



# FRIENDS *of* HILLMOOR

April 10, 2025 Presentation to  
Lake Geneva Hillmoor Commission



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Mission Statement:

Protect and enhance water and land of Hillmoor.

Goal:

Bring community into conversation about the use of the land so all are represented.



# Brief Summary of Our Work



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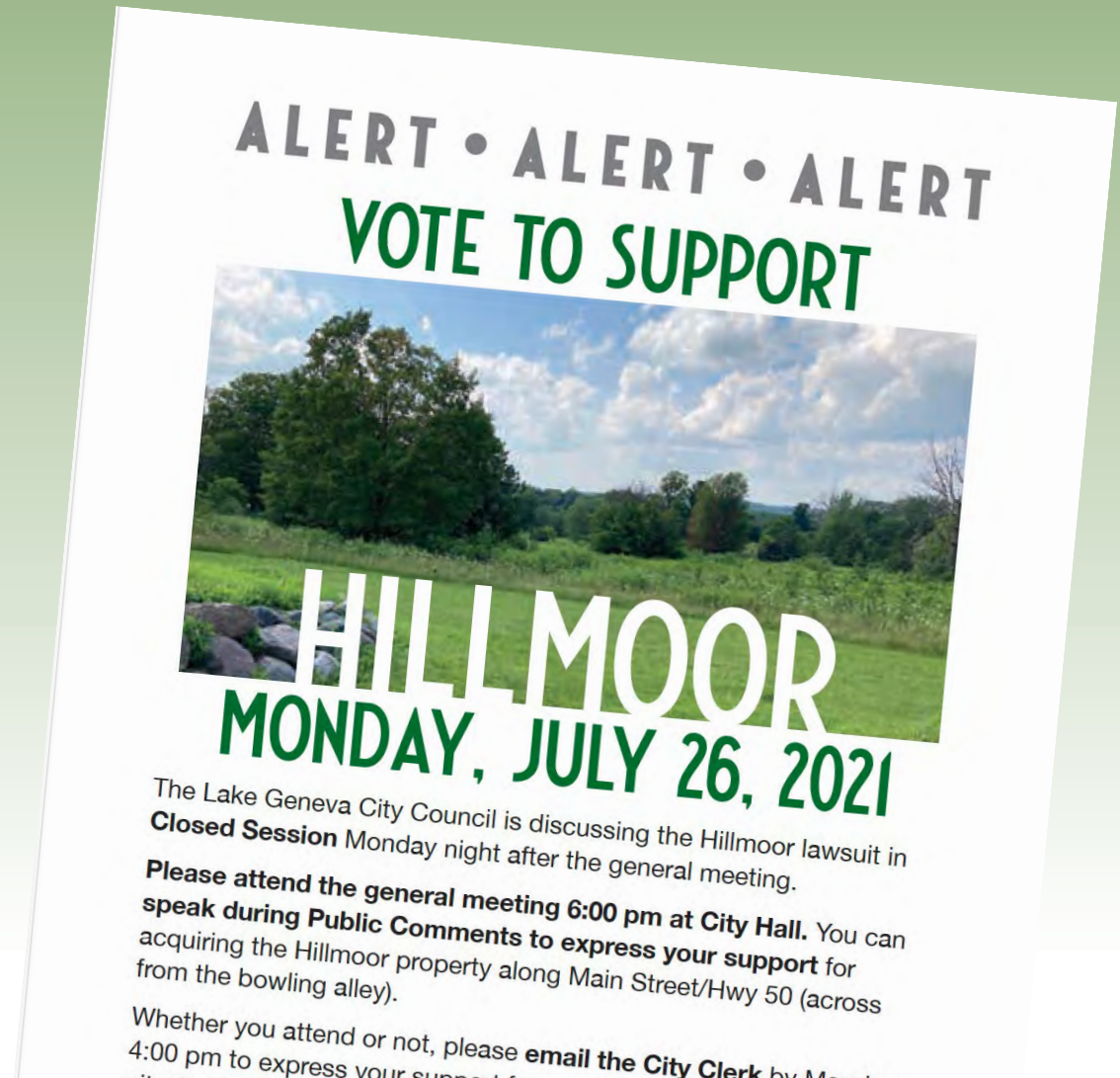
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# Before the Land was Purchased

Flyers circulated to bring the community to support the purchase.



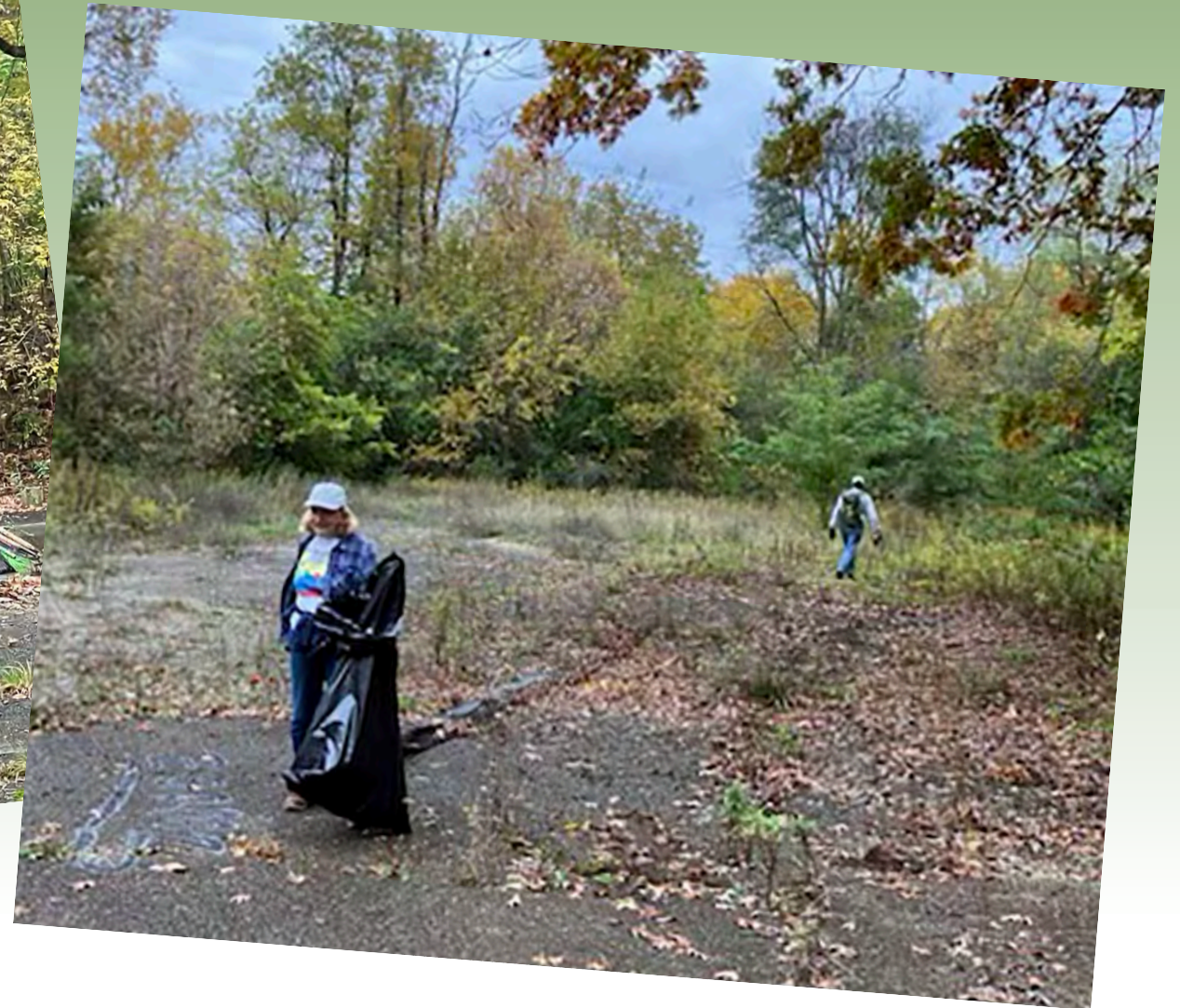
## Clean up days

Dozens of volunteers have spent two hours each day, cleaning pathways of branches, nuts, and weeds. We've made sections of the paths safely walkable, and are giving the Police and Fire Departments "line of sight" for their protective services.



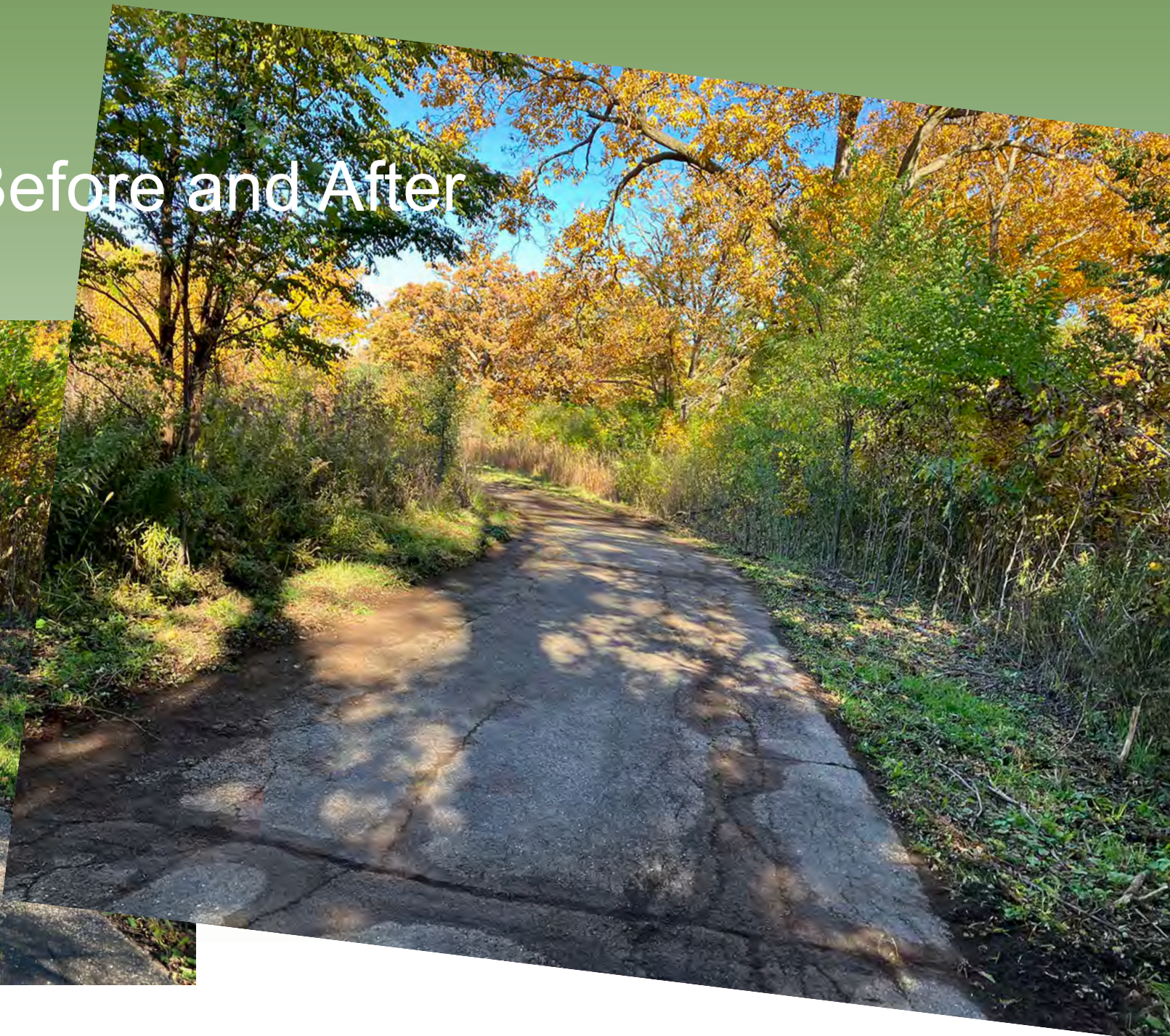
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# Clean up days October 19 & 22



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# Before and After



# Tree Trimming and Removal



## More Flyers...

Flyers circulated to alert the community of Alliant's plans to use a portion of the property.



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Alliant is proposing a large substation along the White River.  
*Is this the use of Hillmoor property that you'd like to see?*



The Council and Planning Commission are meeting to consider the rezoning of a part of the Hillmoor property for a new Alliant substation.  
Please join us at **City Hall, 6pm Monday, November 13**  
Speak if you wish; attend to show your opposition to this change.  
Let your Alder...

# Events

Sponsoring community events to bring people out to the property to enjoy the openness and beauty.



# Earth Day 2024



# Star Parties

## What's above Hillmoor

### STAR PARTY

**Thursday, October 3 - 7:30pm**

**Raindate Sunday, October 13**

Begin gathering at 7pm. Program begins promptly at 7:30pm, lasting until 9:00pm. Hillmoor is open until 10:00pm.

#### Join us at Hillmoor to view the sky

Staff from Geneva Lake Astrophysics and Steam (GLAS) is presenting an evening under the stars. Enjoy views of the night sky and observe deep sky objects like galaxies, nebulae, and star clusters with the aid of GLAS Education portable telescopes. Fun and educational for all ages!

This event will be held inside Hillmoor, a short walk from the parking lot on Main Street. Please bring flashlights, etc for the walk there and back. Wear comfortable shoes and bring your own portable chair.

Since the parking lot only has space for about 22 cars, we will need to limit the number of cars. Please rideshare. Walk-ins are welcome.



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Check our website for any changes and our other upcoming events.



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UNISTELLAR - M31 - Andromeda Galaxy - 32min. - 43°N 88°W - OCT 03 2024

TUESDAY, JULY 25 3 - 7 PM

# DISC GO PARTY

## HILLMOOR DISC GOLF COURSE

Sage Street Entrance / Near Eastview School

### LEARN

Disc Golf skills with the White River Ripper Dubs  
Practice with hoops set up for players of all ages

### PLAY

Play Disc Golf with friends  
Discs will be provided

### WATCH

Watch the competitive teams start their games at 5:30pm  
Cheer on your favorite players from the sidelines

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AND THE WHITE RIVER RIPPER DUBS



Disc Golf Party

# Community Information

We've held public presentations of the information that the Ad Hoc Committee was researching.



Presentation August 17, 2023

# Agenda

Welcome, Introduction

Ad Hoc Committee Presentations

3D Map Update

Comments



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# Hillmoor Topological Map



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# Grants

## Grant Opportunities What we've found.

[Grant listings](#), more [Grant listings](#) (for kids)

Local groups with national roots: [Rotary](#) [Lions Clubs](#)

Local groups that provide grants: Garden Clubs

Local resources that assist: UW Extension

Note that this opportunities are for 501(c)(3)s and government bodies, and are fully funded, not matching grants



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# Archeological Survey



## The Survey of Hillmoor is Happening

The team from Wisconsin Historical Society is onsite and researching the history of Hillmoor. We are planning presentations on this reasurch for the fall. Stay tuned!



## Hidden Histories of Hillmoor The Haskins Brothers and Lake Geneva's Early Industrial Heritage

**Wednesday, October 23, from 1-2:30pm** (rain date Fri., Oct 25)  
Meet at the Haskins St. entrance to Hillmoor, just east of Pioneer St.

Expect a short walk along unpaved trails and through open woods, periods of standing. Dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes, bring a light-weight folding chair if standing for short periods is difficult, and bring gardening gloves if you'd like to participate in the archaeological dig.

Sponsored by the City of Lake Geneva and the Friends of Hillmoor, and supported by a grant from the National Park Service Historic Preservation Fund administered by the Wisconsin Historical Society.

Details at [www.FriendsOfHillmoor.com](http://www.FriendsOfHillmoor.com)



# Archeological Survey



# Upcoming Lecture Series

## Hillmoor Lecture Series

The grant we received from the state has sparked an interest in the history of our beautiful space. Join us as we explore the beginnings of our area and the city.

### Historic Survey Wrap-Up

Tuesdays @ Two  
May 6 - Museum

**Hidden Histories Of Hillmoor:  
The Haskins Brothers And  
The Birth Of Lake Geneva's  
"Crawford" Neighborhood**

Presenters: **Paul Reckner and  
Chris Brookes**

Join Wisconsin Historical Society archaeologist Paul Reckner, and Chris Brookes from Black Point Estate and Gardens as they share a chapter of Lake Geneva's early history.

### Friends Lecture 1

Thursday, June 5, 6PM  
At The Library

**Ancient Tales: The  
Archaeology Of  
Southeastern Wisconsin.**

Presenter: Dr. Amy L.  
Rosebrough, State Archaeologist  
for Wisconsin

This lecture will cover 14,000 years of history, from the retreat of the glaciers up to European Contact.

### Friends Lecture 2

Tuesday June 17, 2PM  
At The Library

**Description To Come**

Presenter: **Dan Joyce**, Director Emeritus and Curator of Archaeology, Kenosha Museum Campus

### Friends Lecture 3

Monday, June 30, 2 PM  
At The Library

**Early Nineteenth Century  
Potawatomi Culture In The  
Greater Lake Geneva Area  
And Southeastern Wisconsin**

Presenter: **Robert Sasso**, Ph.D., R.P.A., Professor Emeritus of Anthropology, UW-Parkside

Researching historical and archaeological records of The Potawatomi (Neshnabe') presence in the Geneva Lake area and southeastern Wisconsin in general has provided a great deal of information on their way of life during their time here,

# Books for Library



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## Book Donation

To accompany the Archeological Survey that has been completed, we are working with the Lake Geneva Public Library to provide you a way to get involved, give to the community, and help the Friends of Hillmoor be more noticeable.

This list was recommended by the Library. Thanks to Librarian Keith Gerlach, you can add to the collection and educate our kids and neighbors.

## Be A Part Of Lake Geneva History!



### Here's How to Donate:

Call 262-249-5299 or drop by the Library and order your selected book. Make sure you mention that it is one of the Friends of Hillmoor books.

Pay the library for the book\*, and give them your name or memorial title for the bookplate.

This is a tax deductible donation to the Library. No fees or funds are taken by the Friends of Hillmoor.

\*Send a check by mail, or use credit card in person

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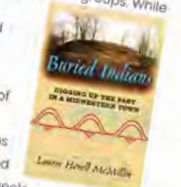
(Hint: Read them all. The diversity of this list is wonderful.)

- Afield : Portraits of Wisconsin Naturalists, Empowering Leopold's Legacy
- Aldo Leopold's Odyssey : Rediscovering the Author of A Sand County Almanac
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- The Bark River Chronicles : Stories from a Wisconsin Watershed
- Beyond Earth Day : Fulfilling the Promise
- Border Country : The Northwoods Canoe Journals of Howard Greene, 1906-1916
- Buried Indians : Digging Up the Past in a Midwestern Town

Laure Hovell McMillin  
Donation: \$30

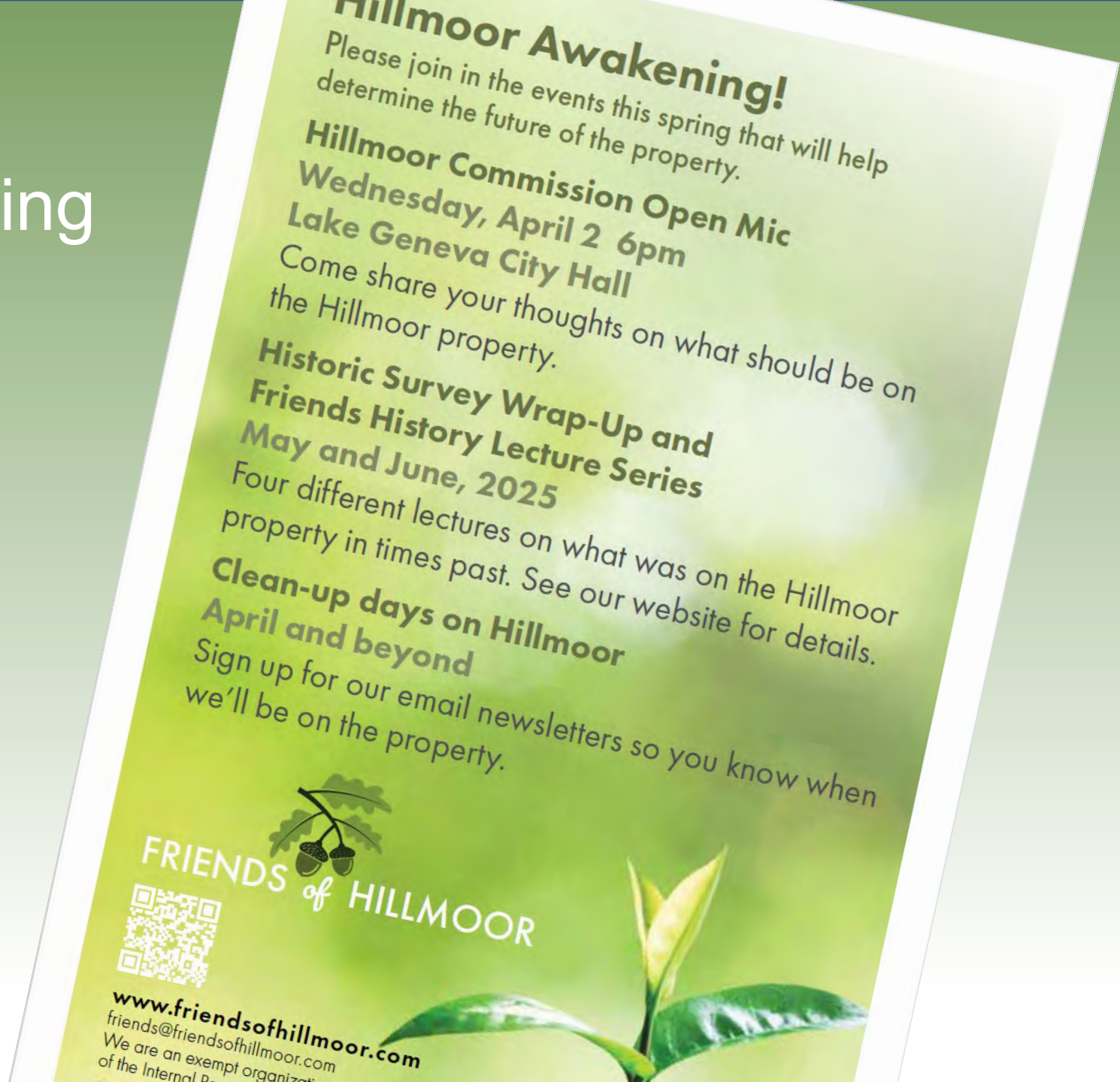
McMillin (rhetoric, composition, & religion, Oberlin Coll.) has crafted a probing and enlightening study that combines local history and family lore with archaeology and sociology. She explores the prehistoric Native American archaeological sites of her hometown of Trempealeau, WI, particularly a group of flat-topped platform mounds that have become a source of local controversy; many of the town's leaders have opposed archaeological study of the mounds or attempts at preservation by outside groups. While providing excellent archaeological background information on these mounds, McMillin focuses on the attitudes of the townspeople toward the site and toward Native American history in general, delving into town and family histories to understand the origins of their viewpoint. In so doing, she offers an intimate glimpse into the lives and traditions of one small Wisconsin town. McMillin's findings concerning non-Native values and attitudes toward Native American history and preservation have broad implications that go far beyond Trempealeau. Interesting photographs enhance this smooth and engaging narrative, and extensive endnotes are included. Recommended for archaeology, sociology, and history collections in academic and larger public libraries, especially those in the Midwest. Elizabeth Salt, Otterbein Coll. Lib., Westerville, OH. 308pg. CAHNERS PUBLISHING, c2008.



- Buried Roots and Indestructible Seeds : The Survival Of American Indian Life In Story, History, and Spirit
- Current Paleoethnobotany : Analytical Methods and Cultural Interpretations of Archaeological Plant Remains
- Early Woodland Archeology

For Your Last Meeting

Flyers circulated to bring the community to come and speak.



# Clearing Event Coming This Saturday



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Our Mission: Protect and Enhance the historic Hillmoor land and waterway, with the intent it will become a sustainable public and recreational resource, benefiting the community and visitors of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, for this day and all days to come.



## Spring Cleaning – Join us!

**We're Going Out To Clean Up This Weekend! Saturday, April 12. Meet At 10am At The Entrance On Main Street/Hwy 50**

**Pull out your gardening gloves, dust off your rakes and clippers... and join us on the Hillmoor property this Saturday.**

We'll have garbage bags and some tools. Dress for the weather (it's supposed to be a great spring day) and join us for a couple of hours to clean, cut, rake, clear paths, pick up trash... make Hillmoor that much more wonderful to walk.



**Thanks For Coming Out To The Open Mic Event At City Hall. The Hillmoor Commission Is Taking All The Comments Seriously And Will Have Information For The Community On The Comments That**



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