



Friends of Geese!

This email is to let you know that Friends of Geese is alive and well! In the last nine months since the slaughter of 175 geese at Crystal Lake Park, we have been busy building a strong organizational foundation so that we can now expand, hopefully, with your help. First, let us share with you what we have accomplished so far.

We have developed communication platforms:

- Website - [friendsofgeese.com](http://friendsofgeese.com)
- Facebook presence - UrbanaFriendsOfGeese
- Email - [FriendsOfGeese.UC@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsOfGeese.UC@gmail.com)

We have become a fiscally sponsored organization under the wing of the UC Independent Media Center. Our 501(c)(3) status allows donations made to Friends of Geese through the IMC to be tax deductible.

We are partnering with the University of Illinois School of Social Work's Community Learning Lab this Spring semester. Students will assist us in community outreach projects for credit in SOCW 461.

We support one candidate for the Urbana Board of Commissioners in this Spring's April 6th election--Linda Turnbull. We established a separate entity that will function politically, the Political Action Committee for Urban Wildlife. Supporters may make contributions or volunteer by contacting Philip Douglas at: [doughi456@gmail.com](mailto:doughi456@gmail.com)

We have established ties to state politicians, promoting the reevaluation of policies governing the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to make them more just and transparent.

Our work ahead in the coming month is focused on preparations for the March/April nesting season. We will begin by contacting local HomeOwner Associations and other entities with ponds and informing them about humane methods of geese population control, including egg addling. Our goal is to train a group of volunteers who will work in teams to addle eggs. Members of GeesePeace St. Louis will come to lead a workshop on egg addling in early March. This volunteers training will be preceded by an informational Zoom meeting on February 25th. If you are interested in participating in the Zoom meeting and the outdoor egg addling training please contact us at: [FriendsOfGeese.UC@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsOfGeese.UC@gmail.com)

**We need you!** Please make a commitment today! Thanks to the UC-IMC's fiscal sponsorship, Friends of Geese enjoys 501(c)(3) status