Friends of the Ansonia Nature Center, Inc. (FANCI)
The Friends of the Ansonia Nature Center, Inc. (FANCI) exists to support the staff, the programs, and the vision of the Ansonia Nature Center.


Park cleanup and trail work: Luis Bosques, Kennedy Center, Peralta Design, Prudential.


Welcome!

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Mailing List Update (Fall 2016)

For non-FANCI members receiving paper copies of our Calendar of Events and Friends’ Focus:
Help us update our mailing list and also save trees, reduce landfill, and eliminate junk mail! If your mailing label says “2011” following your name, please let us know if you wish to remain on our mailing list. Just 1) fill in this form and mail it to us at Ansonia Nature & Recreation Center, 10 Deerfield Lane, Ansonia, CT 06401; OR 2) call us at 203-736-1053; OR 3) e-mail us at ansonnatre@gmail.com (use the subject line Mailing List).

If we don’t hear from you by the next mailing, we will remove you from the mailing list. FANCI members and active volunteers will remain on the mailing list; no need to reply to this request.

Name: ____________________________
Address: __________________________
( ) Please KEEP ME ON your mailing list (check label for any corrections needed)
( ) Please REMOVE my name from your mailing list.
( ) Please MOVE me to your e-mail list, where I will receive the Calendar and Friends’ Focus and also other messages from the Ansonia Nature Center.

The Friends of the Ansonia Nature Center meet at the Nature Center on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm. All members of FANCI and interested folks are invited to attend.

ANSONIA NATURE AND RECREATION CENTER STAFF
Director: Alison Rubelmann, Assistant Director: Wendy Sabol; Rangers: Daniel Bosques, Dawn Soir, Jessica Sulkowski, Amie Ziner, Custodian: Jami Condon.
TELEPHONE NUMBER: 203-736-1053

Redwing Pond House Preschool

After what we hope was a restful and relaxing summer full of family fun and sunshine, the Redwing Pond House is ready to welcome back our returning friends, and meet many new wonderful children this September! The classroom is stocked with exciting new supplies, and the staff is ready to begin exploring and making memories with our little friends. We are looking forward to a wonderful year with days full of learning, laughter, exploration, and lots of fun!

If you are not familiar with our school, please take a look at our website, www.rwphpreschool.org; check out our Facebook page, “Redwing Pond House Preschool”; or call 203-734-7974 to schedule a visit to our special little school. We are currently accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year for children 3-5 years old and would love to tell you all about our program.

Wishes for a wonderful Fall from all of us at the Redwing Pond House!

Jacqueline Lema, Director/Head Teacher
Redwing Pond House Preschool

Redwing Pond House Wish List: We are well supplied with most things right now...but we still need • Bird Seed • to help our feathered friends as we move into autumn!

Basement Systems Rebuild Playground at Ansonia Nature Center

When Alison Rubelmann, Executive Director of the Ansonia Nature Center, was guest speaker at a recent monthly meeting of the Valley United Way’s Corporate Volunteer Council (CVC), and explained the epic need for help in rebuilding their playground, the CVC knew it had to respond. At about the same time, Basement Systems of Seymour expressed to the CVC interest in a major community service project to which its employees could contribute.

“When Basement Systems reached out to me to ask for ideas for a major project their company could tackle, I immediately thought of Ansonia Nature and Recreation Center, because their playground had been unexpectedly taken down; there was a mammoth need for a new playground,” Volunteer Action Center Director Pat Tarasovic said.

So Larry Janesky, CEO and founder of Basement Systems, led the gigantic effort to build a new playground because, well, that’s how Larry models his everyday life. Larry is a leader. He lives his life fully, by welcoming opportunities to share his passion and vision. People truly value his inspiration, and it is in this spirit that his army of volunteers marched onto the ANRC site and built. “Basement Systems is happy to support the Ansonia Nature and Recreation Center’s effort to rebuild its playground,” said Larry. “We know this is going to help a lot of kids, so we can’t wait to get our employees out there and get to work.”

The playground was rebuilt over one weekend, July 15-17. Other CVC companies joined together and lent their support by doing some trail work and other volunteer projects on the Nature Center grounds while Larry’s team of talented volunteers provided the leadership, muscle, and building expertise. Our beautiful new playground was built to last the next 25 years.

The Friends of the Ansonia Nature Center wholeheartedly thank Basement Systems and all the volunteers who strengthened our community and gave the gift of caring. The priceless smiles on our children’s faces will never fade.

PARTY WITH THE ANIMALS and the Friends of the Ansonia Nature Center, Inc. Five educational birthday party themes to choose from:

AWESOME AMPHIBIANS (SPRING & SUMMER ONLY) 
BIRD BRAINS
INCREDIBLE INSECTS
AWESOME AMPHIBIANS
REPTILES RULE
MAD FOR MAMMALS

2 hour party includes: 15 minute set up (parent/FANCI) 45 minute educational program (FANCI) 15 minute cleanup (parent/FANCI)

Fee for family-level members $150.00, non-members $175.00
For more information please call (203) 736-1053.

Nature Center Wish List: Good Cordless Drill • White Board Markers • New Sheds • Stackable Washer & Dryer • Large Flat Screen for Powerpoint Presentations • Bird Feeders • Suet Cakes • Sunflower & Mixed Bird Seed • Nature Days Scholarships for Ansonia Residents • Metal Leaf Rakes • Good Quality Hand Pruners & Loppers • Gift Certificates to Petland, Petco, Staples, & Art Supply Stores • Items for Autumnfest Raffle • New Freestanding Reptile Enclosure •

and VOLUNTEERS for Greeting/Clerical Work • Nature Store Clerks • Docents • Nature Trail Maintenance • Critter Care • Exhibit Work • Birthday Party Presenters.

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