

Mission Statement:

The Friends of Ottawa County Parks is an organization dedicated to connecting people with nature, recreation and community by partnering with the Ottawa County Parks and Recreation Commission.

Our park system is acknowledged to be one of the best in the state and Friends are striving to maintain these irreplaceable resources for future generations. Voters approved a .33 millage in 1996 and it was overwhelmingly renewed in 2006. This dedicated millage provides local funds for acquiring additional green space with high recreational and environmental value and for maintaining and improving the parks system.



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The Friends organized in 2005 as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. We have a formal agreement with the Parks Commission to define our goals and role in support of the Parks and Recreation Department.

We endeavor to build public awareness and appreciation of the Parks system by providing information and hosting events in selected parks and at various events countywide.

We invite you . . . to join us in protecting Ottawa County's quality of life by volunteering for activities to maintain and enhance the high standards of our expanding parks system. We want these resources to be available for use by the increasing local population and by visitors.

Friends participation opportunities have included . . .

- Openings of new parks/trails
- Guided hikes, family ski and snowshoe outings
- ReUse ReSale (recycling & fundraising)
- Fundraising & groundbreaking for Nature Education Center
- Grand Lady Cruises on the Grand River
- Family Fishing Days
- Santa Claus at the Weaver House
- DJ Angus Scientific Cruise
- Monitoring of parks and trails
- Children's Photo Contest
- Many volunteer workdays for park projects (planting trees & dune grass, removing invasive species, trail building, promoting parks projects)



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Check us out at our web site,
www.friendsofocp.org
We urge all active members to attend the monthly meetings of our Board of Directors. We welcome your interest, participation, and suggestions.

Clip and mail to join us:

Tell me more about the Friends!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Sign me up as a member!

Membership options:

- \$15 Student
- \$25 Individual
- \$35 Family
- \$125 Senior Lifetime (age 55 & over)

Make checks payable to:

Friends of Ottawa County Parks

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