

# ANDERSON PARK ENEWS

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## Have you visited the park recently?

Anderson Park is perhaps at its quietist in winter. The snow-covered landscape provides a fresh canvas that allows visitors to see the tracks and stories of some of the wildlife that call the park home. This is a season where you don't have to worry about humidity, ticks, deer flies or mosquitoes. And while you won't hear the musical "sweet-sweet-sweet-summer-sweet" song of Yellow Warblers, which are now in Central and South America, or the Sandhill Cranes, which also winter far to the south, you can now experience the calming silence and beauty of winter.

## Groomed Trails at the Park

This winter Anderson Park's trails are being groomed for walking, snowshoeing and skiing. Check them out!



## New ADA Trail

You may have noticed the work currently underway on the main loop trail at the park. The purpose of this one mile of trail being graveled is to provide an ADA\* accessible loop that includes the boardwalks on the east side of the park. Work on the trail was delayed this past fall due to wet conditions, but recent conditions have allowed work to resume. An end date for trail completion is scheduled for July 1<sup>st</sup> to allow enough time to grade and compact the trail surface.

\*The ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) guarantees that people with disabilities have the same opportunities as everyone else to participate in the mainstream of American life.

## Save these Dates!

**Saturday – February 6th 1 pm – 4 pm First Annual Winter Trail Day** Come for an afternoon of winter fun. Bring the whole family. There will be snowshoes and

cross country skis available to try; a hike to decipher critter tracks left in the snow; cookies and hot chocolate.

**Saturday – April 23<sup>rd</sup> 9 am – Noon Earth Day Work Day** Help us clean up new areas of the park. Tour a “tiny” house on wheels and see its energy efficient and conserving features. The Friends of Anderson Park will provide treats to eat.

**Saturday – May 7<sup>th</sup> 8 – 11 am Spring Bird Hike** During this popular annual event, beginner and veteran birders are encouraged to spend the morning viewing and listening for migrant and resident birds of the park. Veteran birders, Joe Sausen and Tom Anderson will lead the hike.

**Saturday – May 21<sup>st</sup> 9 – 11:00 am Plant Exchange** Bring labeled plants of any kind between 9-10 am. An exchange will start promptly at 10 am for you to choose new ones to take home.

**Saturday – September 17<sup>th</sup> 9 am – 12:30 Anderson Park Annual Fall Festival** This fall extravaganza includes a variety of family activities, Friends-led hikes through recently acquired property, and a “hands-on” nature program for kids of all ages. The 2017 Anderson Park Calendar will be available. Refreshments will be served.