Holiday Light Show a Success

Thanks to a great group of volunteers and the dedication of the Lincoln Park Zoological Society Board of Directors, the 8th annual light show was again successful.

This year the Society added four new light displays: 3 dolphins, one animated, and an animated sea turtle. Next year more displays will be added to the 7 Seas Light section.

The run/walk event continues to grow with each year. Next year’s participants will be encouraged to come in costume for this fun jaunt through the park.

The light show has become a holiday tradition for many families! Funds raised from the light show are used by the Society to help support zoo improvements and educational programming.

Based on a show survey, the show entertained visitors not only from the Lakeshore area but also from neighboring counties. Included in the 3000 vehicles that traveled through the animal light displays were vehicles from 14 other states and four foreign countries: Albania, Canada, England and France. Many visitors drove through the light show several times.
Welcome to 2020!

The Zoological Society had a very successful “Lights in Lincoln Park” for 2019. It started with a great group of volunteers both for setting up and taking down the light displays, and continued with the wonderful volunteers that manned the entrance to the light show. The weather was good considering the season. We also had a record number of participants for our walk/run this year. Soon we will begin our 2020 campaign for light display sponsorships.

The Zoological Society’s project for 2019, renovating the “Birds of Prey” habitats, has been completed, and we are beginning to look for the 2020 project.

Annmarie Brewer has joined the Lincoln Park Zoological Society as our new Coordinator. We are excited to have her join our team.

Recently, while walking at the zoo, I notice the “small library” has no books. If you have any books to donate for the box, it would be appreciated. Just place them in the box.

Last autumn we purchased and placed 8 new benches throughout the zoo. If you would like to purchase a bench, a plaque will be made and placed on the bench per your specifications. The cost per bench is $1000 which includes the bench and plaque. All funds from the benches will be used to make improvements at the zoo. If interested, please contact me at: president.lpzs@gmail.com.

I hope you all continue to come and enjoy the zoo as we continue to work toward making it the “best little zoo”.

-Mary Tegen

**mission statement**

To assist and support the City’s efforts to maintain an ethical, high quality public zoo. Toward that end we will educate visitors, provide Manitowoc County with a diverse array of native and exotic animals, and improve the living conditions and habitat for animals at the zoo.
Lincoln Park Zoo History

- The idea for a zoo in Manitowoc was first conceived by the Manitowoc Fish & Game Protective Association in 1935.
- The Manitowoc City Council made the decision to locate the zoo in Lincoln Park.
- The first animals at the zoo were a black bear and whitetail deer.
- The Fish & Game Association members were active in purchasing animals for the zoo and in constructing quarters for the animals.

Society Seeks New Board Members

With some board members recently retiring from their roles, the Zoological Society is seeking several new members.

Meeting once monthly, this nonprofit works hard to improve the quality of the Lincoln Park Zoo habitats, educational resources and more. Its yearly Lights in the Park show has become a yearly tradition enjoyed by area residents and visitors alike.

We’d love to welcome some new board members to help us achieve our goals. If interested, please e-mail our president, Mary Tegen, at: president.lpzs@gmail.com.

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An example are round gobies, a fish infiltrating the Great Lakes that feed on the eggs of sport fish, per the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (dnr.wi.gov). This is having a significant effect on sport and commercial fishing, and affecting 81,000 industry jobs from bait shops to boat operators.

Other examples are mute swans, who, larger than native swans, chase away native species; and, lone star ticks, which have increased tick-borne diseases.

Exotic plants also are damaging. Wild parsnip when brushed against causes burns and blisters to bare arms and legs. Garlic mustard, an European herb, reduces light and nutrients required for native wildflowers and also may affect tree growth.

Even the average person can make a difference in preventing more damage to the environment. When hiking, biking, camping, etc., check clothing and equipment for clinging seeds and insects before leaving the area. Do not transfer plants or animals found in nature to another area. Even firewood transported by campers can introduce exotic species. Boats should be checked for things like zebra mussels to avoid transfer to different bodies of water. And finally, don’t release exotic pets.

With a little effort, everyone can protect nature and natural resources.
World Migratory Bird Day Set

With spring comes migratory birds returning to their northern nesting grounds. Migratory Bird Day is set for May 9.

The public is invited to Lincoln Park Zoo for this free event from 1 to 4 p.m. Participants will learn about the 350 species of birds that migrate through the area with games and activities.

Easter Egg Hunt Slated

The annual Easter Eggstravaganza is scheduled for April 11 at Citizen Park.

Children ages 12 and under are welcome to participate. The cost is $1.00 and registration begins at 10 a.m., with the egg hunt starting at 11 a.m.

The event is co-sponsored by Lincoln Park Zoo, JCI Manitowoc Jaycees, Sunrise Optimists and H.P. Enterprises.
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