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**Friends of Thompson Park to Conduct Volunteer Trail Clean
Up Days in Thompson Park, beginning on Sunday, May 20, 2018**

Friends of Thompson Park, a local volunteer organization, will be hosting the first of several monthly Trail Clean Up Days, on Sunday, May 20, 2018 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Volunteers will be clearing brush along existing nature trails and blazing new trails for the enjoyment of the community. Work will begin at the Olmsted Trail.

Any interested Watertown area residents, scout troops, 4-H clubs, civic organizations, church groups, families, and high school students looking for community service credits are welcome to attend. We need you!

Watertown's Thompson Park was designed by the renowned landscape architectural firm, the Olmsted Brothers, and was constructed in the beginning of the 20th century. The Friends of Thompson Park was formed in 2015 and is dedicated to preserving and enhancing the historic park.

Volunteers will be dividing up into groups and working on different sections of the trail under the guidance of members of the Friends of Thompson Park. Volunteers are asked to bring gloves, clippers, loppers, hand pruners, and hand saws. We will be in the woods so dress in long pants. You can come for an hour or for the entire afternoon.

This is the first of several trail maintenance days that have been scheduled. Others will be held the second Sunday of each month through October. Trail clean up days will be held on June 10, July 8, August 12, September 19 and October 14.

Volunteers are asked to meet in the park's main parking lot at 1:00 p.m. or along the trail after that time. The Olmsted Trail is located approximately midway along the North Entrance Drive (the entrance near State St.) to the park. Volunteers who plan on participating are asked to send an email to jctpvolunteer@gmail.com prior to the clean up.

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