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NEWSLETTER



The River District Development Foundation of Merrill works to provide the community with a healthy living environment and economic growth potential through the creation of the River Bend Trail and other future endeavors connecting location, nature and people.

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 River District Construction Committee

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12:00 pm at the Agra Pavilion, South Park Street by the trail.

Friends and Marketing Committee

Meets the 1st Monday of the month at 6:00 pm in the lower level of Johnson's Downtown.

New members welcome

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

Real Estate Committee

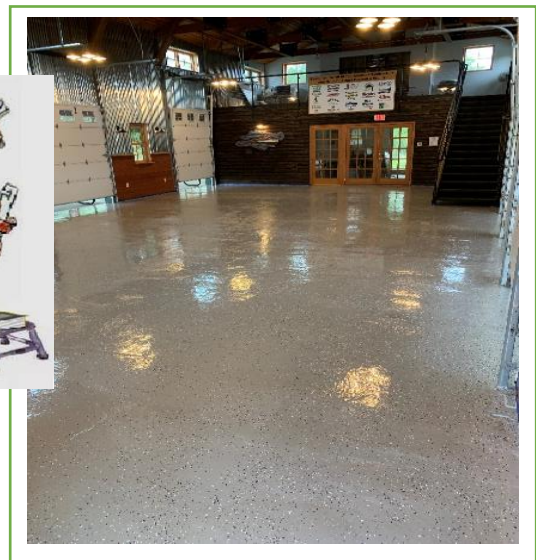
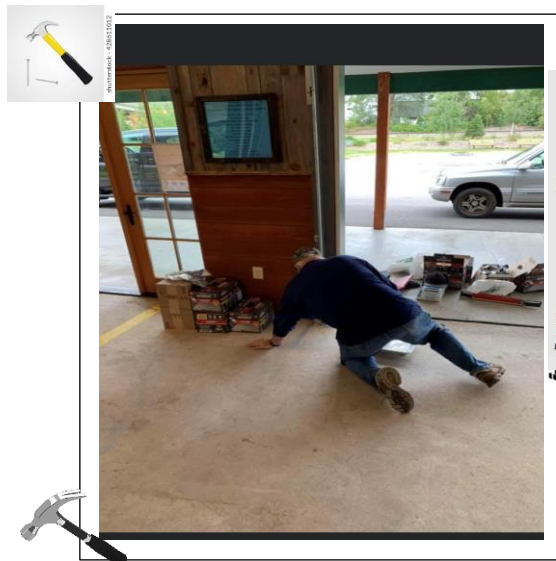
Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:30 pm at the Pine Ridge Restaurant.

Capital Campaign Committee

Meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Merrill Chamber.

Agra Pavilion

The pavilion now has a shiny new floor! It really gives the building a finished look. Plaques feature historic buildings and people of Merrill's past are in the process of being hung. 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.



Like us on Facebook! We now have over 2,000 people who have "liked" our Friends of the River Bend Trail facebook page. If you haven't "liked" our page yet, please do to find events and hear about updates!

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



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Thank you Ace Hardware and Church Mutual!

The Nicklaus Family Bridge has a nice new coat of stain thanks to Ace Hardware provided materials and Church Mutual employees provided labor. Our "Friends" group is indebted to businesses and groups that appreciate the trail enough to donate time and money for improvements and upkeep! (Pictured below)

Greg Eichelkraut (middle) presents a check of \$1,600 from the Black Squirrel Scurry Triathlon. This is the event's second year and the donation was half of the event's profit! Accepting the check on behalf of the Friends RBT is Greg Hartwig and Sharon Anderson.



FALL FESTIVAL

Another successful Fall Festival was held in September. Good food and great vendors were enjoyed by the many participants.



HWY 64 Trail Expansion

The River Bend Trail has grown another mile to the east completing the Hwy 64 segment. The new segment, which follows Hwy 64, can be accessed from the existing trail off Cooper Street by using marked city streets. Many area bikes are happy to be off the busy road and onto a safe trail!



Hello Winter!



Ask a friend to join you for the Full Moon Hike event on the River Bend Trail., Friday January 10, 2020, snowshoe/walk event on the trail. More details to follow.