



Grover Cleveland Park Conservancy

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

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ANNUAL MEETING

February 15, 2007

Are you looking to get more involved with the Grover Cleveland Park Conservancy? Perhaps you'd like to join the Board of Trustees! We're always looking for fresh faces and fresh, new ideas. The Trustee term is 3 years. Officers are chosen from the Board of Trustees and their terms are 1 year. The Board meets once a month and is responsible for upholding and driving our mission. Please contact the Conservancy at 973-618-9154 or gcpc@molink.com to nominate yourself or a friend.

TREE MAINTENANCE COMPLETE!

During the last two weeks of December, dead and dangerous trees and branches were removed from the recreational areas of the Grover Cleveland Park. Specifically, trees along the walking paths, in the picnic grove, in the playground and around the ball field were tended to. In all, over 50 trees were removed and over 50 trees were pruned.

This project was made possible with funding from a Special Purpose Grant from the State of New Jersey and with private donations to the Grover Cleveland Park Conservancy. Trees, Inc. of East Hanover completed the job as specified. They removed all debris from the project and left the park looking very much nicer.

This project has been a top priority of the Conservancy since its inception. However, since tree maintenance and removal is expensive, the job could not be completed until there was enough funding available. The Board of Trustees is pleased that the Conservancy was able to make such a worthy contribution to park.

MESSAGE BOARDS

The message boards have now been up since September. They are an effective way to get information to park patrons and answer frequently asked questions. Thanks again to Justus von Lengerke for building these and to the county for installing them. Once again we are reminded of the effectiveness of volunteers and the county working together.



FALL GARDENING

On November 30th, Kathleen Carrara, Claudia Kolster, Warren Marchioni and Caroline Mescia prepared the triangle garden for winter. They planted daffodils and crocuses that were donated by the West Caldwell Women's Club. In addition, they weeded the gardens in the pond vicinity. The county had pruned back the butterfly bushes.



Warren Marchioni, Kathleen Carrara, Caroline Mescia, Claudia Kolster

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Meetings open to the public.

February 15, 2007, 8:00 p.m. - **Annual Meeting** at the Caldwell Municipal Bldg. Conference Room.

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

April 19, 2007, 7:30 p.m. - **Speaker Meeting** at the Pond House in the Park. Topic to be announced.

May 5, 2007, 10:00 a.m. - **May Fest** in the park. Come play games and learn about nature in the park.

May 17, 2007, 7:30 p.m. - **Business Meeting** at the Caldwell Municipal Bldg. Conference Room.

June 21, 2007, 7:30 p.m. - **Open Meeting** at the Caldwell Municipal Bldg. Conference Room.

WINTER

We're hoping for cold weather to produce thick ice on the pond. Now that the Pond House is renovated it is even more welcoming to skaters. In the event of snow, we need volunteers to help remove the snow from the ice within the first day. Can you help? Do you have an ATV we can attach a plow? Or do you have a snow blower? Or our last resort is people-powered shovels. Please provide us with your name if we can call on you to assist with snow removal!

Also, we would like to offer hot cocoa on weekends and holidays. Are you available to help with this? Please let us know. The skaters really appreciate this treat.

HALLOWEEN PARADE



The 6th Annual Fall Fest and Halloween Parade in Grover Cleveland Park hosted by the Grover Cleveland Park Conservancy on



October 29th was another successful event. Over 200 children enjoyed the festivities despite the very windy conditions. The children enjoyed games in the field, crafts in the Children's House; they were entertained by music provided by **Danny Duca** (who gave GCPC a discount for his services), and spooky stories were read by librarians from the **Caldwell Library**.

Refreshments were available compliments of **Jack's Foodtown**, **Manhattan Bagels** and **Starbucks** of Livingston. **Lou Ginefra** captured the event for posterity on film.

Materials for the photo backdrop were generously discounted by **Fairfield Farms** in Fairfield. Digital photos of costumed children were available for \$5 as a GCPC fundraiser. The GCPC gave each parade participant a medal for their costume and a goody bag. Some of the contents of the goody bags were donated by **Nestlé, Inc.** and **Gigi's House** in Totowa. Extra goody bags were donated to the Harrison School in West Caldwell for their "Trunk 'n Treat."

The Grover Cleveland Park Conservancy thanks their creative and hard-working planners: Ginny Stairiker, Kathleen Carrara, Caroline Mescia, Claudia Kolster, Loren Betros, Elizabeth Van Nice, and Suzy von Lengerke; their donors and many flexible volunteers. We look forward to October 27th, 2007!

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COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Once again, Grover Cleveland Park was the recipient of a community service project. TJ Stille spent hours in the park collecting trash in October to fulfill his community service project hours for his confirmation. Matthew Garrity assisted. They focused on the woods between the baseball field and picnic grove where it was the most heavily littered. We really appreciate any help people lend to the park.

Please help maintain the park between clean-ups by disposing of your trash and pet waste properly.

OCTOBER MEETING SPEAKER

Joan Gorman of the Essex County Master Gardeners spoke on container and shade gardening at the October 19th meeting in the Pond House. If you have an area of interest or have an idea for a presenter for our April meeting, please let us know.



MAY FEST

The second May Fest will be on May 5th with a rain date of May 6th. We will plan a similar event to last year's with various environmental, educational and fun activities. We need help planning the event and determining what to include. If you have just one idea for a booth, please share it! Planning meeting will start soon.



RED TAILED HAWK

Some neighbors of the park have spotted a red tailed hawk in the area. On November 30th while gardening, Warren Marchioni spotted it perched upon a Sycamore tree by the pond. This beautiful bird is but another example of the wildlife attracted to the open spaces of the Grover Cleveland Park.



PAVERS INSTALLED

Paver orders that were received by GCPC before August 1st, 2006 have been installed. Please visit the playground to find yours! If you haven't ordered a paver yet, you can still order yours to be installed by the fall 2007.

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; 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!

THE 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: only \$20 per household. Donations are fully tax-deductible.

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)



THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

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

Casey Aspray	Maribel Guzman
Bruce Betros	James Haas
Carol Boeckel	Dave Kolster
Paul Boeckel	Diane Mensinger
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Christine Garrity	Elizabeth Van Nice
Gina Garrubbo	Jeff Zayas
Sophia Garrubbo	

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EDITORS

Claudia Wilcke Kolster Caroline Mescia
Suzy von Lengerke

IN-KIND DONATIONS (September 1 - December 31, 2006):

Mark A. Acquadro, CPA	Sal & Joyce Francavilla, Fairfield Farms
John Badagliacca, Esq. and the law firm of Garrity, Graham, Favetta & Flinn	Manhattan Bagels
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Danny Duca	Cindy Rubino, The Art Hub
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GCPC MEMBERS

Bold indicates donations received September 1 - December 31, 2006

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In Honor Of:

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| ◆ Olmsted Circle (\$1,000+) | ★ Sponsors (\$100+) |
| ⊗ Andrew Carnegie Circle (\$500+) | ✧ Donors (\$50+) |













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>8 x 8 Inch Paver 6 lines, 20 characters per line - \$100 or 4 lines, 20 characters per line with clip art - \$115</p>	<p>4 x 8 Inch Paver 3 lines, 20 characters per line - \$50 or 3 lines, 12 characters per line with clip art - \$60</p>	<p>1 1/4 x 3 Inch Replica Keep or give this miniature paver replica as a memento. \$25</p>
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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: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

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



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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 |
| <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:

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

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.

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