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The official Newsletter of the Yahoola Creek Trails Conservancy

Welcome to Our First Newsletter!

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide information to the members of the Yahoola Creek Trail Conservancy on a monthly basis.

Initially the newsletter will be divided into the three sections listed on the left. More sections and pages can be added as needed in the future.

The first section is "Meetings and Announcements". It will

contain notes about our last monthly meeting and the time and date of our next upcoming meeting. This section will also contain important announcements about upcoming work days, membership drives and other special events.

The section "On the Trail" will contain information concerning the Yahoola Creek Trail system itself. It will describe important news on the current status

of the trail system including its expansion, improvements, seasonal wildlife and flora and other special features.

The "Membership" section is reserved for announcing new members and current membership drives, counts and funds.

Suggestions for changes, improvements and new articles are always welcome. Enjoy our first newsletter!

Meetings and Announcements

During the second meeting of the Conservancy we discussed the following:

- Permission to prepare the park for new planting
- Donna Sherer has volunteered to begin a website.
- Donna and Mark Sherer will donate hemlocks
- Enhancing the creek bank below the bridge
- Fundraising - license plates, trail mix, and a native plant sale
- Richard Saul will donate plants from Saul

Nurseries.

- The abundance of educational material available. We will approach local schools about field trips.

Thank you to the following:

~ Mike and Marian Warlick for contributions to the brochure and the wooden box at the kiosk

~ Emily Lewy for introducing us to Marc Koopman

~ Scott Lacey for his continuous volunteer work at the trails

~ Donna and Mark Shearer for being our first Trail Patron, for hemlocks and volunteering to construct a website

~ Judy Toppins for the brochures and for her tireless work to further our educational mission.

Our first Work Day begins at 9 am at the kiosk on Saturday, December 1st

Our next YCTC meeting is at 6 pm on Wednesday, January 9th in the Lumpkin Co. Park & Rec boardroom.

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Thank you for your continued support!

On the Trail

New Trail Markers

Thank you to the Lumpkin County Probationers who did an exemplary job in erecting several color-coded markers along the existing trail system in Yahoola Creek Park.

The four-foot wooden posts are about 100' apart and are marked with two colored stripes that correspond to adjacent trail sections where applicable.



Whether you decide to take the easy-going blue section or head for the overlook at the end of the red section, these new markers make navigating the Yahoola Creek Trail system easy and fun!



Preparing for the Winter

Scott Lacey and friends have been doing some nice work in the garden area. They have spread out lots of mulch and cleared out dead plants in preparation for the cold

winter months ahead. So far the results look spectacular.



Mapping Efforts

Marc Koopman, GIS Coordinator for Lumpkin County, has volunteered to digitize Scott Lacey's hand-drawn maps of the current and proposed trail system and provide us with copies on CD for use in posters, brochures, etc.

Marc's previous job was drawing trail maps for the Florida Trail Commission.

Membership

The Conservancy would like to welcome the following new members:

Rev. L. T. Newman
Donna and Mark Shearer
The Sims Family
Sallie Sorohan

Thank you for your contributions!

~ Judy Toppins distributed 50 brochures at the Lumpkin County Water Issues meeting on November 19.

~ Shannon Sims distributed 20 brochures at the Revival Gardens Garden Supper on November 24.

Our current membership count is: 14 members

Total monetary contributions: \$479

Thank you to all current and new members for the time and money you have contributed to make the Conservancy possible!

About The Conservancy...

The Yahoola Creek Trails Conservancy (YCTC) is a new, nonprofit (501(c)3 candidate) community-sponsored organization whose mission is to enhance and preserve the

Yahoola Creek Park Hiking Trails.

The YCTC is a strong advocacy and support group that assists with the development of the trails,

and also assists local and state officials in their efforts to create a safe and vibrant hiking trail system.