
- The Salt Fork River Clean-Up was successful. Although individuals were not allowed in the Salt Fork River this year, we were still able to get several dump sites cleaned up, and many exotic species removed along the river. In addition, volunteers helped put up bird and bat boxes around the St. Joe wetland. We also concentrated on removing exotics along the north end of Homer Lake. Several staff members and Master Naturalists were involved in the workday. We have supplied you with the 10th anniversary calendar designed for the event.
- I have met with and received a year-end report from Charlene Anchor on the bluebird box trails at Lake of the Woods and River Bend. There was very good success this year for all the species using the boxes. She hopes to improve the trails in both locations next year.
- We are also pleased to announce we are able to continue to have Lincoln's Challenge come back to Lake of the Woods this semester. This spring they worked through the logistics of changing their schedule and coming to work with us at Lake of the Woods in addition to Middle Fork. We were able to set up 11 workdays this fall, and they are already looking to add days next spring. They will be working this fall on a variety of projects.
- Seed collection is well underway. We are concentrating on prairie seed this year and have spent many days collecting and working with volunteers on this effort. A contract has been awarded by the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission to three individuals to collect seed from local sources (including Tomlinson Cemetery) for the Grand Prairie Friends Loda Cemetery Prairie expansion.
- Our prairie seed beds have had very good success this first year. We are collecting at least six species from there. We have also constructed and planted two more beds. The original plan called for adding an additional two beds next year also.
- Dan has spent several days working on and researching grants.
- Dan Newhouse and Wade Louis from IDNR completed a turtle survey along the Sangamon River at River Bend. This is part of a much larger survey of the entire upper Sangamon River Watershed. Staff assisted one day with the survey. Additionally, the Fisher High School Environmental Group came to River Bend to learn about the project and identify species.

- Several years ago, when Unity West Elementary School was constructed in Tolono, they asked for the CCFPD's help in establishing an outdoor learning area. The entire school raised funds, and then District staff provided the natural resources education, and ultimately provided significant help at the actual tree planting event. The partnership with Unity West continues. We have been working with one of the organizing teachers, Bev Noerenberg, to once again add to the West Woods area this year. For more information, go to <http://www.unitywestelementary.com>, and click on "West Woods Website."
- Natural Resources staff removed three trees from the golf course for the entrance project.
- Natural Resources staff stocked four species of fish in the three ponds at Middle Fork. These were purchased from the Soil and Water Conservation District. Within a few years we hope to have a unique fishing experience at each pond, with different species of fish. Additionally, about 20,000 red eared sunfish have been stocked in Sunset Lake at River Bend by IDNR after surveys failed to find many there.
- We have finished prepping the middle meadow and wetland area at Homer Lake and await cool weather to seed the entire area.
- Natural Resources and Homer Lake staff continue to battle honeysuckle and autumn olive throughout Homer Lake. The area that volunteers from the clean-up started on at Homer Lake has been a focus area for us to complete.
- Steve Buck from UI donated approximately 50 Liatris plugs for us to plant.
- The Illinois State Geologic Survey is completing two large projects at River Bend. First, data on resistivity of the area will be taken in order to get an understanding about what the subsurface of the land is composed of. Secondly, a monitoring well will be placed in order to check groundwater levels. This is part of a larger Central Illinois project to monitor levels in the Mahomet Aquifer.
- Watering and tree care is ongoing. We are planning several tree plantings this fall including some memorial trees, trees to replace ash species as they decline at Middle Fork and some plantings along the John Potts Arboretum Way.
- We were contacted by the Champaign County Sheriff's Office to aid in the search for Sadorus resident Naomi Arnette during the recent organized weekend search. Lake of the Woods and Natural Resources staff supplied four boats, motors, and safety equipment. Colin Vaughan participated in the search on Saturday. Sheriff's Deputy Cook wanted the Board to know the equipment and help was greatly appreciated and that all the equipment was used throughout the entire weekend.

Meetings

- Larry Beckett and I have met several times to discuss upcoming garden projects and the budget. In addition, our department has completed the proposed budget for FY 2008.
- Master Naturalist classes are well underway. There are some Mahomet residents in the class who are already asking about volunteer work that can be done at Lake of the Woods.
- Dan presented the herpetology section of the course at the Anita Purves Nature Center.
- Dan continues to meet with and talk to campground owners and operators about the Emerald Ash Borer.
- Dan attended the Grand Prairie Friends Board Meeting. There is quite a bit going on with this group, but the biggest project is the purchase of eight acres of farmland around the Loda Cemetery Prairie that will be converted back to prairie using local ecotype seeds..

October 4, 2007

MEMORANDUM

From: Larry Beckett, Botanical Garden Supervisor

To: Board of Commissioners

Re: Botanical Garden Activity Report

- Extensive watering to new grass seeded areas over the geothermal area, the old south greenhouse footprint, around the museum annex, and on the east and west side of the museum occurred during September and into October in order to get a healthy stand of turf before winter. Thank you to Tom Pike and his staff for preparing and planting the area.
- There were five weddings in the garden in September.
- Larry Beckett was interviewed for two episodes of the TV program "Farm & Garden" and appeared on the WCIA Morning Show with Sandy Mason talking about Enabling Garden.
- We have two volunteer college students who have been helping with garden maintenance every Friday for two hours. This should continue for the remainder of this semester.
- We planted over 50 native shrubs and grasses along the west tree line in the garden.
- Five Carolina Spice Bushes were planted adjacent to the Enabling Garden along the retaining wall.
- The north greenhouse was cleaned and readied for fall school programs.
- We have started taking cuttings of selected ornamental plants for use in the garden for the 2008 season.
- After meeting with Horticultural Education staff, we are in the planning stage of moving the Children's Garden from the south end of the Botanical Garden to the west side of the greenhouse. This will provide easier access for bus parking, restrooms, etc. for the Botany Basics and additional Horticultural Education programs.
- We are preparing for removal of the tropical plants display in the Enabling Garden. Many of the plants will be propagated or repotted for use next year. We will store these plants along with others, in the greenhouse.

October 5, 2007

MEMORANDUM

From: Cheryl Kennedy, Museum Director

To: Board of Commissioners

Re: Early American Museum Activity Report

September Comparisons	2006	2007
Visitation	872	929
Year to date	5,469	6,401
Museum Store	\$1,070.27	\$8778.08
Year to date	\$7,860.29	\$9,172.61
Donations at the Door	\$427.00	\$421.25
Year to date	\$2,594.23	\$2,714.65
Volunteers	362.75 hours	
Office Support	115.50	
Public Programs	144.00	
Collections	30.00	
Education	59.25	
Special Projects	14.00	

Education 337 onsite; 375 outreach

All the educators joined in the presentation of Prairie Adventures again this year. Along with a homeschool group, schools attending included Southside, Wiley, Unity West, Thomas Paine, Dr. Howard, and Schneider from Farmer City. A total of 260 children participated. Teachers continue to appreciate this multi-disciplinary approach. They like the fact that the program is focused on hands-on activities.

In addition, Sandy provided programs for Wiley and King Schools and began her fall schedule for the homeschool Settler Course. Sandy and her volunteers traveled to Bent School in Bloomington and provided a series of stations with hands-on activities for 350 children.

Public Programs

As reported at the last Board Meeting, we were very pleased with the Prairie Stories program this year. Staff pulled together popular activities from many different events over the years, and it was obvious people still enjoy them. This event would be impossible without the support of our volunteers. We counted 204 people; however, people also entered through the back door so we are certain we missed some.

Charlie worked with four different adult groups from Champaign, Bloomington, and Decatur this past month. We also hosted about 50 volunteers and a few staff members from the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. The purpose was to acquaint them with Looking for Lincoln sites and enable them to talk about us from their own personal experiences.



Collection Work

Through some good research, Barb made contact with the Keeper of Community and Social History with the Blackburn Museum and Art Gallery in England, and thus she was able to locate the original home of the barrister's wig. It belonged to Sir Lewis Beard, Town Clerk of Blackburn from 1904 to 1930. Beard was a very highly regarded incumbent of the post and was knighted for public and local services in 1919. This is an image of Beard wearing the wig during his time in office. They know he married an American, Charlotte Edings, in 1890 and assume the wig ended up in the states via her side of the family.

Barb also found a new home for the falcon hood. It will be sent to The Archives of Falconry in Boise, Idaho. They collect hoods (currently have over 600) from around the world as well as 1800 books, a lot of original art and prints, and equipment.

WWII Program

In conjunction with Ken Burns *The War Series*, WILL has been working with organizations like ours to feature the stories of Central Illinois veterans. Our program scheduled for October 11th will feature three local survivors of the USS Indianapolis. Their story was actually taped in the garden earlier this year as was the story of Yukiko Okinaga Llewellyn.

Lincoln Exhibits Committee Work

- As facilitators for Champaign County, the Lincoln Exhibits Committee assisted Mahomet, Tolono, St. Joseph and Urbana with development of their applications for Lincoln wayside exhibits. In addition, the committee submitted applications for one at the courthouse and one on Homer Lake Road.
- We received a grant from the Illinois Lincoln Bicentennial Commission to create a DVD on Champaign County's Lincoln.
- We also received a grant from the American History Teacher Collaborative for a teacher workshop on Lincoln to be held in June of 2008.
- Staff developed and submitted a Request for Information from potential exhibit designers.
- We are currently working on grant applications to the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Illinois Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, and the National Endowment for Humanities for the exhibits at both the courthouse and the museum.
- Barb Wysocki and Cheryl Kennedy have been selected to serve as members of the newly-formed Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission of Champaign County. Barb was selected by the City of Urbana and Cheryl by the county. The term for this commission commences on September 21, 2007 and ends on December 31, 2009.

Accreditation Visit

The lead reviewer has scheduled her arrival on Saturday, December 15th, and they will wrap up their work on Tuesday, December 18th. This may pose some problems due to the weekend days; however, we will work to comply with their needs.

October 1, 2007

MEMORANDUM

From: Wendy Israel, Environmental Education Coordinator

To: Board of Commissioners

Re: Environmental and Horticultural Education Activity Report

School Programs

In September, 307 students were served through Environmental Education programs from Urbana Middle School, Spectrum (St. Joseph), Sangamon Elementary, Middletown Early Childhood Center and Villa Grove Elementary. Ninety-five students from Leal and Lincoln Trail Elementary participated in Horticultural Education programs.

The department introduced its new homeschool program offerings this month. Both programs filled to capacity - Aquatic Ecologist (15 children, 8 adults) and Botany Basics (17 students).

Public Programs

On October 8, 30 people attended the Prairie Plot program. Eight adults and 10 children participated in Growing Up Wild at Homer Lake on September 10. The program scheduled at Lake of the Woods was cancelled due to low enrollment. Seventeen people attended the Survival Series program on September 22 and on September 30, 65 people enjoyed Garden Harvest. Upcoming programs: Growing Up Wild October 8 and 13 and Ghoulish Gourds October 27.

General

September Education Center Visitors: 102 adults and 74 children. On November 1st, the center will resume its winter hours, Monday through Friday 8:30-5pm.

Sept. Volunteer Hours: 26 hrs (Horticultura Ed.) and 14 hrs (Environmental Ed.)

Additional staff accomplishments this month include:

- Assistance with the Canoe Outing and Salt Fork River Clean-Up;
- Planning of 2008 public program schedule;
- Development of 2008 budget proposal;
- Development of Environmental Education Center exhibits;
- Development and presentation of new Horticultural Ed outreach program, Soil Science;
- Preparation for volunteer recognition event;
- Scheduling of spring school programs..

Garden Adventures Youth Program Series Update

At the conclusion of the Garden Adventures day camp program, participants' parents completed evaluations, the summary of which is below. Based on 19 returned evaluations, 100% felt the program met their expectations and would recommend the program to others.

In addition to very positive parent and participant feedback, I am pleased to report that in 2007, registration for Horticultural Education summer camp programs almost tripled over that of 2006 (10 participants in 2006; 29 in 2007). This is a result of the increase in participation in Garden Adventures as well as the new program, Tiny Tot Garden Adventures (preK). Income also increased from \$350 in 2006 to \$810 in 2007.

Summary of 2007 Garden Adventures Parent Evaluations

	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor
Camp Registration Process	95%	0%	5%	0%	0%
Education Staff	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Weekly Topics	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Check in/out process	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%

	Too Short	Just Right	Too Long
Daily Program Length	5%	95%	0%

	Yes	No	Did Not Read
Met Expectations	100%	0%	NA
Cost Appropriate	95%	5%	NA
Recommend to Others	100%	0%	NA
Was the Newsletter Helpful	100%	0%	0%

Selected comments from parent evaluations:

- The counselors and helpers were great!
- She absolutely loved this program... talked nonstop about it!
- She always looked forward to camp!
- My son really enjoyed your program!

October 10, 2007

MEMORANDUM

From: Andee Chestnut, Public Information Director

To: Board of Commissioners

Re: Public Information Activity Report

Television Coverage

The District has received quite a bit of television coverage lately. Shortly after I was on the WCIA Morning Show to talk about fall programs, Dan Olson was interviewed by WCIA news for a story on the Emerald Ash Borer. Larry Beckett and Dan Olson were interviewed for three different segments on the Illini Home and Garden show Sundays on WCIA. Larry then did two segments on the Morning Show with Sandy Mason in the Enabling Garden. You can actually view his fine work on Illinoishomepage.net. Dave Huber also did a Healthy Living segment on the walking benefits of golf for NewsChannel 15 Sunrise This Morning.

Promotions

We still have a programming brochure to develop for distribution before the end of the year, but we are also working on the promotions schedule for 2008. That involves reviewing this year's promotions to determine what worked and what didn't. As happy as we were with attendance at many of the programs, some did not draw the audience we would have liked, so we will need to revamp some of our efforts for next year.

Foundation Mailer

Also in the works at this time is the Foundation annual mailing. In addition to working with Heather Gillett, who has designed the previous two brochures, Rhonda Proctor, a member of our Foundation Board, is providing her marketing expertise, so we are quite fortunate and look forward to seeing the finished product.

Foundation Video

Some of the voiceover recordings needed to be re-recorded, so the project is progressing, although not as quickly as we would have liked.

Student Papers

CCFPD staff often provides information for students, particularly those at the University of Illinois. Recently, Dan Olson and I have been contacts for a UI Journalism student who has made the Forest Preserve District her beat this semester. I also assisted an education major writing a paper about the people, particularly children, who visit our facilities. These are just a couple of examples of staff serving as resources. Many staff members willingly contribute quite a bit of time helping students.

October 5, 2007

MEMORANDUM

From: Kim Horbas, Volunteer Coordinator

To: Board of Commissioners

Re: Volunteer Activity Report

General

Prairie seed collecting is planned for 1-4 PM, October 7, 14 and 28 under the coordination of volunteer Phil Hult. Several groups will be participating in each session. Volunteers will meet the 7th and 14th in the Crowley Road parking lot and on the 28th, they will meet in the Route 47 parking lot. All are welcome to join the fun!

Volunteer Bob Craft and I spent an afternoon at the Maintenance Shop making belt hooks for the seed collectors. This ingenious tool designed by Bob provides hands-free collecting for the volunteers. Bob has formed an aluminum strip to hold the collection bag as volunteers use both hands to pull the seeds from plants. Great idea, Bob!

CCFPD is coordinating an Eagle Scout project with a Mahomet scout. A need has been expressed by a trail steward at Middle Fork for bluebird boxes. It is estimated that six boxes are needed along the Praireview Trail. The trail steward, Jackie Roy, has committed to maintaining and tracking these boxes. The Eagle Scout is proposing to construct approximately 24 boxes. The remaining 18 will be used for future projects.

Invitations are out and plans are in the works for this year's Volunteer Recognition Event to be held on Thursday, October 25, 6-9 pm. The education staff will be hosting a fun-filled learning event. Schedule for the evening is as follows:

- 6-7 pm Arrival, self-guided tours of the museum, extensive hors d'oeuvres buffet
- 7-7:30 pm Welcome and Volunteer Recognition by each department in the Redhed Room
- 7:30-8:30 pm Education programs in three 15-minute intervals that will include presentations in the Redhed Room, the greenhouse and one-room schoolhouse. Guests will enjoy an evening stroll by candlelight to each location. Staff is planning an exceptional treat for the volunteers!
- 8:30 pm Everyone will gather back at the museum for a scrumptious dessert bar and coffee prepared for the volunteers by CCFPD staff.

Please save the date and plan to join all the special individuals who share their time and talents with the District.

Volunteer Hours

Education	25 hours
<u>Trail Stewards</u>	<u>27 hours</u>
Total	52 hours

October 5, 2007

MEMORANDUM

From: Headquarters

To: Board of Commissioners

Re: Administration Activity Report

- Only a couple of outhouses remain to be sold on eBay. It has been quite an experience and we will report on the monies brought in following the final sale.
- A survey regarding employee benefits and potential health fair ideas was sent to all full-time staff, and the results are being compiled.
- The NRPA Congress was located in Indianapolis this year making it possible for a larger group to attend. The following staff attended: Mary Beck, Matt Kuntz, Tonya Maier, Jerry Pagac, Sally Prunty and Roy Woodmansee.
- Vickie worked with an individual from the Secretary of State's office, who came to District Headquarters and recorded what documents the District has in storage in preparation for destroying some of these records. Before a governmental body destroys old information, they must first get permission from the Secretary of State's office, and then following receipt of permission, the agency must wait six months before destroying. Six months has passed, so the next step will be shredding and recycling the documents. This will take place within the next couple of weeks.
- Special use permits include the Prairie Harvest Cluster Crop Walk at Lake of the Woods; Mahomet-Seymour Parent-Teacher Organization Dawg Walk at Lake of the Woods; Illini Heat Track Club Run at Lake of the Woods; and Unity High School Cardboard Boat Races at Homer Lake.

October 8, 2006

MEMORANDUM

From: Dave Torrens, Director of Golf

To: Board of Commissioners

Re: Lake of the Woods Golf Course Maintenance Activity Report

Over the past month, golf course maintenance staff has:

- continued with irrigation repairs;
- performed maintenance on equipment;
- continued golf course maintenance; and
- begun leaf clean up.

Tee renovation is coming along. Over half of the tees are near completion. Crews started seeding October 6th.

October 09, 2007

MEMORANDUM

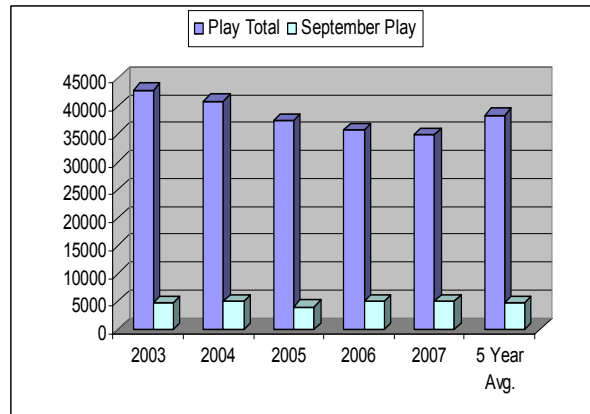
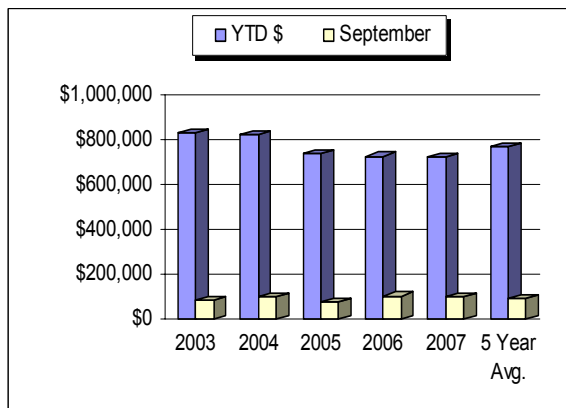
From: Dave Huber, Golf Professional/Manager

To: Board of Commissioners

Re: Lake of the Woods Golf Course Pro Shop Activity Report

Operations

Revenue and play comparisons for September are listed below. September 2006 revenue was our best ever, so not quite matching that same amount this September makes 2007 the second best ever. Play total actually increased slightly due to an increase on Par-3.



Tournaments & Outings

September 13	Friends of Frerichs Outing	72 golfers
September 15	Horizon Hobby Outing	48 golfers
September 22	Our Lady of the Lake Outing	80 golfers
September 22	Kennedy Outing	24 golfers
September 23	Mixed Chapman	18 golfers
September 26	Ladies Fun Day	28 golfers
September 29	Hutchcraft Memorial Outing	72 golfers
September 30	Big Merchandise Scramble	65 golfers
October 6	Amergen Outing	68 golfers
October 7	Hideaway Scramble	60 golfers

Other Activities

- Staff met with Don Archer, the pro at Blue Needles Golf Course in Catlin to help him with some food & beverage items necessary to complete his workbook requirements prior to taking his final series of exams for PGA membership.
- Dave Huber filmed a Healthy Living segment for News Channel 15 featuring the walking benefits of golf.

October 2, 2007

MEMORANDUM

From: Thomas M. Pike, Site Superintendent

To: Board of Commissioners

Re: Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve / River Bend Forest Preserve Activity Report

- Staff has completed seeding the garden between the annex and where the south greenhouse used to be, around the annex itself, and all areas within the preserve that needed seeding because of work this year. Staff had to work extra hard to keep the areas watered because of the extremely dry conditions.
- We assisted with the Natural Resources Department in providing boats to help in the search for Naomi Arnette.
- Crews spent several days cleaning the residence before our new Director of Finance arrives this month and uses the house as temporary living quarters.
- I have looked at the Headquarters building with a plan for some exterior painting work at that location.
- Staff has worked on the 2008 proposed budget.
- Crews have removed a couple of trees from around the gardens/natural resource building that have been damaged by past storms. They also cut a few branches that were interfering with the rain gutters on the south end of the building.
- The mowing season remains slow at this point, and only a few areas are being addressed.
- Staff completed ongoing janitorial work at rental buildings and public restrooms.
- We continued with routine scheduled maintenance and repairs on various District vehicles and other equipment.

October 5, 2007

MEMORANDUM

From: Matthew Kuntz, Site Superintendent

To: Board of Commissioners

Re: Middle Fork River Forest Preserve Activity Report

- We have continued work with Lincoln's Challenge cadets with their volunteer time. Currently they are helping us remove exotics and helping us pick up brush around the preserve.
- Our campground hosts are getting ready for their trip back down to Florida. They did a tremendous job for us this year, and I await their return next year.
- Many boy scout troops have been camping with us on the weekends. In the last three weeks we have had scout troops each weekend.
- We continue work with next year's budget and operations planning.
- Thanks to Lake of the Woods staff for letting us use the stump grinder. We were able to grind 12 stumps which were in user areas.
- The remainder of the month has been spent doing routine maintenance throughout the forest preserve.

October 5, 2007

MEMORANDUM

From: Brian Taylor, Site Superintendent

To: Board of Commissioners

Re: Homer Lake Forest Preserve Activity Report

We assisted with the tenth annual Salt Fork River Clean-Up by removing exotics along Homer Lake Road. The volunteers did a great job, and now it's possible to see much more of Homer Lake as you travel along the north boundary. The neighbors who live across the road have been very complimentary, and some have even offered to volunteer to keep the exotics out.

The annual aeration and top dressing of grass seed in high use areas has been completed. We have seen some improvement of the turf over the last few years as a result of this practice.

We hosted a Trailer Towing Workshop for District employees who use trailers to haul equipment. Roy Woodmansee did a great job of organizing this with the assistance of the Illinois State Police. The session was very informative as it covered the law and safety aspects of trailer towing.

New doors were installed at the Walnut Hill Shelter restrooms, and we are repainting the doors on the Environmental Education Center.

Staff constructed a canoe launch area on the Salt Fork River just in time for the Foundation Canoe Trip. The area was designed for a launch area when the township put a new bridge in some years ago. We used some of the old sandstone pieces that came from the old bridge that once stood there (pictured here).

