

# Friends of Petrie Island

## FOPI 2018 SUMMARY OF YEAR'S EVENTS

City demolished the Nature Centre in 2017 as it was estimated it would cost \$150,000 to repair it.

Jan-Feb 2018 – FOPI completed forms for City and Canada Summer Jobs grants.

March-April – Review and update of Plant information display sheets for 100 of 140 Wildflowers at Petrie Island – J. Gauthier, Al Tweddle.

- Interview and look at revenues for summer staff
- Heard that only one of CSJ position approved
- Contact Greenspace to recruit and obtain funding for 3 other summer positions (50% of salary)

May – students start work (Emma, Manisha, Emie and Alessia)

- Petrie Island flooded (road closed 12 days in May) but start cleanup, turtle basking count and registration for tours, area booking and naturalists
- City brings trailer on site and we set up display area on site of Nature Centre , cleanup and prepare school tours and events.

June – Electricity was restored to the site.

– School and summer camp tours

July and August – ran Junior Naturalist programs and summer camp tours and started adult plant group.

– display container was delivered and set up in early August

September – removal of trailer and container

– Preparations for winter

FOPI improvements included development of outside display area (Nature Centre site and benches and tables for display area and picnic area).

Several severe storms destroyed about 20 large trees in picnic area and on trails and FOPI planted 15 saplings provided by City Forestry in addition to the over 90 they had planted last fall. FOPI also developed the "shoreline trail" complete with driftwood sculptures and fairy and troll house.

### Events and Programs

| Events and Programs   | Cleanups     | WWF   |
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| 160 Ashbury College 1<br>group 1 20   | 50           | 2<br>Military Police  |
| Children School and summer tours 14<br>750  | 660          | Junior Naturalist Program 36  |
| Tent and Picnic Area rental 29<br>Open house & PI plant group 6<br>(tree wrapping and planting and removal of invasive species)<br>Workdays 20 80 | 1400<br>360  | Special events, turtle day, Jane's walk,<br>Environmental initiatives<br>50 |
| <b>Total 116</b>  | <b>3,530</b> |   |

In addition, there were many spontaneous picnics with groups of 20 to 40 ppl. In addition to family groups with up to 20 ppl per day on weekend.

Monitored turtle activity including rescuing some turtle eggs from predated nests and protected them – (10 protected nests) throughout the summer. We released approx. 30 hatchlings, map and snapping in September.

The tent was installed and removed by FOPI members and was used for FOPI programs as well as rented 12 times over the summer.



Front row: Paul, Robert, Jocelyn, Christine, Kayla, Emily, Sarah; Back row: Bill, Mike, Stephen, Al, Gil, JoAnne

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