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FRIENDS NEWSLETTER



For more information about the trail or to become a Friend of the trail contact Greg Hartwig greg.hartwig00@gmail.com or the Merrill Chamber Office at 715-536-9474

The River District Development Foundation Board meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm at the Merrill Chamber office. **Guests are welcome**

The Annual Friends Meeting was held at the Eagles Club on April 17th.



The Friends were able to make \$2,169 through donations and raffles. Guest speaker, Ernesto Sirolli, was enjoyed by all. Updates were given by the Construction, Real Estate, Capital Campaign and Friends Committees regarding past accomplishments and plans for the coming year. This is an annual social event and you need not be a Friends member to attend.

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

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

Friends and Marketing
The Friends/Marketing Committee meets the 1st Monday of the month at 6:00 pm in the lower level of Johnson's Downtown.

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

The 2nd annual **Bike and Brunch** was held June 22nd. There were 16 participants for the 5 or 12 mile course. Riders had an opportunity to stop and visit the Merrill Enrichment Center, the Farmer's Market, Stange's Park for a disc golf demonstration, and those who rode the longer course visited Council Grounds State Park. Thank you to the Merrill Police Assoc. for sponsoring and all who donated and participated.



There is a new swing on the trail donated in memory of Chuck Pierotti by his family and friends.



If you would like to schedule an event on the trail or reserve the pavilion, you can do so by contacting the Merrill Park and Rec office at 715-536-7313. The pavilion has a kitchen, bathrooms, and heat for year round use. The garage doors can be opened increasing the space to include the covered patio area with picnic benches.



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“River Run” mixed media wall art was created by Mary Robinson, daughter of Bob Gruling, and donated by his family in memory of Bob. It hangs in the Agra Pavilion. Pictured are Eppie Gruling and



Friends have been working on the trail's flowerbeds

Fall Festival Coming September 21st

On September 21st, from 10 am-3 pm the Friends of the River Bend Trail will be hosting our annual Fall Festival. We are promoting small business and organizations. Bring your crafts, baked goods, food, pumpkins, corn stalks, or any items from your small business. Organizations are welcome to promote themselves also. We will be selling Maple Syrup Root Beer and homemade candles. The event is free for both the public and vendors. Spots are not reserved but those needing electric should be under the canopy. Join us for a day of shopping and food on the trail. This will be held at the newly completed Agra Pavilion on S. Park Street.



Upcoming Events on the trail:
September 21st – Fall Festival on the River Bend Trail



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

