



# 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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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Get out and enjoy the park! Regardless of temperature, there is always something to do in the park – walk, check out winter bark and berries or skate when the pond is frozen!

Since 2001 the Grover Cleveland Park Conservancy has been working with Essex County to make the park safer, more fun, and of course more beautiful! There are 9 people each year – the Trustees (there are 3 terms that rotate each year), that have made these improvements a reality. Also, the GCPC has run events which the Trustees plan and host with the help of volunteers. This year's Trustees are (as pictured): Caroline Mescia 2001-2007, Lisa Garrity 2001-2007, Kathleen Carrara 2005 – 2007, Claudia Kolster 2005 – 2007, Ginny Stairiker 2006 – 2007, Susan Zayas 2006 – 2007, Paul Boeckel 2007, Loren Betros 2003 – 2007, and Warren Marchioni 2005 – 2007. We are all volunteers.



The current and past Trustees have worked hard to help design and manage the improvements to Grover Cleveland Park. There is still more to be done and the leadership needs to remain strong. We need to identify people who are willing to help lead the GCPC and who are willing to be called upon to help with tasks and events. We had to cancel the Halloween Parade this year because we did not have the manpower to organize and run this event. The Conservancy's mission is to enhance the park. Since a few people work so hard for the parade and there is very little financial return, our energies are used up on the parade and we cannot, therefore focus on beautifying the park. If we were to collaborate with another community group or if others would step up to the planning of this and other events, we could reinstate them.

### ANNUAL MEETING

February 21, 2008 – save the date! Please come to the Annual Meeting. We will review 2007 and plan for 2008. There will be 3 new Trustees elected and we will discuss the formation of a leadership committee briefly outlined in the President's Letter. Please come share your talent!

Are you willing to be part of a larger leadership board – more active than a general member but less active than a Trustee? This board would consist of members that would meet twice yearly to discuss the direction and goals of the GCPC. The Trustees would be elected from this group of people. Also, this board would help us identify volunteers and project leaders. We will vote on the formation of this board at the February Annual Meeting. Please share your thoughts about this new initiative. The GCPC needs new energy to continue to improve the park and offer great community events.

Thank you and please help us continue to keep Grover Cleveland Park beautiful and safe!

-Caroline Mescia

### 2008 ICE SKATING SEASON

*CALLING ALL ABLE-BODIED PERSONS WITH SOME TIME AND ENERGY TO HELP MAINTAIN THE ICE  
email or call GCPC to volunteer!*

The 2008 skating season will be upon us soon! Calling all able-bodied people to help with ice maintenance! Also needed are people to serve cocoa on the weekends and holidays. Please let us know of your willingness to be a part of one of the area's favorite winter activities.



Pat Flaherty of North Caldwell captured this scene of skaters on the pond last February. The painting is oil on canvas and is 9x12 inches unframed. It is framed 12x15". Ms. Flaherty is offering the painting to the membership of the GCPC. If you are

interested in owning this piece of park art, please contact her at [pflaher14@aol.com](mailto:pflaher14@aol.com) or 973-228-9729.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Meetings open to the public.

**January 17, 2008**, 7:30 p.m. – **Business Meeting** at the Caldwell Municipal Bldg. Conference Room.

**February 28, 2008**, 7:30 p.m. – **ANNUAL Meeting** at the Caldwell Municipal Bldg. Conference Room.

**March 20, 2008**, 7:30 p.m. – **Business Meeting** at the Caldwell Municipal Bldg. Conference Room.

### FIVE YEAR MEMBERS

The following people have been committed to helping to improve Grover Cleveland Park for five years! They joined the Conservancy a year after it was formed in 2002. We thank them for their continued and generous support!

Aharrah, Donald & Mary  
Albano, Nick & Anne  
Calvert, Barbara  
Cane, Linda  
Casagrand, Eleanor  
Cass, Richard & Kathleen  
Edge, William & Johanna  
Halprin, Arthur & Doris  
Justice, James & Mary

Marchioni, Warren & Ann  
Mensingher, Diane & Lin Wood  
Michelsen, John & Debbie  
Mingle, Maureen  
Sorell, Jerry & Susan  
Stewart, Charles & Connie  
Ucko, Masako  
Vogelsang, Thomas & Jane  
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### OCTOBER MEETING - BEARS

Bears in West Essex? Not inconceivable. Michelle Ruggiero, a representative of the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife, spoke about bears in New Jersey at the October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the GCPC. She outlined how bears, the state, were once But with females two years, the growing. Each male of "home range" square miles. In the range, some bears backyards. To



returning to neighborhoods, Ms. Ruggiero suggested not having trash available for foraging bears and *do not* feed them - ever. They are habitual and will return for free food. She also pointed out that black bears (in shades from black to tan) are not like grizzlies - they do not attack as their first line of defense. They are scared of people and noises - so if you encounter a bear, wave your arms and make lots of noise and move away slowly - remember bears can always outrun and out-climb you!

### SUMMER CONCERT

**Jersey Sound** was a hit once again on August 14<sup>th</sup> performing their selection of popular music from the 50s through the 80s in the field by the pond. A large crowd enjoyed singing along or just enjoying their friends and a cold Italian ice. Jersey Sound performed as part of Essex County's Summer Concert series. This is a treat looked forward to each year.



### LANDSCAPE & GROUNDS

Due to the nurseries' reduced stocks of trees and shrubs this fall, the planting of the Gould Street triangle garden and other planting initiatives will be postponed until the early spring.

The gardens near the pond were weeded and pruned in October by volunteers. Special thanks to those who endured unusually hot conditions: Carol & Paul Boeckel, Richard Cummings, Claudia Kolster, Joe McCann, Caroline Mescia, Guralp & Kashmir Singh, Suzy von Lengerke.

### 2007 BRICKS INSTALLED!

On a chilly November 11<sup>th</sup> a small group of volunteers placed 50 new engraved pavers in the playground walkway. Paul Boeckel, Francis and Lisa Garrity, Caroline Mescia, Greg Michales, and Kashmir Singh removed blank bricks and placed the newest additions into the walkway. Two stone cutters were at work making space for the 8x8" bricks. If you ordered a brick in the last year, please stop by the playground to see your brick. Thank you for your donation and support of the improvements to Grover Cleveland Park.

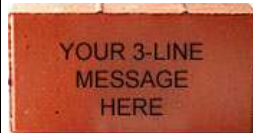
### DATE ON YOUR LABEL

The date on your address label is the date of your last donation. If a year has passed, please renew your membership. If there is no date on your label, you have received a complimentary newsletter. Please make a donation to support the work of the Conservancy and to continue to receive news of the Grover Cleveland Park. We gladly accept your employer's matching gift. Continue to support the GCPC! Renew your yearly membership: \$20 per household.

### 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.



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, 2008** will be installed in the fall 2008. Pavers are fully tax-deductible. (order form on back page)

### LIGHTS OUT?

If you notice any lights out in the park, please feel free to contact PSE&G with this information. All you need is the number on the light stanchion and the general location. You can enter this information on their web site: [pseg.com](http://pseg.com); then click on the "Town/City" option under "PSE&G Customer Service;" then click on "Report a Streetlight Outage." Or you can call: 1-800-436-PSEG (7734). Everyone can help!

### THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS

Listed are those who volunteered their time and effort from July 16 - November 30, 2007. Without these people, the work that the Conservancy does would not be possible.

Carol Boeckel  
Richard Cummings  
Jeanette DePalma Brand  
Michael Friedman  
Francis Garrity

Joe McCann  
Jacqueline Mescia  
Perry Mescia  
Greg Michales  
Suzy von Lengerke  
Lisa Wong

### NOTE CARDS AVAILABLE

Note cards of scenes of Grover Cleveland Park are available for purchase. Ten cards and envelopes is \$15. Each package has 2 cards each of five different seasonal scenes of the park taken by the late Dr. David Frisch. These make wonderful gifts! Contact GCPC to purchase.



### TRUSTEES

President, Caroline Mescia '08*	Paul Boeckel, '10
V. Pres., Claudia Kolster '10	Lisa Garrity, '10
Treasurer, Loren Betros '09	Warren Marchioni '08
Secretary, Ginny Stairiker '09	Susan Zayas '09
Kathleen Carrara '08	*year term expires

### EDITORS

Claudia Wilcke Kolster Caroline Mescia  
Suzy von Lengerke

**GCPC MEMBERS**

**Bold** indicates donations received July 16 - November 30, 2007

- ★ Aharrah, Donald & Mary
- ◇ **Alagia, Philip & Anmarie**
- ◇ Albano, Nick & Anne
- ◇ Albano, Rick & Kathy
- ◇ Beaumont, John & Jeri
- ◇ Bellasalma, Robert & Carole
- ◇ Berisso, Jane
- ★ **Batista, Michele**
- ★ Betros, Bruce & Loren
- ★ **Blumberg, Irene**
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- ★ **Brady, Leo & Rosemary**
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- ★ **Caplan, Joel & Nancy**
- ★ Carrara, Doug & Kathleen
- ◇ Casagrand, Eleanor
- ★ **Cass, Richard & Kathleen**
- ★ **Conti, James & Laura**
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- ◇ Cummings, Richard & Anne
- ◇ Curley, Jeff & Carolyne
- ★ **Dassing, Ann**
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- ★ Dell, Amy
- ◇ DeSantis, Madeline
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- ★ Edge, William & Johanna
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- ◇ Essex Fells, Borough of
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- ◇ French, Gaylord & Marlene
- ◇ Garrity, Francis & Lisa
- ★ Garrubbo, Gina
- ★ Garson, Donald & Sally
- ★ Gartland, Thomas & Susan
- ◇ Gilbreth, David
- ◇ Glazier, Gwen
- **Goldstein, Neil & Joyce**
- ◇ Gooney, Pee
- ★ **Halprin, Arthur & Doris**
- ◇ **Hinkel, Robert & Maryanne**
- ◇ Justice, James & Mary
- ◇ Kagan, Stanley & Rhonda
- ◇ Keenan, Randy & Matthew Fox
- ◇ Kent, Greg & Phyllis
- ◇ Kinzel, Phil & Eleanor
- ◇ Kocornik, Richard & Maryann
- ◇ Kolster, David & Claudia
- ◇ Kramer, Sybil
- ◇ **Kuczberski, Anthony & Roxanne**
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- ◇ Kummle, Elisa
- ◇ **Lally, Tim & Kathleen**
- ◇ List, Peter & Leslie
- ◇ **Marchioni, Warren & Ann**
- ◇ **McCann, Jay & Karen**
- ◇ **McCann, J.P. & Ellen**
- ◇ **McFadden, Joe & Mary**
- ◇ McGann, Ethel
- ◇ McNamara, Liz
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- ◇ Mescia, Peter & Caroline
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- ★ Pak, Kristin
- ◇ **Pirozzi, Michael & Jenny**
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- ◇ Rollins, Matt
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- ◇ Youderian, John & Jane
- ◇ **Vitkowsky, Robert & Barbara**
- ★ **Vogelsang, Thomas & Jane**
- ◇ von Lengerke, Justus & Suzy
- ★ **Wefferling & Co., CPAs, LLC**
- ★ **Weiss, Jay & Joan**
- ◇ West Essex Woman's Club
- ◇ White, Charles & Alison
- ◇ Woods, Greg
- ◇ Zayas, Jeff & Susan

**CORPORATE MATCH**

- The New York Times

**GIFT**

- In Honor Of:  
Leyla Sadighi
- In Memory Of:  
Barbara Calvert

- Given By:  
Sheila Sadighi
- 
- Janet Calvert

**IN-KIND DONATIONS (July 16 - November 30, 2007):**

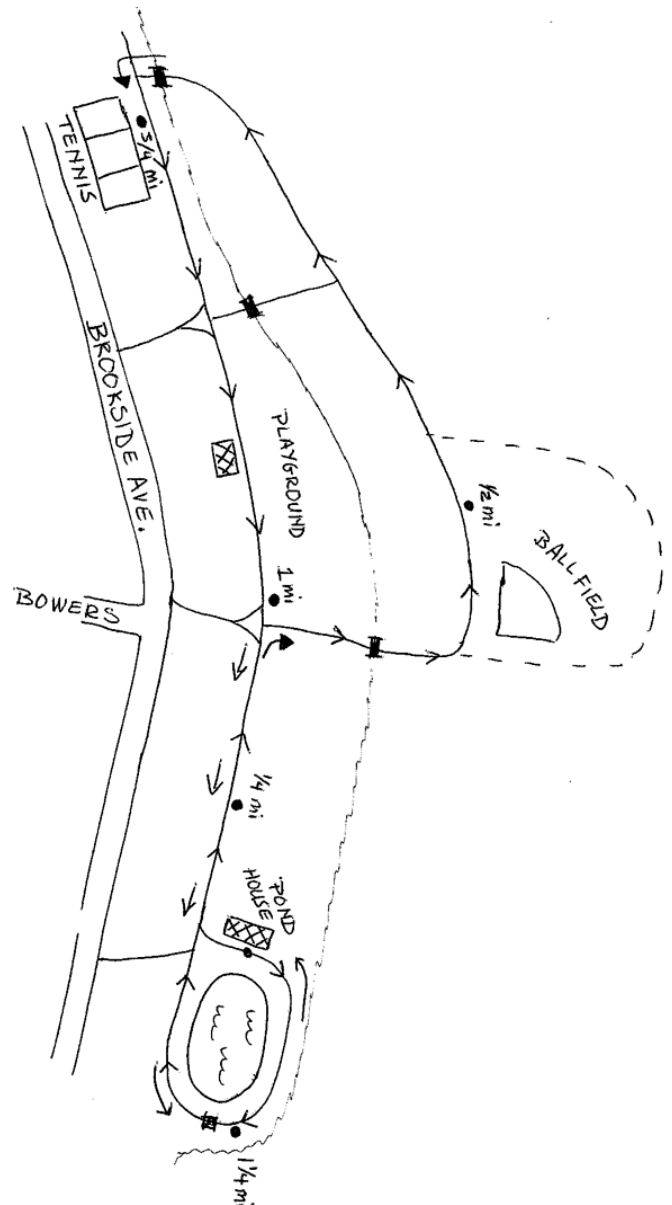
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| Mark A. Acquadro, CPA   | Rich Rombough, American Tree Experts |
| John Badagliacca, Esq. and the law firm of Garrity, Graham, Favetta & Flinn | Sister Veritas, Genesis Farms        |
| Vince Sharp, Turtle Back Zoo  | Vila Meats                           |
|   | West Essex Building Supply, Co.      |

**GIVING LEVELS**

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ⊕ James Caldwell Circle (\$2,500+) | ■ Lewis Lockward Circle (\$250+) |
| ◆ Olmsted Circle (\$1,000+)        | ★ Sponsors (\$100+)              |
| ⊗ Andrew Carnegie Circle (\$500+)  | ◇ Donors (\$50+)                 |

**RUNNING/WALKING PATH**

Ever wonder how much exercise you're getting in Grover Cleveland Park? Below is our map with distances. There are brick mile markers every quarter mile along the right side of the path (except for the 1 mile marker which is on the left side at the Bowers Rd. path). Starting point is at the pond house, around the pond and then follow the arrows. End back at the pond house after going around the pond. The distance is 1.33 miles; it is 1.39 miles if route passes around the outside of the ball field.















**PURCHASE A BRICK TO PAVE THE FUTURE**

The Playground Pavers form a lovely path for easy access for all to the playground. Make sure the names of your loved ones or your company is included in the walkway! Orders placed before August 1, 2008 will be installed in the fall 2008.

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**

<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	<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	<b>1 1/4 x 3 Inch Replica</b> Keep or give this miniature paver replica as a memento. \$25
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<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b> 	<b>3</b> 	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b> 	<b>6</b> 
<b>7</b> 	<b>8</b> 	<b>9</b> 	<b>10</b> 	<b>11</b> 	<b>12</b> 

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



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 The Grover Cleveland Park Conservancy!**

**Please Join Us!**

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Check if your contact information has changed.

**Annual Membership Levels:**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <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      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100+ Sponsor                   | <input type="checkbox"/> I'd like to receive the newsletter via email |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$250+ Lewis Lockward Circle     |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500+ Andrew Carnegie Circle    |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000+ Olmsted Circle          |   |
| <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.