

Ozaukee Interurban Trail Newsletter

Summer 2009



Welcome to the new Ozaukee Interurban Trail Newsletter, where you can find out more about all of the exciting activities occurring on the Trail!

Trail Improvement Project Update

The Trail Improvement Project is well on its way to being completed! The project will replace approximately 2 miles of on-road designated trail, with 1.3 miles of off-road paved trail segment and the construction of a 415 ft. long pedestrian/bicycle bridge over CTH W and I-43 in the Town of Grafton (north of Ulao Pkwy).

On the night of June 17th, I-43 was shut down while the crew lifted the bridge. Helen and John Ward, Cindy and Roger DeGroot, and Andrew Struck all stayed up late into the night to witness this momentous event. Thank you to all of you who have donated funds to help make this project a reality!

Thank you to Cindy and Roger DeGroot for sharing your bridge construction pictures!

Save the Date!

The Interurban Bridge Opening Celebration will be held on **Saturday, October 3rd**. The event will begin with group bike rides from each of the communities along the Trail to the new Interurban Bridge over I-43. Following a brief ribbon-cutting ceremony and photographs at the Bridge, everyone will be invited back to the Ozaukee County Justice Center for a celebration. The festivities will include live music, food, and a raffle for great prizes donated by some of our generous local businesses. More details about this event are coming soon!



Economic Impacts of the Interurban Trail

We are currently conducting an economic impact analysis of the Interurban Trail. This involves collecting a variety of different types of information, including listening sessions with local businesses, zip code and spending information from local businesses, focus groups with Trail users, Trail user counts, and Trail user intercept surveys.

Look for us out on the Trail this summer, where we will be conducting surveys to find out more about your experiences with the Ozaukee Interurban Trail!



18 local business owners attended the Interurban Trail Listening Sessions held on April 30th. Thank you to the Rose Harms American Legion in Grafton for hosting this event!

Trailside Birding Hotspot & Educational Signage

With the recent release of the *Ozaukee Trailside Birding Guide*, the Trail Advisory Council is installing the Trailside Birding Hotspot signage corresponding to the 20 sites listed in the Guide. Thanks to funding in part from a Natural Resources Foundation grant, 7 new educational interpretive signs corresponding to Guide information will also be placed along and near the Trail. The signs will give information about the types of birds in the area.

Volunteers Needed!

Do you have a few hours to dedicate this summer to helping us find out more about how to better meet the needs of Trail users? We could use your help conducting Trail user surveys this summer!

For additional information or to sign up to volunteer, please contact Nicole Sidoff by phone (262) 284-8289 or email nsidoff@co.ozaukee.wi.us. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

Community Events along the Trail

- June 27 & 28** - Strawberry Festival
Cedarburg (800) 237-2874
- July 18** - Fish Day
Port Washington (800) 719-4881
- July 19** - Maxwell Street Days
Cedarburg (800) 237-2874
- July 21** - Cedarburg Int'l Cycling Classic
Cedarburg (262) 377-9620
- July 31-August 2** - Ozaukee County Fair
Cedarburg (800) 237-2874
- August 1** - Maxwell Street Days
Cedarburg (800) 237-2874
- August 6-9** - Luxembourg Heritage Weekend
Belgium (262) 285-3214
- August 7 & 8** - At the Lakefront Festival
Port Washington (800) 719-4881
- August 13-16** - Maritime Heritage Festival
Port Washington (262) 305-4220

Upcoming Trail Advisory Council Meetings

2009 Meeting Dates

July 14, 2009

October 13, 2009

All meetings start at 1:00 PM in the Ozaukee County Administration Center Auditorium (*unless otherwise posted*)
Meetings are open to the public!

New Tourism Guides & Trail Maps are Now Available!

For a free 2009 Ozaukee County Tourism Guide and Trail Map, contact:
Ozaukee County Tourism Council
(877) 875-7795 or your local Chamber of Commerce.
Maps are also available online at www.interurbantrail.us/BikeMaps/Maps