Friends of Asylum Lake:
Let us plan to have an ALPMC meeting on Thursday November 13 at 7pm at the College of Engineering campus. If there are agenda items please have them to me by November 7th.

Here are some recent updates:

The landscape crew has completed the modification to the fence at the corner of Drake and Parkview so that plowing vehicles can turn the sidewalk corner safely and efficiently.

The “Fall into the Street” events on October 10th and October 17th were a great success and well attended by ALPA, ALPMC members and volunteers. Our work in opening the savanna along Parkview is a start to improving diversity on the site and the hope is that future events can build on this work. Susan Andress took some wonderful pics! I will bring the disk to the meeting to share.

I met with the Wildtype crew that has started fall invasive work at the preserve. I have modified the original plan slightly in order to avoid an oak research site used by Dr. Todd Barkman. Once I get this site accurately defined, the crew can begin to work closer to the plot without disturbing it. In the interim, I have given them the area adjacent to their previous sites in the Forest 1. They will be working to the west of the main trail from the Gibbs entrance (see map). This is a minor change in location and the priorities and protocol have not changed. The council will need to allocate management monies next spring to complete a robust seedling spray in all of the areas that Wildtype has managed so far. It is estimated that this may be around $6000 total and will give us follow up control in a large area of the preserve. Once this season’s work is complete, I will get a quote from Bill for this follow up management.

The mobile app for Asylum Lake is functional and I am receiving “report an issue” e-mails. These are somewhat problematic as I have no way to respond to anonymous customers concerns. An example recently is the canoes used for the approved water quality study. Customers are reporting these as illegal boats on the property. To solve this I placed a sign near the canoes to alert people to the reason they are there (see attached sign). Also trash reports while they may include pictures are not useful in finding the trash as all I have are close ups of trash and the GPS coordinates. My concern is that if we cannot respond to our customers they will be frustrated with the app and the management of the preserve.

The “Welcome to Asylum Lake” banners are still up!

As the weather turns cold, mowing of trails will be coming to an end for this year.

Regarding the winter visioning retreat, I have only received a few responses, but as of now Saturday February 7th is the favorite!

That is all for now. Enjoy the fall, and see you all soon.

Respectfully,
Steve Keto