

Blue Star Trail Friends add two to board

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Nancy Kimble



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Friends of the Blue Star Trail have added local residents Kim Redlin and Nancy Kimble to their 501c3 nonprofit board, which is working to create a 20-mile non-motorized trail linking Saugatuck-Douglas with South Haven.

Redlin, who has ridden her bicycle on four continents, is a marketing and creative strategist with more than 30 years of agency experience in online and offline communications. Originally from Chicago, she now lives in Douglas with her husband Phillip Crump and their standard poodles, Daisy Mae and Beauregard.

Kimble's passion for cycling was a key consideration in her family's recent decision to become Michiganders. She and her husband, Mark, are southern Illinois natives who chose Saugatuck as their retirement home in 2019, in part because of the opportunity to pursue their interests in kayaking, hiking and cycling.

Kimble gained experience in project and operations management during a professional career that included positions in financial services, as an environmental specialist with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, and operations manager for a nonprofit mental health counseling group in Chicago.

"We are thrilled to add Kim and Nancy to our team," said Friends president John Adams, "following the retirement of founder and long-time board member Jeanne VanZoeren.

"Their skills and experience will be put to good use as we hit the ground running following this Covid hiatus," Adams said.

The group waiting for the tri-community study committee to reconvene once its Saugatuck and Douglas city, plus Saugatuck Township government members can turn to their trail duties.

Formed by joint resolution passed by the three neighbor governments in December and January, the committee held its first and only meeting Feb. 26.

In the meantime, the board is exploring route options for the south section of the Trail in South Haven and Casco Township.