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Construction Committee

Agra Pavilion –The Interior Design Committee sent RFP's for local contractors to submit in establishing the fundraising budget to finish the pavilion.

Park Street Overlook – Budget estimates are being developed for abutment repair, rib block walls, railings, lighting and benches.

A Pine Ridge Connector Route to the trail is being planned.

Construction Committee meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12:00 pm at the Agra Pavilion, South Park Street on the trail.



Two Pet Waste Stations have been installed on the trail and were donated by **Rockwood Pet Hospital** and **Ace Hardware**.

Real Estate Committee

A Highway 64/Sturdevant Street bike trail connection plan to the east is being created.

Priorities were established for 2018: Finishing the scenic overlook, completing Agra Pavilion, creating handicap accessible pier.

Real Estate meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:30 pm at the Pine Ridge Restaurant.

Friends and Marketing

Friends are busy planning the Annual Friends Meeting on April 5th at the Eagles Club, 6:30 pm. A women's Schwinn Sierra2 7-speed comfort bike will be raffled along with many gift baskets that have been donated. "Winchester" will be playing music after the meeting.

Brochures were created to have available at the local funeral homes since some queries have been made regarding the trail.

The Riverbendtrail.org website is up and running again.

The Friends/Marketing Committee meets the 1st Monday of the month at 6:00 pm in the Lower Level of Johnson's.

The River District Development Foundation Board meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm at the Chamber.



View to the west of the Center Avenue Bridge from the new section of the trail.

Capital Campaign Committee

Grants and funding for the next section of the trail are needed and cost estimates are \$200,000. Grants for special projects such as the overlook and lighting are being looked into.

The Capital Campaign Committee is looking for new members who are familiar with grant writing. If you are interested contact Tom or Brenda Mueller
bjmueller2@yahoo.com

Capital Campaign meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Merrill Chamber.

Notes

April 5th – Annual Friends Meeting 6:30 pm at the Eagles Club

April 14th – booth at the Children's Festival at the MARC 10-2 pm

May – Chalkfest on the trail

May 19th – Walk on the trail

Visit our website Riverbendtrail.org to find out more about the trail.



Friends of the River Bend Trail
Facebook page
Invite your friends

The River District Development Foundation of Merrill provides resources, initially through the creation and upkeep of the River Bend Trail, that encourage residents and visitors to enjoy the natural beauty and precious spaces of the city's river corridors.

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One of two bathrooms nearly completed

Friends of the River Bend Trail continue to raise money for the interior of the Agra Pavilion. Insulation, walls, lights, fans, ceiling, flooring, heating and electrical will all be needed to make the building useable.



Interior doors leading to the kitchen/bathroom area



Can you help? Send a donation to:

Friends of RBT
POB 561
Merrill, WI 54452
Attn: Pavilion



Visit our GoFundMePage to help raise money for the Agra Pavilion Interior

<https://www.gofundme.com/merrill-river-bend-trail-pavilion>

Please share with all your friends.



CHALKFest
is coming to the trail in May

“All truly great thoughts are conceived by walking.”
Friedrich Nietzsche



Special Thank You

On February 12th Bill Cortright, a former graduate of Merrill High School who has gone on to become an internationally recognized author and lecturer, returned to his hometown to speak with students and to the public sharing his life experiences over the past three decades. His message of stress mastery and a healthy lifestyle was well received in Merrill. Money from Bill's presentation and book sales were donated to the River Bend Trail.

For more information about the trail, to make a donation or to become a Friend of the trail contact the Merrill Chamber Office at 715-536-9474 or e-mail Sarah Williams, sarahj724@gmail.com or Gene Bebel, kgb607@charter.net.