

# LOBLOLLY TIMES



Newsletter of Friends of the Bowie Nature Park

Feb 2023

## Fairview's Parks Need You!

Do you love parks? The City of Fairview is developing a city-wide Parks Master Plan, and they need input from you about what you want in your parks system. There will be two meetings, both at **City Hall**, and both on **Tuesday, February 28, 2023**. The first is at **5:00 pm** and the second is at **6:30 pm**. There are two meetings to accommodate different people's schedules. The meetings will be facilitated by representatives of ESP Associates, the engineering consulting firm hired by the Board of Commissioners (BOC) to develop the Parks Master Plan.

Fairview owns three parks. Bowie Nature Park is the largest, consisting of about 720 acres. The City also owns the Fairview Historical Village at 7121 Westview Blvd., and Veterans Memorial Park at 7106 Black Pine Rd. The Master Plan will consider all these parks, and also the two county-owned facilities located in Fairview, the Fairview Ball Park, and the Fairview Recreation Center.

So bring your ideas, and make a plan to be there at one of these meetings!

Purpose of Friends of the Bowie Nature Park:  
To preserve, protect, and enhance Bowie Nature Park for use by the general public as a nature reserve and park.

### Calendar of Upcoming Events

Friends Member Meeting: We meet on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 9 am. Next meeting is **March 11, 9 am at Bowie Park Nature Center**.

City of Fairview Board of Commissioners meeting: The BOC is ultimately in charge of Bowie Nature Park. They meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at **7 pm in City Hall**. Next meeting is **Feb. 16**.

Plant Swap and Arbor Day celebration **Sat. April 22, 9 am in front of Bowie Park Nature Center**. Sponsored by the Parks & Landscape Board and the Friends. Free trees, community plant swap, and crafts for kids.

Parks & Landscape Board meeting: This advisory board meets on the 1st Monday of the month. Next meeting is **March 6 at 7 pm at the Triangle School** in Fairview Historical Village.

\*\*See more events next page\*\*



Bowie Nature Park



Veterans Memorial Park



Fairview Historical Village



Fairview Recreation Center



Fairview Ball Park

## Friends Board of Directors

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The Fairview Parks Master Plan will consider plans for all parks in Fairview.



Fairview Parks & Landscaping Board at the 2019 Arbor Day Celebration

## Parks & Landscaping Board Positions Open

2 positions are open on the Parks and Landscaping (P&L) Board. The P & L Board is the official advisory board to the Board of Commissioners (BOC) regarding parks, the tree ordinance, and Fairview's Tree City status. If you are a resident of the City of Fairview and interested in supporting parks, please consider joining this board. Applications are on the city website at <https://www.fairview-tn.org/2023/02/opportunity-to-serve-fairview-board-openings-5/>

Applications are due Feb. 14, 2023.

## Playground Fencing

The Treehouse Playground isn't finished yet. Still to be finished are fencing, the sidewalk, and the donor wall. Also, some parts are on backorder, such as a piece from the adult/child swing and from the ADA seat for the zipline.

Great news about the fencing. The first shipment of engraved pickets arrived on Friday, Feb. 10. The rest should arrive by Monday, Feb. 13. The City is looking for a company to install the fence. One reason for the delay is that there are legal requirements regarding the bidding process.

The City is still planning a Grand Opening celebration this spring.

### More Calendar Events

Town Hall Meetings: The City of Fairview will begin holding public meetings where the public can ask city officials questions and have them answered. They will be on the 5th Thursday of any month that has a 5th Thursday. The first will be on **March 30th at 7 pm at City Hall.**

Easter Egg hunt: The City is sponsoring this event on Saturday, **April 1 in Bowie Park beginning at 10 am.**

Fairview Arts and Crafts Fair: Saturday, **May 13 in Bowie Park beginning at 10 am.**

Joint workshop of the Planning Commission, the Zoning Board, and the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Tuesday, **Feb 14 at 6 pm at City Hall.**

Planning Commission meeting: The planning commission meets the second Tuesday of the month. Next meeting is **Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 7 pm at City Hall.**

### Help Wanted

The City of Fairview is looking for a Parks Programs Coordinator. For details go to <https://www.fairview-tn.org/2022/07/job-opportunity-park-programs-coordinator/>



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