



Grover Cleveland Park Conservancy

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

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WHITE TAILED DEER & THE SUBURBAN LANDSCAPE

Carole A. Kandoth, principal wildlife biologist for NJ Bureau of Wildlife Management, gave a talk on the problem of the white tailed deer in suburban areas of the state to an interested audience in the pond house on April 19th. Kandoth related how the state protected deer from being hunted 100 years ago because they had become endangered. After a determined re-stocking of the species by the state, deer populations re-bounded and they became well established by the 1950s and hunting resumed.

Land development has actually favored the growth of deer populations as suburban backyards provide protection from hunters as well as offer a bountiful feast of plant life. Since they are so well nourished, they reproduce faster than deer without the suburban buffet. Deer have some food preferences but when they are hungry, they will consume nearly anything green. Kandoth discussed the various devices to keep deer from the suburbanite's doorstep, but none of them are guaranteed except for encircling gardens and favorite plants with fencing. She pointed out that deer can jump up to 6 feet from a standing position so that the fence had better be high.

Since deer have no predators in Essex County, hunting is limited and the deer diets are so healthful, they will continue to multiply unchecked, wreaking havoc on the suburban landscape.

There will be another speaker at the October meeting. Topic to be announced.

2007 ICE SKATING SEASON

Skating and outdoor enthusiasts enjoyed skating on the pond at Grover Cleveland Park from January 27th - February 13th. This was the first winter that the newly renovated pond house was used. Chilly skaters warmed themselves by the fire and enjoyed cocoa provided by the GCPC. The ice was refreshed twice by the Essex Fells and Caldwell Fire Departments. They combined efforts to glaze the surface with a fresh coat of water. Also, the Essex Fells skating pond committee members lent a hand with snow removal.



Meghan Steckler, Jacqueline Mescia & Erin Steckler

Please let us know of your willingness to join our skating or cocoa committees for the winter of 2007/2008.

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER PAVERS IN 2007!



Order your paver by August 1st for installation this fall! Be a part of the paver walkway in the playground - support improvements in Grover Cleveland Park!

Order form on back of newsletter.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Meetings open to the public.

July 19, 2007, 7:30 p.m. - **Trustee Meeting**

August 14, 2007, 7:00 p.m. - **Summer Concert - Jersey Sound** in the field by the pond.

September 20, 2007, 7:30 p.m. - **Business Meeting** at the Caldwell Municipal Bldg. Conference Room.

October 18, 2007, 7:30 p.m. - **Speaker Meeting** at the Pond House in the Park. Topic to be announced.

November 15, 2007, 7:30 p.m. - **Business Meeting** at the Caldwell Municipal Bldg. Conference Room.

SUMMER CONCERT!

Jersey Sound will once again delight locals with their selection of popular music from the 50s through the 80s on **August 14th at 7:00 p.m.** in the field by the pond. The audience was singing and dancing along with the group last year; an equally fun time is expected this year! Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy the music with your family and friends.



ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Report was reviewed and accepted at the Annual Meeting on February 15th. The GCPC had a successful 2006 and looks forward to more projects in 2007 - primarily projects to improve the landscape of the park. At this meeting three Trustees were elected for 3-year terms: Paul Boeckel, Lisa Garrity and Claudia Kolster, all of Caldwell. Also, the new officers were elected for 1-year terms: President - Caroline Mescia, Vice President - Claudia Kolster, Treasurer - Loren Betros, and Secretary - Virginia Stairiker.

STORY TIME WITH CALDWELL LIBRARY

Grover Cleveland Park Conservancy, in conjunction with Caldwell Library, presented "Story Time in the Park". Story Time was held in the 2004 renovated Children's House in a two-part series for children aged three to five. Over 30 children attended each session.

The theme of the first session on May 10th was flowers. Children listened to stories and participated in songs. All Children made and decorated handprint flowers to take home.

The theme of the second session on May 24th was bugs. Children used a caterpillar puppet and acted out the book "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle. All children colored and assembled caterpillars to spell their names.

Deborah Khost from Caldwell Library conducted both sessions.

HALLOWEEN PARADE



There will be no Halloween Parade this year. Please help us spread the word.



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LANDSCAPE & GROUNDS

Following the winter tree pruning and removal, Trees, Inc. of East Hanover returned to the Park in April for some additional clean-up. They cleared brush and removed small dead trees from the hillside along Brookside Avenue (between the Bowers Rd. and Gould St. entrances). This additional project further contributes to the revitalization and safety of the park. Funding for this additional work was through donations received by the Conservancy.

Diseased pine trees in the triangle at the Gould Street entrance were removed as part of the winter tree removal and pruning job. The Conservancy will replant this area by the fall with trees and shrubs that will provide seasonal interest. Additionally, the Conservancy will be planting 2 commemorative trees in honor of the late Jonathan Forsell and Dr. David Frisch. Two ornamental trees will also be added to the Playground.

Many of our planned planting initiatives were delayed due to the heavy rainfall and Nor'easter this spring. Planting is planned for this fall with assistance from the county.

Gardens: The Daisy and 3rd Grade Brownie troops from Washington School generously donated and planted annuals in the Turtle Garden by the playground in time for May Fest. Many thanks to the girls, Daisy Leaders: Diane Joy and Pegeen Butterfield, and Brownie Leaders: Marilyn Nash and Maryann Campion!

The perennials planted last year in this garden are coming back nicely. The Conservancy would welcome any volunteers who would like to assist with weeding, pruning and maintenance of the gardens.

Grounds: In mid-May, the Conservancy provided the county with a map and work-scope for various items of improvement throughout the park. As of this date, many of the items have been completed. The county has re-graded the picnic area with topsoil, repaired hazardous wash-out by the ball field, painted the building at the tennis court (to eliminate graffiti), and completed a major re-grading of topsoil in the Gould Street triangle in preparation for future planting.

CHILDREN'S HOUSE TILES

The tiles that adorn the walls of the Children's House in Grover Cleveland Park represent many years of children's art. At this year's May Fest, attendees took advantage of their last chance to paint a tile to hang in the Children's House. Don Nose of Platypus Pottery at Riker Hill Art Park in Livingston brought supplies and assisted children. More than 50 additional tiles were painted by aspiring artists.

After the tiles are glazed, volunteers will attach the tiles to the Children's House walls this summer. Anyone interested in helping with affixing the tiles, please contact the GCPC. This marks the end of a fun and successful fundraiser for the Grover Cleveland Park Conservancy. Thanks to all who have helped over these past four years.

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.

MAY FEST



The Grover Cleveland Conservancy hosted the



2nd May Fest in Grover Cleveland Park on May 5th. This was another successful event with over 400 people in attendance enjoying a beautiful day at the park. The event kicked off at 1:00 p.m. with the dedication of the new flag and flag pole by the pond led by American Legion Post #185 of Caldwell. Carl Erickson of Verona played the bugle and Richard Boesch performed patriotic bag pipe music after the flag was raised.

Free tattoos, visor decorating, paper airplane demonstrations and making a potted plant with the Essex County Master Gardeners were some of the activities offered. Children learned about small critters from Vince Sharp of Turtle Back Zoo. Everyone was able to visit Seeing Eye Puppies with 4-H and learn about honey bees from Joe Lelinho of Hilltop Honey. Genesis Farms shared gardening and organic food tips and the Essex County Environmental Center seined the pond for everyone to discover what lives in the pond. Children searched for shark teeth and small shells in a fossil dig and were able to take home their treasures.

Hot dogs and refreshments were available for purchase. The hot dogs were donated by Vila Meats and the grill was provided by Essex Falls Fire Department. Lou Ginefra captured the event for posterity on film.

The Grover Cleveland Park Conservancy thanks their creative and hard-working planners: Kathleen Cararra (Event Chairperson), Ginny Stairiker, Claudia Kolster, Caroline Mescia, Warren Marchioni, Lisa Garrity, and Loren Betros; and the many flexible volunteers without whom we could not function!

WORDS OF SUPPORT

Jan. 1: "Please accept the enclosed contribution for your valuable work tending the Grover Cleveland Park. I have walked throughout the park for the last 20 years, and have been very impressed with the improvements recently made in the park. Good work!"

Feb. 15: "Thanks for all your hard work! It really makes a difference!"

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 100th 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)



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; 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 January 1 - July 15, 2007. Without these people, the work that the Conservancy does would not be possible.

4 th grade Girl Scout troop - Jefferson School, Caldwell	Bob Farley
Casey Aspray	Amanda Felten
Donna Badach	Tara Felten
Bruce Betros	Patty Fost
Steve Bledsoe	Christine Garrity
Pegeen Butterfield	David Kolster
Doug Carrara	Leslie List
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Madeline DeSantis	Barbara Pucciarello
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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 Dr. David Frisch. These make wonderful gifts! Contact GCPC to purchase.

**IN-KIND DONATIONS** (January 1 - July 15, 2007):

Mark A. Acquadro, CPA	Steve Garfinkle, paper airplanes
David Alexander, Essex County Environmental Center	Claudia Kolster, Essex County Master Gardeners
American Legion Post #185	Joe Lelinho, Hilltop Honey
John Badagliacca, Esq. and the law firm of Garrity, Graham, Favetta & Flinn	Don Nose, Platypus Pottery
Bruce Betros, Nestlé	Rich Rombough, American Tree Experts
Richard Boesch, bagpipe	Vince Sharp, Turtle Back Zoo
Caldwell Fire Department	Sister Veritas, Genesis Farms
Essex Fells Fire Department	Vila Meats
4H Seeing Eye Puppy Project of Essex County	West Essex Building Supply, Co.

GIVING LEVELS

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

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Bold indicates donations received January 1 - July 15, 2007

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◇ Ewing, Edith	◇ Slater, Todd &
Feldman, Stuart & Jackie Davidson	★ Slattery, Michael & Kay
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◇ Kent, Greg & Phyllis	Woods, Greg
◇ Kinkle, Jeffery & Jane	◇ Zayas, Jeff & Susan

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★ Tennant Foundation

GIFT

Given By:
Sheila Sadighi

In Honor Of:
Leyla Sadighi













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

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

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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	
TOTAL				

Please make checks payable to: GCPC - Paver Fund

Name: _____
 Address: _____
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 Phone: _____ Email: _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Member | <input type="checkbox"/> I'd like to volunteer |
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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.

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You can also contact us at:

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LOCATION

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