

January 2017

January 1, 10:30 AM: The Friends of Stone Park hosts "1st Day Hike". This is an event that is held every New Year's Day in state parks throughout the country. Meet at the east entrance of Stone Park, Sioux City, IA. Easy social hike that lasts about an hour.

January 2, 6:30 PM: Letter writing workshop. Climate Change letters will be directed to United States congresspeople who have served in the military. Meet at 2508 Jackson St. Sioux City, IA. For more information contact, Jim Redmond: 712-389-0841

January 5, 7:30 PM: Loess Hills Audubon Society hosts: "Owls of Iowa" presentation by Tyler Flammang, following the 6:15 PM board meeting. Held at Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center, 4500 Sioux River Road, Sioux City, IA. Public welcome. For more information, visit: <http://lhas.tripod.com>

January 11, 5-8 PM: Visit the Sioux City Environmental Advisory Board booth during National Neighborhood Night Out at Long Lines Family Rec Center in Sioux City, IA. Learn more about curbside recycling, glass recycling and other services, such as disposal of household hazardous chemicals. While there, pick up a complimentary reusable bag and/or pet waste bag.

January 12, 4-5 PM: Sioux City Environmental Advisory Board monthly meeting. Fourth Floor Clocktower Room, City Hall. Public welcome.

January 15, 4:15-5:15 PM: Loess Hills Preservation meeting. Postoned to January 22. Find details below.

January 17, 7 PM: "Goat Island, a New Addition to the Missouri National Recreational River"-Milton Haar, Chief of Science and Resource Management with the National Park Service will make a presentation about the history of the island and the initial planning that is going into the management plan for the property. Goat Island, located in the Missouri River and nearly stretching from the Myron Grove River Access point to Clay County Park, is several miles long and totals about 500 acres. For many years the ownership of the island has been disputed by South Dakota and Nebraska. In recent months state and federal officials met and decided to transfer ownership and management to the National Park Service and make it a part of the Missouri National Recreational River. Venue: Vermillion Public Library, Kozak Room

(New Date/time) January 18, 4-6 PM: The City of Sioux City will host a public meeting to allow for public input and an opportunity to review the preliminary design of the Promenade Improvement Project. The meeting will be held at the Sioux City Public Museum, 607 4th Street. The City of Sioux City was awarded a grant in the amount of \$80,000 in February 2016 by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. Grant funds are to be used for projects that demonstrate a reduction in urban stormwater runoff that also incorporate an education component to promote awareness of the effect runoff has on water quality.

January 22, 7 PM Central Time: Watch "Rachael Carson" on all PBS stations.

January 22, 2 PM: Butterfly Gardening with Rod Tondreau. Learn more about attracting butterflies and other pollinators to your yard. The public is invited to this program at the Wilbur Aalfs Library Gleeson Room at 2pm on January 22, 2017. Hosted by Loess Hills Wild Ones, an organization that helps to educate about landscaping with native wildflowers. For more information, contact Dianne Blankenship at bennaid@hotmail.com.

January 22, 4:15-5:15 PM: Loess Hills Preservation meeting. We have a lot of catching up to do. Please join us for our first meeting of 2017. We'll meet from 4-5 PM on Sunday, January 15, at Keller Williams in the Ho Chunk Center. You'll park on the NW side. The office is right at those doors. Kathie Pfaffle will have it unlocked for us! Open to public.

Postponed to January 31, 6:30 PM: "4th Tuesdays" program/discussion-"A Call to Conservation Action-What's Your Vision" Highlights from 2016 and collaborative vision for 2017 presented by Northwest Iowa Group Sierra Club members. Held at 2508 Jackson St, Sioux City, IA. Come as early as 5:30 to enjoy potluck and conversation. Free. Public encouraged to share your ideas. For more information, contact Jim Redmond: 712-389-0841

January 28, 10 AM: Legislative Town Hall Forum hosted by League of Women Voters, Sioux City. The public is invited to ask questions of our legislators. Held at the Sioux City Public Museum on the corner of 4th and Nebraska St. Contact: 712-251-1008