

CELEBRATE OLMSTED!



Frederick Law Olmsted's 200th birthday is April 26, 2022. Multiple events are being planned around Milwaukee -- from mid-April through the fall -- to celebrate the birthday.

Dates and times, in some cases, have yet to be determined. As we have more information, we will post it here. Here's a look at some of what's ahead:

April 14 - September 22, 2022: The Friends of Villa Terrace present **In the Park with Olmsted: A Vision for Milwaukee**, an exhibition on the life and legacy of Frederick Law Olmsted (1822-1903) and the first concerted look at the "Father of Landscape Architecture's" contributions to Milwaukee. The history and evolution of the three public parks designed by Olmsted and his firm—Lake Park, Riverside Park and Washington Park—are showcased through a wide range of media, including archival maps, high-definition videos, and a three-dimensional model. Vintage postcards and historic images accompany contemporary photographs by local and nationally recognized artists to tell the story of Olmsted's profound influence on the greening of America's cities through his ideal of "parks for all people."

For more information on the exhibition and a list of associated events, please visit www.milwaukeeolmsted.org.

July 16 -- Celebrate Olmsted! in Lake Park: A daylong celebration of Frederick Law Olmsted, his life and his vision of urban parks as civilizing and democratizing forces in society. Events will include the exhibition, "Frederick Law Olmsted: Landscapes for the Public Good," made available by the national Olmsted 200 organization; a photo contest and exhibit at North Point Lighthouse Museum; music; activities for children; food trucks, a beer garden, birthday cake and more.

July 17 -- Coordinated tours of Lake, Riverside and Washington parks: The tours will focus on Milwaukee's three Olmsted-designed parks.

Late Summer/Fall -- The return of the Christian Wahl Statue to Lake Park: The bronze bust, created by Italian artist Gaetano Trentanove in 1903 to honor the man considered the father of the Milwaukee County Parks system, is expected to return to Lake Park. It was Wahl, a retired businessman who served as president of the first Milwaukee City Parks Commission, who recruited Olmsted to design parks in Milwaukee. The 8-foot monument was moved to Wahl Park, at North 48th Street and West Hampton Avenue, in 1960. In 2021, the park was renamed to honor abolitionist Harriet Tubman, paving the way for the return of the Wahl bust to Lake Park.

Lake Park Friends, which is underwriting the cost of refurbishing and moving the monument, will mark its return with a rededication ceremony honoring Wahl and Olmsted.

Rededication of the historic Ravine Road Footbridge: The \$2.5 million restoration of the footbridge spanning Ravine Road, funded in part by Lake Park Friends, will be completed in September 2022, and planning for a major celebration at that time is under way.

For information on events in other areas of Wisconsin and Illinois, consult the National Association of Olmsted Parks website, at www.olmsted200.org. There you will find a wealth of information on Olmsted and be able to access links to the programming that NAOP has been offering on Olmsted's life and legacy.

We Need You!!

Lake Park Friends will be holding a volunteer information and recruitment session on May 4, 6-8 pm, in the Marcia Coles Community Room. Volunteer opportunities include ongoing commitments, such as membership on one of our committees, or short-term single-day events, such as *Celebrate Olmsted*, on July 16.

In addition, we will be holding a separate training session for park tour guides on April 21, 6-8 pm, in the Marcia Coles Community Room.