New Oak Ridge Map Available. Thanks to our partnership with Explore Oak Ridge we have a map for visitors that points out historic Manhattan Project major points of interest complete with photos and short descriptions.

Park Draft Foundation Document is Now Available for Public Review and Comment through October 10. The document is designed to affirm the park’s core mission and significance, key resources and values, and the interpretive themes that tell its stories. Formally established last November, the park marks the history of the mid-20th-century people, science and events that led to creation of the atomic bomb in the top-secret effort known as the Manhattan Project. Foundation documents are guidance tools individualized for each of the NPS’s 413 units to direct basic park planning and management. The draft is available online for public review and comment at http://parkplanning.nps.gov/Manhattan_Project.

October Dates in MAPR History
- October 21 1939, Lyman J. Briggs convenes the first meeting of the Advisory Committee on Uranium that President Roosevelt established in response to Albert Einstein’s letter.
- October 9 1941, President Roosevelt asks Vannevar Bush to determine the cost of an atomic bomb and explore construction needs with the Army.
- October 19 1942, General Groves establishes a separate scientific laboratory to design the atomic bomb. This became Los Alamos, NM.

Come See Us at the HOLA Festival on Sunday October 22nd in Market Square Mall in downtown Knoxville. The event is a really fun way to celebrate Hispanic culture in East Tennessee.

We will be at the October Sky Festival on Saturday, October 15th in Arrowhead Park, Oliver Springs from 10 am to 5 pm (ET).

Bike with a Ranger on Friday, October 21. Join us on the North Boundary Greenway at 10 am (ET). We will travel from the Turnpike Gatehouse to the George Jones Church in Wheat. Along the way we will discuss the communities that were here prior to Oak Ridge and how the land was used to build the war time production facilities. #BikeYourPark #FindYourPark.

Learn about “Secrecy, Security and Spies” on Saturday October 29 starting at 3 pm (ET) at the Turnpike Gatehouse at 2900 Oak Ridge Turnpike. The program will give some insight to what life was like in Oak Ridge during the Manhattan Project with all the security, the need for secrecy, and ever-present threat of espionage. There is very limited parking so try to carpool if possible.

Saturday & Sunday, December 3rd & 4th is a Special Centennial Partnership Weekend with the Children’s Museum of Oak Ridge with Free Admission. CMOR will also be hosting our Parks in Focus photography exhibit during the month of December.