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Construction on Pumpkinvine gap set to begin

The long awaited, much anticipated construction that will close the gap in the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail between County Road 20 and County Road 33 could begin at any time, according to Bernie Cunningham, Deputy Director of Park Operations for Elkhart County Parks, the agency that will oversee the construction of this project. All the permits from the relevant environmental agencies have been obtained and the contract for construction has been signed with the Pulver Asphalt Paving Inc., Albion, Ind., the same company that built the last section of the Pumpkinvine between County Road 35 and County Road 37. The Timber Bridge over Pine Creek will be done by R. Yoder Construction of Nappanee Ind.

As this newsletter goes to press, stakes with orange ribbons attached have appeared on the east side of County Road 33 marking the location of a small parking area and trail boundaries.

After five years of negotiating, the Friends of the Pumpkinvine purchased the land for the trail route from five families on June 26, 2017 and donated it to Elkhart County Parks in April 2018. In those 10 months, the Friends of the Pumpkinvine and Elkhart County Parks worked out the details of the trail's route, the location of vegetation screening, fencing for horses, water access for livestock and easements for the landowners to cross the completed trail. In addition, because the trail is to be built close to the south fork of Pine Creek, it was necessary to obtain environmental permits from the Elkhart County drainage board, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management and the Army Corp of Engineers – a process that took almost nine months.

Since April, there have been further discussions about the construction documents with JPR, the firm hired for engineering, the easements across the trail, the details of a proposed overpass and the requirements of a conservation easement that was a part of the grant the Friends of the Pumpkinvine received from the Bicentennial Nature Trust of Indiana Department of Natural Resources to help pay for the purchase of the land.

"We should see construction begin at any time," Cunningham said, beginning at County Road 33 and moving east."

(Left) One of several stakes that marks the boundary of a small parking area to be built east of County Road 33. (Right) The Pumpkinvine corridor east of County Road 33 as it looked on July 25, 2018.

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Friends of the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail, Inc. are cyclists, hikers and naturalists who are working with area park departments to create a linear park and greenway on the former Pumpkinvine corridor between Goshen, Middlebury and Shipshewana, Ind.

From the president

Annual dinner: New location, new supporters

On April 24, 2018, the Friends of the Pumpkinvine held our annual dinner in Elkhart for the first time. Our previous 16 dinners had been in the Pumpkinvine towns of Goshen, Middlebury or Shipshewana, and although we have many supporters in Elkhart, we weren't sure if people from the three main towns identified with the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail would travel to Elkhart for this dinner. We also had avoided Elkhart because we had trouble finding a suitable venue for 250 people, i.e., one with good food, good sight lines to the stage and a great sound system. But the renovation of the Lerner Theater and Crystal Ballroom created an outstanding venue, and thanks to the persistence of Brittany Short, the annual dinner's chair, we decided to give the Elkhart a try, and the results were very gratifying. The room was full (260 registered) and the three screens made it possible for everyone to see what was projected.

My theme for the evening was the incredible patience our supporters have shown in supporting the Friends of the Pumpkinvine over the last three decades, even when there was little tangible progress to show for their financial support. Still they were faithful.

More recently it was the Community Foundation of Elkhart County that has been patient with the slow progress we've made in closing two gaps in the Pumpkinvine in Elkhart County. They understand that it takes time to negotiate a route through the land of five rural landowners.

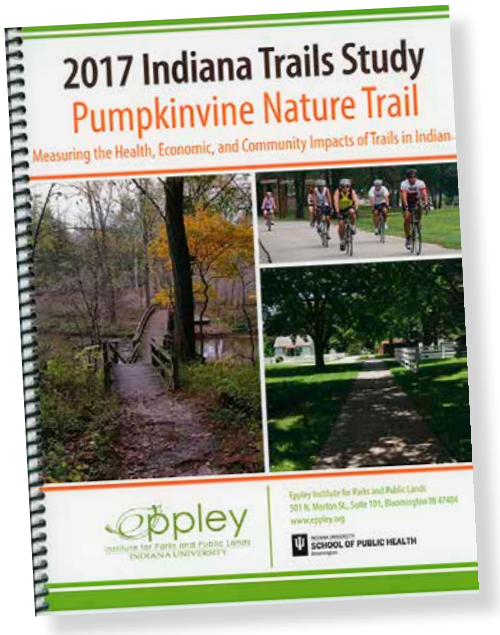
I also reviewed some of the highlights of the year on the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail and for our organization, the Friends of the Pumpkinvine. These include the covered picnic table between CR 35 and CR 37, the repairs to the bridge over the Little Elkhart River in Middlebury, redecking of bridges over Rock Run Creek in Goshen and Mather Ditch in Middlebury. A major event was the opening of the Ridge Run Trail in Middlebury connecting the Pumpkinvine with the Essenhaus, Greencroft Middlebury and North Ridge High School. The Friends of the Pumpkinvine were not directly responsible for this one-mile spur off the Pumpkinvine, but we claim it as a child that wouldn't exist without the Pumpkinvine.

Another theme of the evening was how the Amish community in Elkhart County responded to an appeal for contributions to close the gap in the trail between CR 20 and CR 35. For some time, we have recognized that our Amish neighbors are some of the heaviest users of the Pumpkinvine, yet only one or two have become members. We thought that the community that used the trail the most would contribute toward its expansion or upkeep, if we found the right approach. We consulted with Junior and Mary Schlabach, two Amish friends, and they suggested we send a letter, authorize by the bishops, to be read in the churches. We did that in November 2017 and the response was very gratifying. As I said at the dinner, the Schlabachs ask that we not publish the total raised, but what I can say is that the Amish churches would be eligible to have their name placed on the recognition rocks we have promised to individuals and organizations that gave $10,000 toward closing the gaps in the trail more than once.

I left the annual dinner with renewed appreciation for our supporters who have waited patiently as the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail came together like a giant jig saw puzzle over 25 years.

Eppley study compares Pumpkinvine to other Indiana Trails

By Andrea Thompson



Last summer the Eppley Institute for Parks and Public Lands at Indiana University's School of Public Health conducted a survey on the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail to collect data on trail usage, health factors relating to trail usage and the economic impact the trail has on surrounding communities. The Pumpkinvine was one of eight trail systems in Indiana that participated in this study.

Across all eight trails, there were some key findings.

- 52% of trail users were cyclists. In a similar 2001 study, the most popular activity was walking, so this is quite a shift.
- 67% of trail users report an improvement in their exercise level because of trail usage.
- Those who use the trail report spending more than $3500 annually on trail-related expenses, such as bicycles, clothing, shoes, food, transportation, etc.
- Trail users say they enjoy better overall health, fewer sleep problems, less pain and less stress than non-users.
- 66% of trail "neighbors" believe the trail has increased their property value.

How did the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail compare to the seven other participating trail systems? In a lot of cases, the findings were very much in-line with the others, however there were some key differences.

Trail Activity:

- 72% of surveyed trail users are cyclists. This is a significantly higher number than the 52% that was reported statewide.
- The Pumpkinvine Nature Trail has fewer walkers. Only 16% of those surveyed are walkers, compared to 29% statewide.
- There are also fewer runners and joggers on the Pumpkinvine. 11.5% report that they run or jog, versus 19% statewide.
- There are slightly more birdwatchers on the Pumpkinvine, compared to the other trails.

It's interesting to note that Pumpkinvine cyclists were far ahead of the statewide average in the distance they cover when cycling. Pumpkinvine cyclists average 12.5 miles per ride, compared to 9.5 miles per ride statewide. They are also above average in the minutes per session, riding on average 84 minutes, compared to 72 minutes statewide. The only instance where Pumpkinvine cyclists were slightly below average was in how many days they ride, which is 3 days per week, compared to 3.5 days per week statewide.

Trail Access:

About half of all Pumpkinvine users drive to access the trail, which is a little higher than the state average. Additionally, Pumpkinvine users travel a greater distance to use the trail, compared to users of the other Indiana trails. 26% of Pumpkinvine users travel more than seven miles to access the trail, compared to 14.5% statewide. When you consider the potential that the trail has to draw tourists, this is very important information to have.

Reasons for Usage:

While the majority of Pumpkinvine users are on the trail for physical activity, 21% of users say they use the trail for recreation. This was the highest average of any trail that was surveyed. Perhaps this is why people travel further to use the trail.

Economic Factors:

You may have seen the recent articles in The Goshen News on how the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail helps boost the local economy. According to this study, it's true. On average, Pumpkinvine users report spending more than $3000 per year on trail-related expenditures, such as bikes, clothing, food – and transportation to get to the trail (gas, etc). This coincides with the long distances people travel to use the trail.

The information above is a broad summary of the Eppley report. To view the full trail study summary report for the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail, visit https://eppley.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/TrailsStudy_PumpkinvineNTReport.pdf.

Tim Drescher

Reflections on the 2018 Pumpkinvine Bike Ride

By Tim Drescher and Phil Mason, co-directors

The 2018 Pumpkinvine Bike Ride was a success, according to the feedback we received from 300 participants. Over 1,000 riders signed up and 856 showed up for the ride. The weather forecast for morning rain, which we had for about an hour, wasn't enough to deter most riders. The afternoon warmed up, but it was not as hot as some years.

Rider Feedback: We had 289 people respond to our survey about the ride. The responses indicate that most were pleased with the ride. Here are some results I found interesting

- Many commented about how well organized the ride was and how friendly the volunteers were.
- This was first or second time on the ride for 52.2%
- Most heard about the ride from a friend (31.5%), the mailed brochure (26.6%) and from email (25.2%)
- 58% just followed the road markings, 16% used a GPS/phone
- 90.2% felt the road markings were adequate to impressive
- 96.2% felt the food was adequate to impressive
- 98.2% felt the service at the SAGS was adequate to impressive
- 96.2% felt the cost was appropriate with 15% of that group willing to pay more
- 92.3% are planning on riding next year

Phil Mason

We tried to be more direct with some of our promotions using WSBT for digital advertising and a TV ad that ran during news broadcasts. The results are mixed. Bob Carrico compared past registrations with 2018 registration by region. We did not see a significant boost in registrations overall but did see a boost in the Fort Wayne area. It is hard to say if the new ads really made a difference. There is no marketing silver bullet.

I think it is interesting that a large percent of the survey respondents were first- or second-time riders. That does show the importance of continually getting the word out about the ride.

The logistics have been improving each year. The initial check in/ registration went very smoothly. The staffing levels we had with iPads was just about right. The line while long at the beginning moved very quickly. The more significant price boost for week/day of ride registration did not stop anyone. There will always be a few late comers.

Getting food, tables, tents, road markings, port a johns, coolers and bike racks, etc. out to the SAG's is a true team effort. We expect to improve our food ordering again in 2019. The relative consistency of the number of riders the last couple of years will enable us to reset some food quantities to more realistic levels.

Both of us are extremely grateful for the more than 100 volunteers who made the ride a success by their hospitality and friendliness toward our guests from all over the Midwest.

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2018 PUMPKINVINE BIKE RIDE

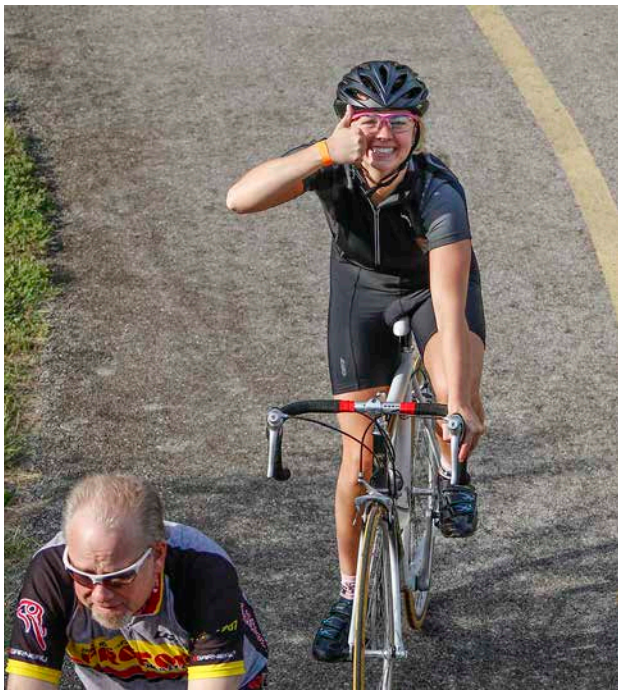
We appreciate your enthusiastic participation!

It's quiet. I love the trail and I love the ride. I guess I like it too because it's a safe ride, and I love the shade. Great trail, maintained well."

—Lynn Ballentine, Pendleton, Ind., (1st ride, 35 miles)

[The Pumpkinvine Nature Trail is] just well maintained—no cars, tree line and shade. It's a lot quieter than being out on the highway. It's just a nice relaxing ride.

—Sandy Ferrell and Rick Thomas, Angola, Ind, (1st ride)



It's my favorite bike ride. The scenery is just amazing; you feel safe, people are friendly. I promote it every ride I go on.

—Kelly Dillon, Martinsville, Ind, (4th ride)

Mark your calendars now!

JUNE 15, 2019

20th Annual Pumpkinvine Bike Ride

I've been wanting to do [the Pumpkinvine Bike Ride] for years but I've always worked on Saturday

— Merlin Miller, Goshen, Ind., (1st ride, 50 miles)

BIKE RIDE PHOTOS AVAILABLE

YOU CAN VIEW AND ORDER PHOTOS OF THE 2018 PUMPKINVINE BIKE RIDE AT THE FOLLOWING LINKS:

https://2018pvbikeride.shutterfly.com or
www.pumpkinvine.org/PBR_HTML_POST_PBR.HTML

I've ridden 32 miles or so, and I've seen 142 buggies
—Ashley Williams, Fishers, Ind., came from Chicago, (1st ride)

It's beautiful going by the farms, lots of friendly people too.
—Val Counterman, Union City, Mich., and Julie Gary, Quincy Mich., (1st ride, 50 miles)

I was in awe as the Amish countryside unfolded before me, taking me into a different place and time on the first half of the ride. On the way back, I enjoyed the cool shade of the trail with beautiful plants lining the path. I quenched my thirst with roadside iced tea stands manned by friendly youngsters. The pie and ice cream were a delicious end to my journey!"
—Liz Harmon Meyer, Wabash, Ind.

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NOTE TO VOLUNTEERS: If you will not be able to volunteer for the 2019 Pumpkinvine Bike Ride, please drop your volunteer T-shirt off at Family Bicycle Center, 3410 S. Main St., Elkhart; Lincoln Ave. Cycling and Fitness, 430 Lincoln Ave., Goshen; Pumpkinvine Cyclery, 420 N. Main St., Middlebury; or in the box on the front porch at 1404 Pembroke Circle Apt 4, Goshen.

Bontrager Family Foundation invests in the completion of the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail

Bontrager Family Foundation

The Bontrager Family Foundation has awarded the Friends of the Pumpkinvine a $25,000 matching grant toward the cost of construction of the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail between County Road 20 and County Road 35. In other words, the Family Foundation will match other trail-development donations – dollar for dollar – up to a total of $25,000. "Via this grant, the Bontrager Family Foundation has offered a powerful incentive to other prospective donors to invest in the closure of this remaining 'gap' in the Trail between Middlebury and Goshen," said John Ferguson, Friends board member. The estimated cost for this .5-mile segment is $600,000, with all but approximately $55,000 of this amount having been already pledged or received.

"We as a family appreciate the Pumpkinvine Trail as it offers recreation opportunities for the community and transportation routes for Jayco's and other's employees," said Wilbur Bontrager, Jayco chairman. It enhances safety for those that otherwise would ride on our roadways. We as a family feel it's become a valued community asset and also needs to be completed through several more critical areas."

Jayco, Inc. founders, Lloyd and Bertha Bontrager, had committed themselves to supporting local causes even before founding the company in 1968. Sons Wilbur and Derald, with other Bontrager family members and their Jayco colleagues, continued their generous support of numerous causes through the years. The Bontrager Family Foundation was launched following the sale of Jayco to Thor Industries. "We wanted to continue our ability to support charities as we have in the past," said Wilbur Bontrager, a member of the second of three generations of Bontragers now involved with the Family Foundation.

"Personally, I love the Pumpkinvine Trail," said Jason Bontrager, a third generation Bontrager family member. "I use it on average two-three times a week for biking, running, and walking during all four seasons. The Ridge Run Trail and the Essenhaus connector have been great additions, too, and I and many others are very grateful for them. It is such a great benefit to the communities of Middlebury and Goshen, not just for exercise but also as a much safer alternative to riding on roadways. I plan to bike even more on the Middlebury-to-Goshen route once the 'gap' is completed. In the future, I look forward to helping make our area safer for cyclists whether commuters or recreational riders. I hope other area trails, like the Friends of Quaker Trace Trail, can find ways to further connect our community by developing more trails like the Pumpkinvine!"

This donation from the Bontrager Family Foundation is a tangible way the family has chosen to express their appreciation for the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail as it is and to help close the gaps in the trail. The Friends of the Pumpkinvine are very grateful for their vision and community spirit.

Pumpkinvine Nature Trail now on Street View in Google maps

In 2016, the Goshen Park department used the Goggle Trekker to map the major trails in Goshen, including all the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail. The results are finally available to see in Google Maps. Follow these steps to see any portion of the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail.

1. In your browser, type **maps.google.com**
2. In either the road view or satellite view (which you can toggle with the little box in the bottom left side of the screen), move the map, using your cursor, to the portion of the Pumpkinvine you want to look at. (The Pumpkinvine shows up as a green dotted line on the map.)
3. Then click on the location on the Pumpkinvine you want to look at. A box opens at the bottom of the map with a photo of that location.
4. Click on the photo and the "trail view" will open. You may need to rotate the map to see the trail by grabbing the map and turning it left or right.
5. You can move down the trail by clicking on the ^ arrow.
6. Hit Escape to exit Street View.

Naturalists' Corner

By Isabela Torres

Modern naturalists use technology in many ways

By Isabela Torres

This issue's naturalist corner centers around a photo of me working along the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail in late June. In the photo, I am using my cellphone in a way you might interpret as me being disinterested in the nature surrounding me. Typical 20-something, right?

A common narrative these days is that teenagers and young adults only care about electronic devices to the detriment of all else (*National Geographic* published a piece in October 2016 titled "Can the Selfie Generation Unplug and Get into Parks?").

But I believe this narrative of technology as evil and harmful to the natural world misses a key element of modern naturalist studies: the ability to use technology as a tool to enhance the range of identification tools and management strategies available to everyone.

In the photo of me on my phone, I am using an app to mark and label the GPS location of a clump of wood nettle. With that datum point and many others taken along the stretch of continuous forest, I was able to create the map (Image 2) that will help me, the trail's managing agencies and any future volunteers know where to begin their work on managing invasive species threatening the natural area around the trail.

Isabela Torres, summer intern with the Friends of the Pumpkinvine Nature Trai,l working along the trail near mile marker 4.5 on June 25, 2018.

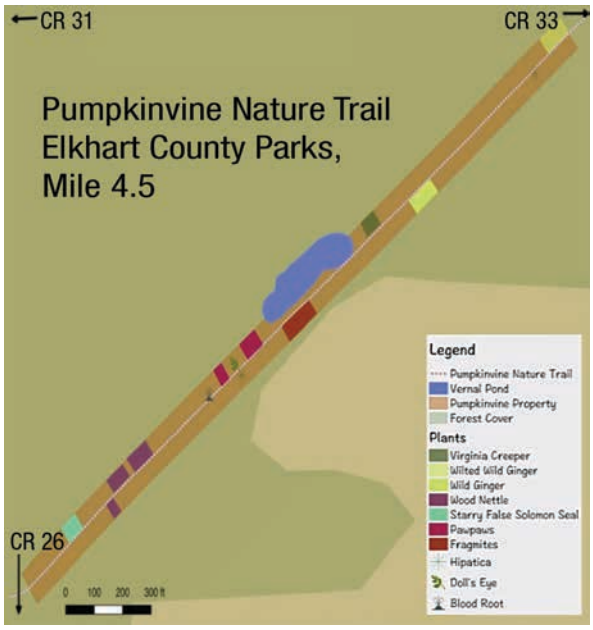
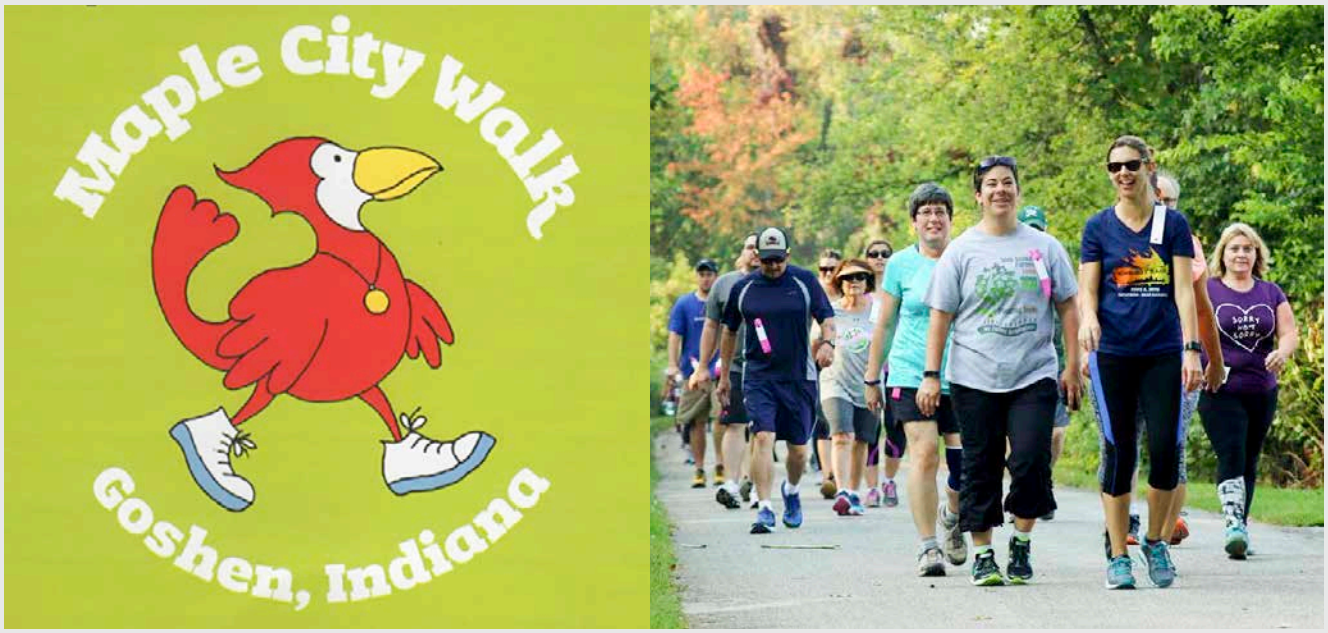


Image 2: Management map for the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail made using QGiS and MapsPlus based on data taken on June 25, 2018.

iNaturalist (my favorite app for identification) "helps you identify the plants and animals around you" by using their community of over 750,000 scientists and naturalists. For example, I can upload a photo of a plant I think is Hackberry to iNaturalist and suggest its identification. Another user can affirm or reject my identification. My upload also includes the GPS location where I found the plant. iNaturalist also has an option where you can upload a photo with no identification, and the app will suggest a possible identification based on features of the plants in the photos and whether it has been sighted in your region. This tool has the possibility of revolutionizing the ability of the average person to better identify and understand the nature that they see every day.

So, what does it mean to be a modern naturalist? Basically, the same thing it meant to be a naturalist during any other time, but with the addition of embracing technology to better understand and protect the nature around us.



10th Maple City walk to be held Sept. 15

The 10th annual Maple City Walk, hosted by Downtown Goshen, Inc., will be held Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018. Again this year the route will include the Maple City Greenway and feature the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail as the core of its 10K, half marathon and marathon course.

Register online for a reduced fee by September 10 or register the day of the walk. The walk starts and finishes at the Elkhart County Fairgrounds, Gate 6, Clover Hill building, 17746 CR 34, Goshen, Indiana. The half and marathon walks begin at 7:30 a.m. and the 10K walk at 9 a.m. 10K walkers may also start at 7:30 a.m. On-site registration begins at 6:30 a.m. for the half and marathon and 10K walkers and 8 a.m. for the 9 a.m. 10K. Fees for the walk vary depending on the distance and age of walkers. See the Maple City Walk website, www.cityonthego.org/maple-citv-walk/home, for details. Five dollars of your registration fee will go to the Friends of the Pumpkinvine to help close the gap in the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail between County Road 20 to County Road 35 and for trail maintenance. "Goshen is recognized as a walkable city" said Julia Gautsche, chair of the planning committee. "We encourage participants to experience the beauty of the Maple City Greenway, the scenic countryside of the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail and to enjoy walking for health.

Each participant who completes the walk will receive a unique Maple City Walk medal and be entered into a drawing for a free pair of walking shoes from Woldruff's Footwear & Apparel in Goshen. Water to fill water bottles and snacks will be offered along the course. Additional portable toilets will also be available along the course.

For more information, registration and a map of the course:

Visit the Maple City Walk website: **www.cityonthego.org/maple-citv-walk/home**

E-mail: **juliagautsche@goshencity.com**

Call: **574-596-1632**

Kroger shoppers can support the Friends of the Pumpkinvine by using their Plus card

Kroger shoppers, who also are supporters of the Friends of the Pumpkinvine, generated more than $1,100 for the Friends of the Pumpkinvine in 2017 through the Kroger Community Rewards Program simply by using their Plus card when they shop. The Kroger Community Rewards Program donates a percentage of each purchase to the Friends of the Pumpkinvine when Kroger shoppers pick the Friends of the Pumpkinvine from a list of eligible organizations on the Kroger website.

Remember that you must renew your participation each January for the program to work. Instructions for how to sign up are at http://www.pumpkinvine.org/html/kroger_rewards.html.

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Complete the form below to become a supporting member of the Friends of the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail or to renew your membership. Your tax-deductible donation will be used to build and maintain the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail and goes toward paying the day-to-day expenses of the Friends of the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail, Inc. No board members receive remuneration. By showing your Friends' membership card, you are eligible for discounts on specified purchases at the following area bicycle shops: Elkhart Bicycle Shop, Elkhart; Family Bicycle, Elkhart; Lincoln Avenue Cycling and Fitness, Goshen; House of Bicycles, Osceola; and Pumpkinvine Cyclery, Middlebury.

Has your membership expired?

You are receiving this newsletter because you have contributed to the Friends of the Pumpkinvine in the past five years. If the date on the label of this newsletter has passed, we hope you'll consider renewing your membership in the **Friends of the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail**. Membership levels are::

☐ Individual $30 ☐ Family $40 ☐ Sustaining $60 ☐ Contributing $100 ☐ Patron $250

☐ Benefactor $500 ☐ Benefactor Silver $1,000 ☐ Benefactor Gold $2,500 ☐ Benefactor Platinum > $5,000

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