



# Grover Cleveland Park Conservancy

A Not-for-Profit Organization

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*Dedicated to the maintenance, restoration and enhancement of the Grover Cleveland Park*

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## HALLOWEEN PARADE



The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Fest and Halloween Parade will be Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the playground field (rain date: Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>). Children through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to don their costumes. Volunteers are needed to help run this event. Please contact the GCPC to volunteer.

## FIVE YEARS AND COUNTING!

The GCPC is 5 years old! On June 14, 2001, 18 people came out to start the Grover Cleveland Park Conservancy. The goal was to restore Grover Cleveland Park and improve its safety. Of primary importance to the mothers of young children in the group was replacing the playground; it was the GCPC and Essex County Park System's first major project, completed in 2003.

Over the years the Conservancy has grown to 124 household and business memberships and it has won over \$1.3 million in grants. A large percentage of the restoration objectives we set out to accomplish have been completed! The Essex County Park System has been open to the Conservancy's input and support, and, by working together, all of these improvements have been possible.

The GCPC has run events for the community to raise awareness and bring people into the park. Our mission is not complete, as we have additional maintenance and beautification goals. In 2013 the park will be 100 years old and we want it to be spectacular!

A special thanks and recognition to our 5 year members; you, too, shared the vision and supported the goals.

Bob & Carole Bellasalma	Randy Keenan & Matthew Fox
Bruce & Loren Betros	Michael & Francine Lauri
Richard & Anne Cummings	Diane Mensinger & Lin Wood
Francis & Lisa Garrity	Peter & Caroline Mescia
Gina Garrubbo	Robert & Barbara Vitkowsky
Iva Hemmel	Justus & Suzy von Lengerke

### Our 5 year in-kind donors:

Mark Acquadro, CPA	Rich Rombough, American Tree
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## PILEATED WOODPECKER

This pileated woodpecker was spotted on a tree in the park on May 6<sup>th</sup>, during May Fest. This is the largest woodpecker in the area and possibly a yearlong resident, alternating between the Trotter Tract in Essex Fells and Grover Cleveland Park during different seasons. He makes his home with his mate in a hole in a Sycamore tree near the playground.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Meetings open to the public.

**September 21, 2006**, 7:30 p.m. - **Business Meeting** at the Caldwell Municipal Bldg. Conference Room

**October 19, 2006**, 7:30 p.m. - **Speaker Meeting** at the Pond House in the park. The **Master Gardeners** will present.

**October 28, 2006**, 10:00 a.m. - **Halloween Parade** in the playground field. Open to children 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and younger. Come show off your creation and enjoy some *spooky* fun! Rain date: Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>.

**November 16, 2006**, 7:30 p.m. - **Business Meeting** at the Caldwell Municipal Bldg. Conference Room

**December 21, 2006**, 7:30 p.m. - **Open/Holiday Meeting** at a tasty location to be announced - watch your email.

**January 18, 2007**, 7:30 p.m. - **Open Meeting** at the Caldwell Municipal Bldg. Conference Room

## MESSAGE BOARDS

Thanks to Justus von Lengerke, we can now keep park patrons informed of upcoming events and other information in our new message boards will be located by the pond and playground. Mr. von Lengerke graciously volunteered his time to build these wonderful boards. Be sure to check out the information to keep up to date on what's going on in the park.

## OCTOBER MEETING SPEAKER

The Master Gardeners will be presenting at our October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. They will educate attendees on good gardening techniques. The talk will be accompanied by illustrations and there will be time for questions about gardening, landscaping and pests. The meeting will be in the Pond House at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

## WINTER

Yes, it's time to start thinking about ice skating! We now have a beautifully renovated Pond House with rubberized floors to protect skates and there are cubbies for your gear. The fireplace has been made safer and the bathrooms are all new. Windows in the front of the building provide a warm viewing area.

Won't you join the Skating Committee? We need help clearing snow from the ice and making hot cocoa for chilled skaters on weekends and holidays. Please let us know how you would like to help.

## SUMMER CONCERT

Jersey Sound got the crowd on their feet and singing on August 15<sup>th</sup> at the Essex County Summer Concert in Grover Cleveland Park. Under a perfect summer sky more than 200 people of every generation enjoyed their selections of popular favorites from the 50s through the 80s. Jersey Sound played for 1½ hours and the crowd still wanted more!

GCPC kept everyone cooled with Italian Ice from Gelotti of Caldwell and water donated by Nestlé. Lou Ginefra captured the event on film for posterity.

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### MEMBER: NORTH ESSEX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

In July, the GCPC joined the North Essex Chamber of Commerce. With this membership, we join an established network of business owners and organizations in the North Essex region.

### CLEAN UP SUCCESSFUL

Despite rain on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, about 11 people came out to clean up the park. Much debris was found including household and auto waste. Surprisingly, the tennis courts were very littered with ball can tops and drink bottles. We hope that everyone who uses the park can be conscientious and "take nothing but memories and photographs; leave nothing but footprints." Please help keep nature clean!



### MAY FEST

The first May Fest was on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> on



a perfect spring day. The event was kicked off with the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Pond House with county and local officials present. The Caldwell Environmental Commission awarded students in 3 age categories for their winning posters in the conservation poster contest held in the Caldwell/West Caldwell Schools.

At least 400 people attended and enjoyed seining the pond with the Essex County Environmental Center, visiting with animals from Turtle Back Zoo and learning about turtles from Greg Michales' collection. Richard Boesch delighted the audience with his bagpipe music and the West Caldwell Historical Society shared timeless games from years past. Genesis Farms educated people about organic farming and Richard Rombough identified trees in the park. The children enjoyed making paper plate Frisbees, paper airplanes and huge soap bubbles. Bocce, shuffleboard and horseshoes were demonstrated and the equipment is always available when the Playground House is open. The event planning was chaired by Ginny Stairiker who, among other things, created festive decorations and signage. Kathleen Carrara, Claudia Kolster, Warren Marchioni and Caroline Mescia were integral in the planning, as well. And of course the members and volunteers who worked prior and during the event helped make it all possible. Please see our list of volunteers and contributors on page 3.

The most recent tiles for the Playground House made at Art Hub have been affixed to the walls. Come and find yours.

### PAVERS TO BE INSTALLED

Paver orders received before August 1, 2006 have been placed with the engraver. It will take approximately 10 weeks for delivery. Those who purchased pavers will be notified when they are installed. *Reduced paver pricing continues through November 1. Purchase yours to be included in next year's installation.*

### WORDS OF SUPPORT

"We are enjoying all the improvements to the park. Keep up the fantastic work, and thank you!"  
-April 2006

### POND HOUSE DEDICATION

**2004 GREEN ACRES GRANT:** After years of sharing ideas and almost 2 years of planning, the second phase of Green Acres Grant projects is complete. Safety is always our number one concern with function and beauty following closely. Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. dedicated the newest improvements on May 6<sup>th</sup>.



Director, Essex County Dept. Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Dan Salvante; Engineer from Schoor DePalma Paul Nolan; Scherriff Armando Fontoura; GCPC Trustee Claudia Kolster; Caldwell Councilman Peter Mescia; Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.; GCPC Secretary Kathleen Carrara; GCPC President Caroline Mescia; GCPC V. President Warren Marchioni; Caldwell Council President Susan Gartland; Essex County Chief of Staff Phil Alagia; Donald Shauger, Shauger Property Service

The Pond House received a complete face-lift. Heat was added to the building; rubberized floors, cubbies for skaters' equipment, a new permanent fireplace screen, windows, a cupola and a portico were installed. Bubblers were added to the pond to help circulate the water and the intake was replaced. The ball field was renovated complete with team benches and spectator bleachers. Fence "wings" were installed to protect spectators and players from foul balls.

The upper level received new light stanchions, trash receptacles and benches in keeping with the improvements in the rest of the park. The Shauger Group completed all the improvements.

**2006 GREEN ACRES GRANT:** The GCPC applied for another Green Acres Grant in April 2006 but was rejected due to Green Acres' uncertainty of future funding.

**SPECIAL PURPOSE GRANT:** The GCPC was awarded a \$25,000 grant from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs on June 19<sup>th</sup>. The GCPC was recommended for this grant by Essex County Executive, Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. This grant will be used to remove dangerous trees and limbs from the park. This has been a priority of the GCPC and Essex County for some time now and we are excited to be able to tend to the most hazardous trees. The project will be completed before the end of 2006.

**SUPPORT THE CONSERVANCY***Commemorate The Past, Preserve The Present, Secure The Future*

Make your permanent mark in the park while supporting the mission of the Conservancy.

**Decorate a ceramic tile** at The Art Hub, 345 Bloomfield Avenue in Caldwell to adorn the walls of the Children's House. The tiles are \$20 and fully tax-deductible.



Purchase your **brick paver** to add to the pathway in the playground. We are working toward the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Grover Cleveland Park in 2013; let's all contribute to the beautification of this park!



Please use the order form on the back of this newsletter. Orders received by **August 1, 2007** will be installed in the fall 2007. Pavers

are fully tax-deductible. (order form on back page)

**SPECIAL PAVER PRICING - LIMITED TIME (until 11/1/06)**

**THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS**

Listed are those who volunteered their time and effort from May 1 - August 31, 2006. Without these people, the work that the Conservancy does would not be possible.

Steve Bledsoe	Maryanne Hinkle
Pegeen Butterfield	Nora Kinslow
Grace Collura	Sara Kinslow
Pat Collura	Dave Kolster
Jean Conlon	Leslie List
Richard Cummings	Anne Marchioni
Madeline DeSantis	Cameron Michales
Pam Donovan	Carol Michales
Christine Garrity	Lisa Rosetti
Gina Garrubbo	Paul Stille
Barbara Giglio	Justus von Lengerke
Patty Fost	Suzy von Lengerke
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President, Caroline Mescia '08*	Claudia Wilcke Kolster '07
V. Pres., Warren Marchioni '08	Greg Michales '07
Treasurer, Loren Betros '09	Ginny Stairiker '09
Secretary, Kathleen Carrara '08	Susan Zayas '09
Lisa Garrity, '07	*year term expires

**EDITORS**

Claudia Wilcke Kolster	Caroline Mescia
Suzy von Lengerke	

**IN-KIND DONATIONS (May 1 - August 31, 2006):**

Mark A. Acquadro, CPA	Craig Gasparine, Prime Fabricators
David Alexander, Essex County Environmental Center	Richard Gibbs, historic post cards
John Badagliacca, Esq. and the law firm of Garrity, Graham, Favetta & Flinn	Lou Ginefra, photographer
Bruce Betros, Nestlé	Jefferson School HSA
Richard Boesch, bagpipe	Nat Lewis, art prints
Roxanne Douglas, West Caldwell Historic Society	Greg Michales, turtles
Paula Frisch, David Frisch's photos	Rich Rombough, American Tree Experts
Steve Garfinkel, paper airplanes	Cindy Rubino, The Art Hub
	Vince Sharp, Turtle Back Zoo
	Brad White, J.H. Cohn, LLP
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- ★ James Caldwell Circle (\$2,500+)
- ◆ Olmsted Circle (\$1,000+)
- ☉ Andrew Carnegie Circle (\$500+)
- Lewis Lockward Circle (\$250+)
- ★ Sponsors (\$100+)
- ◇ Donors (\$50+)

**GCPC MEMBERS**

**Bold indicates donations received May 1 - August 31, 2006**

- Adams, Sam & Suzanne
- ★ Aharrah, Donald & Mary
- ◇ Albano, Nick & Anne
- Albano, Rick & Kathy
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- Weiss, Jay & Joan
- West Essex Woman's Club
- ◇ White, Brad & Ellie
- Witt, Penny
- Zayas, Jeff & Susan

**CORPORATE MATCHES**

- ◇ Business Wire
- ★ Tennant Foundation

**GIFT****Given By:**

- ◆ Lovell, Robert & Barbara

**In Honor Of:**

Justus & Suzy von Lengerke

**PURCHASE A BRICK TO PAVE THE FUTURE**

The Playground Pavers form a lovely path for easy access for all to the playground. In snowy and muddy conditions, the playground is accessible to kids of all ages! Make sure you are included in the walkway! Orders placed before August 1, 2007 will be installed in the fall 2007.

Personalized Playground Pavers are a great way to honor your kids, spouse, grandparents or even your four-legged family members! Give as a gift!

**Paver choices**

<p><b>8 x 8 Inch Paver</b> 6 lines, 20 characters per line - \$100 or 4 lines, 20 characters per line with clip art - \$115</p>	<p><b>4 x 8 Inch Paver</b> 3 lines, 20 characters per line - \$50 or 3 lines, 12 characters per line with clip art - \$60</p>	<p><b>1 1/4 x 3 Inch Replica</b> Keep or give this miniature paver replica as a memento. \$25</p>
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7	8	9	10	11	12

When filling out the following information for your paver, use only one character per space. You can use a **maximum of 20 characters per line**. Spaces and punctuation are considered a character.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	

If you are interested in using your company logo on the 8 x 8 inch paver, please call us for special pricing.

Paver Size	Clip Art #	Clip Art Price	Paver Price	Total
4x8		\$10	\$50	
8x8		\$15	\$100	
Replica			\$25	
<b>TOTAL</b>				

Please make checks payable to: GCPC - Paver Fund

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to Grover Cleveland Park Conservancy, PO Box 203, Caldwell, NJ 07006

**Support  
The Grover Cleveland Park Conservancy!**

**Please Join Us!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Check if your contact information has changed.

**Annual Membership Levels:**

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Member                      | <input type="checkbox"/> I'd like to volunteer                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50+ Donor                      | <input type="checkbox"/> I'd like to receive email communication      |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500+ Andrew Carnegie Circle    |   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,500+ James Caldwell Circle   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000+ Grover Cleveland Circle |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                      |   |

I have enclosed my employer's matching gift form.

Donations are tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law  
 Note: Donations of \$20 or more entitle you to a GCPC Annual Membership.

**Please make checks payable to:**

Grover Cleveland Park Conservancy

**Send to:** P.O. Box 203  
Caldwell, NJ 07006

**You can also contact us at:**

973-618-9154 or gcpc@molink.com

**LOCATION**

Grover Cleveland Park is located in Caldwell along Brookside Avenue and in Essex Fells along Runnymede Road.



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