



# Friends of Salt Springs Park February 2019

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## Progress!

All outward signs of post-flooding clean-up came to a halt with the arrival of winter and frozen ground and blustery weather. But we have not been idle! We are working inside the Calvin House (the rental place across the road from the Wheaton House), and we are making plans for when the weather breaks.

*We would be busy with none of this without you. It is with deep gratitude that we thank the many generous people who collectively donated just over \$25,000 to help address the flood damage at Salt Springs.*

You will be hearing more as we pick up the pace, which will be as soon as possible. In the meantime . . . check these out!



Volunteer Kevin Noonan removed carpet and laid new vinyl flooring in one of the downstairs rooms, and we installed a new propane furnace. It is mounted to a wall in the first floor laundry room.



## Volunteer Clean-Up Days

**Saturdays, April 13 and 27, 9 a.m.**



Every spring we schedule two volunteer workdays at the park to get the grounds ready for the season. We ask for help with everything from cutting up downed trees to washing windows — and you, our members and supporters, always come through. It is amazing how much gets done. Given last August's flooding, you can imagine our to-do lists are even longer this year.

Please join us on one or both of our April workdays this year. If you've never come before, you will leave with a new appreciation for getting out into the park, getting muddy and sweaty and sometimes wet along with a couple dozen other people, and helping our park look its best one task at a time.



As always, we provide free t-shirts and hot food to all volunteers.

## Mark Your Calendar! Full Details on Our Website

**Learn to Snowshoe. Sunday, March 3, 1 p.m.** We provide basic instruction as well as snowshoes and poles—just wear your winter boots. Children welcome. \$5; \$15 for families; members, free.



**Oh! The Many Feet We Meet! Saturday, March 9, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.** A morning presentation on mammals common to the park and a lunch break are followed by a walk outside to search out and follow animal tracks—in the mud or snow! Bring a bag lunch and dress for the weather. \$5; members and kids, free.

**Whoop Gives a Hoot? Owls and Night Hike. Sunday, March 23, 7 p.m.** Wildlife Diversity Biologist **Rich Fritsky** will give a short presentation on our local owls, and then we'll go into the forest and see how many we can "call in." \$5; members, free.

**Tree Pruning Class. Saturday, March 30, 1 p.m.** Retired forester **Jim Kessler** will discuss and demonstrate the why, where, how, what, and when to prune in this interactive class. \$10; members, \$5.



**"Take a Break" Hike. Saturday, April 6, 1 p.m.** We'll hike a 3-mile moderately difficult loop. \$5; members, free.

**Building Homes for Birds. Sunday, April 14, 1 p.m.** After a 45-minute A/V presentation by **Evan Mann** on attracting and caring for birds on your land, you'll assemble the nest boxes you pre-ordered with your class registration (due by March 17). \$5; members, free; PLUS \$20/nest box.



**Celebrate Earth Day. Sunday, April 28, 1 p.m.** Enjoy the afternoon at Salt Springs Park participating in one or both of these activities—**Recycle Mania** scavenger hunt at 1 p.m. and **Tree Planting** at 2:30 p.m. \$5; members and kids, free.