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### December 2021 Bulletin

#### Note from the President

December is upon us, and the conditions for enjoying the trail couldn't be much better. I had the good fortune last weekend of getting out on the newest section of trail running from Panther Creek TH north to Robinson Point TH. I highly recommend this section to those who have yet to hike it because there are some great views of Norfolk Lake and super panoramas to be had from the bluffs along this nearly eight-mile stretch of the OHT known as the Ozark Keystone Trail (OKT). In addition, getting over on the easternmost sections of the trail helps bring into perspective just how much work is being done to close the remaining gaps in the OHT. It could also inspire more of us to get involved in efforts to complete the remaining incomplete sections. Regardless, however you choose to spend your time, I encourage everyone to get out and step on the OHT somewhere. 'Tis the season of increased caloric intake, and getting some trail dirt under our boots is a super way to counter the effects of those calories.

May you all be well through this holiday season and find it possible to work in some trail time for yourself and with family and friends. The OHT is calling, so HIKE ONWARD!!

Happy holidays to all!  
Phil Brown

#### LNT Campsite Remediation Project

The joint project with Pack Rat Outdoor Center to conduct campsite remediation will be starting soon. This project involves remediating poorly sited campsites and improving them to better comply with the Principles of Leave No Trace<sup>™</sup>. We conducted a scouting hike last week and have another planned later this month to identify sites to remediate. If you would like to be involved, shoot an email to Chally Sims at Pack Rat ([chally@packratoc.com](mailto:chally@packratoc.com)).

#### Sections Available for Adoption

We have some sections open for adoption. Some sections on the Western end of the trail have recently become available. If you are interested in adopting a section of trail to maintain, check out our website [at this link](#) and let the Maintenance Coordinator know at [ohtmaintenance@gmail.com](mailto:ohtmaintenance@gmail.com).