

Sladky, Roberta

From: Jorenby, Patricia
Sent: Monday, February 05, 2018 9:56 AM
To: Sladky, Roberta
Subject: FW: Proposed new hours

FYI. I sent her a response thanking her for her input.

-----Original Message-----

From: Sarah [mailto:██████████.net]
Sent: Sunday, February 04, 2018 11:36 AM
To: Olbrich Information <olbrichinformation@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Proposed new hours

Hello-

I'm writing in response to the proposed new hours of operation for the outdoor gardens at Olbrich. As a member, I would like to see the outdoor gardens remain open starting at 8:00 a.m April-August. This makes it possible for those of us who work to get in a quick walk before the heading in. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

Sincerely,
Sarah B Fritz

Sent from my iPad

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Comment on Proposed NEW HOURS:

They're GREAT EXCEPT

EXCEPT

PLEASE

STAY OPEN TO 4:30

in

JAN, FEB & MARCH!

(Open at 10:00, not 9:00)

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Thanks!!

Dedicated Member "JEAN"

Miller, Nicole

From: Park Commission
Subject: FW: Olbrich Public Comment

From: Diccon Fiore [mailto:██████████@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 11, 2018 5:53 PM
To: Olbrich Information <olbrichinformation@cityofmadison.com>
Subject:

I really enjoy Olbrich Gardens the best time of day for me to do this is at 8 Am my morning visits are good for my soul. Please don't change the opening to 9 AM this change would make it difficult for me to enjoy the wonderful gardens.

From: Carol [REDACTED]@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 2:17 PM
To: Olbrich Information <olbrichinformation@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Hours of operation change

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the change of hours of operation of City of Madison Olbrich Gardens. As a member of Olbrich Gardens I am upset that notice of this change was not more widely distributed. The only place I saw it was at the garden. When I asked for one of the comment cards, referenced on the notice, the volunteers at the desk had no idea what I was talking about.

I am not happy with the outside garden proposal of closing at 6pm in September and October. I would like to see the 8pm close to be retained. The sun is still out and going to the garden for a walk is a great after dinner activity. Please reconsider this part of your proposal. I also would like to know why the notice of these changes were so poorly publicized? Thank you for taking my comment and giving it to the Madison Parks Committee at the February 14th meeting.

Thanks,
Carol McCurry

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From: Jane Lex [mailto:[REDACTED]@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 1:51 PM
To: Olbrich Information <olbrichinformation@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: 9:00 AM proposal

Hello!

My boyfriend and I are members of Olbrich Gardens. When we were visiting recently, I read that there is a proposal to change the outdoor garden opening time from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM. It said that people could provide input about the proposal.

I'd be overjoyed if the garden remained at the 8:00 AM opening time. There are a few of us that go there to have a quiet, contemplative time to ourselves. By about 9:15, it's already getting somewhat filled with people.

Most of the people I see very early are just like me. They're there alone and are looking for a personal connection with the nature and beauty at Olbrich.

Last year was a very difficult time in my life and those early mornings at Olbrich helped me to not only get through that time but also to thrive. I don't think the gardens would have been quite as effective with lots of people around.

If Olbrich could keep the 8:00 AM opening time, it could be very helpful for those of us that are looking for a more quiet and serene environment.

Thank you so much.

Jane Lex

From: Jane Lex [mailto:████████@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 10:24 AM
To: Jorenby, Patricia <PJorenby@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: RE: 9:00 AM proposal

Hi Patricia,

I came just about every day in the warmer months of last year. I'm not sure if I'll be going quite as much this year but I do love the therapeutic affects of nature.

My friends and family know I go to Olbrich in the morning to "forest bathe". Sometimes my boyfriend comes with me. There's absolutely no better place for forest baths than Olbrich. Here's an article about it:

<https://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2017/06/forest-bathing/532068/>

Thank you for listening to my opinion. So appreciated.

Jane