



Grover Cleveland Park Conservancy

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

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WINTER IS HERE!

Winter is here in Grover Cleveland Park! Come enjoy the solitude of the park blanketed in snow. Enjoy building a snow man for all to enjoy or cross country ski. If the weather cooperates, we can expect skating. Please – DO NOT SKATE unless Essex County has deemed the ice safe – a sign will be out and the building will be open. Also, please discourage others from throwing debris on the ice or in anyway damaging it – this makes for an uneven, unsafe skating surface. Also, dog owners should continue to pick up after their dogs. The snow only hides their droppings until it melts! Enjoy all that winter has to offer in the park – crocuses should be appearing before we know it!

ANNUAL MEETING

February 19, 2009

Do you have energy and new ideas? Do you love the park and nature? We need to fill three Trustee positions at our next Annual Meeting on **February 19th**. If you would like a little bit more involved, without the monthly commitment, please consider a position on the Advisory Board. All are welcome at this meeting to discuss the GCPC accomplishments for 2008 and plans for 2009.

LANDSCAPE & GROUNDS

Coming soon to the park will be a splash of color along the brook! The GCPC planned the planting of forty-five cherry trees funded by Green Acres and Essex County. The trees planted on November 28, 2008 line the length of the brook from the pond to the Westville Avenue entrance. Three different varieties of cherry trees were planted: Kwanzen, Weeping Higan and Yoshino.



Two Japanese Bloodgood Maples were planted by the Bowers Road entrance. These were planted using the remaining funds from the Starbucks grant that funded the playground gate.

Additionally, in the spring three more trees will be planted. One will be placed in the Gould Street entrance garden, and two commemorative trees on the hillside along Brookside Avenue will honor Jonathan Forsell, Essex County Master Gardner, and Dr. David Frisch, GCPC friend and photographer.

The West Essex Women's Club donated daffodils that will delight us in the spring.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Discover the Trees!

Peter Nikel, a scout with Troop 9 of West Caldwell, has chosen Grover Cleveland Park as the location for his Eagle Scout project. Mr. Nikel approached the GCPC to discuss ideas for an appropriate project. The Conservancy suggested a project that has been an idea proposed objective for a long time – to label the trees in the park. There are over 45 different species of trees in the park. The labels will enable patrons to learn the name of a tree as they stroll the park. The project should be completed by the spring of 2009. Mr. Nikel will also provide a walking guide to help locate the labeled trees.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

All meetings open to the public.

February 19, 2009, 7:30 – **Annual Meeting** – Caldwell Municipal Building, 2nd Floor.

March 19, 2009, 7:30 – Business Meeting – Caldwell Municipal Building, 2nd Floor.

April 16, 2009, 7:30 – Speaker Meeting – Pond House

April 18, 2009 – **Cherry Blossom Bloom Event!** Time and scope of event to be determined. Ideas and assistance welcomed. First planning meeting soon – contact GCPC for details.

GRANT WORK TO CONTINUE

Planning has begun for the next stage of projects utilizing the remaining Green Acres grant awards from 2004 and 2005. Projects include repairing the brook floor and walls, rehabilitating the picnic grove, creating gardens at the Runnymede Road and Westville Avenue entrances, replacing the final 6 light stanchions along the path above the tennis courts and adding additional waste receptacles throughout the park. This work will complete the rehabilitation of the park. Improvement projects that remain are the replacement of concrete bridges and the addition of an exercise loop.

ICE SKATING!

Last year the weather did not cooperate with our skating enthusiasts. On January 14, 2009, Essex County Park System had the pond cleared of snow and open for skating! This is very exciting for everyone!



Skating in GCP 2007
c. Pat Flaherty



Again, we need volunteers to help clear the ice after it snows as needed and to serve cocoa on weekends and holidays. Please contact us if you would like to be a part of the Winter Fun Committee.

SUMMER CONCERT 2008

The Edmond Brothers performed under beautiful night skies on August 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the field by the pond as part of Essex County's Summer Concert Series. They had people out of their seats dancing to their music. GCPC served delicious gelato from Calandra's.

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NON-NATIVE PLANT SPECIES**Friend or Foe?**

Bruce Barbour, Resource Management Agent for the Cooperative Extension of Morris County, spoke before an interested crowd on October 16 in the Pond House about non-native plant species – or invasive species. Non-native plants have been introduced for their beauty, disease resistance, or heartiness over the years. Some have come uninvited incorporated in shipping materials or delivered by long-distance flying birds. Whatever the case, nature usually does not have a method to maintain a balance with other native species. Local animals and birds may not eat them and native species may be beaten out for space or sunlight by these interlopers. These species also tend to be opportunists – given the chance they will seed themselves and can take over an area crowding out the possibility for the native species to re-seed themselves.

Mr. Barbour encouraged gardeners to stop purchasing non-native species or diligently maintain the ones we have to prevent their spread. Not all are aggressive re-seeders and yes, there are truly some unique non-native species in our local nurseries. Be aware and plant with care. The list of the non-native species found in Grover Cleveland Park will be posted on the GCPC website.

NOTE CARDS

Note cards of scenes of Grover Cleveland Park are available for purchase. Ten cards and envelopes are \$15. Each package has two 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.

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 and consider a donation as a gift for someone you care about.

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 below are those who volunteered their time and effort from April 16 – January 15, 2009. Without these people, the work that the Conservancy does would not be possible. If you are interested in volunteering, please let us know!

Carol Boeckel
Susan Gartland

Anne Marchioni
Patty McGrogan-Fost
Connie Stuart

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Given in Honor of Ethan Layton's Birthday

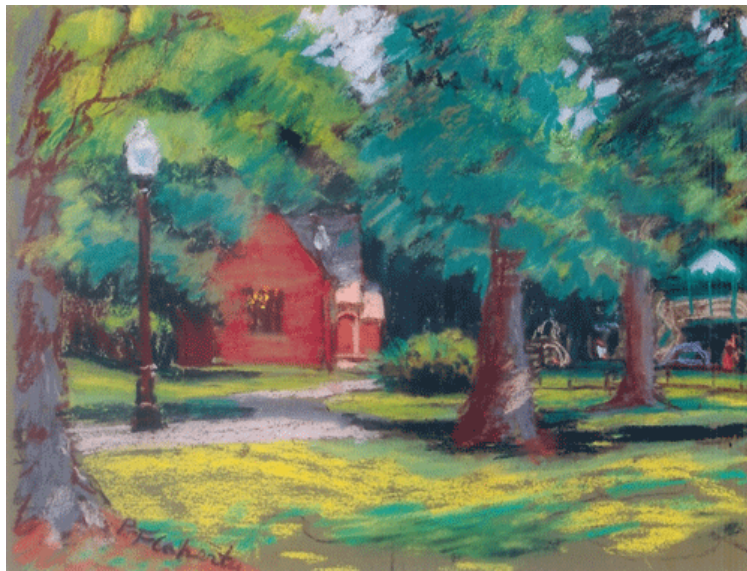
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EDITORS

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c. Pat Flaherty 2008

The latest park art from Patricia Flaherty or North Caldwell is this 9x12" pastel of the Children's House and playground. Ms. Flaherty can be contacted at pflaher_22hawks@yahoo.com.

GCPC MEMBERS

Bold indicates donations received June 1 - January 15, 2009

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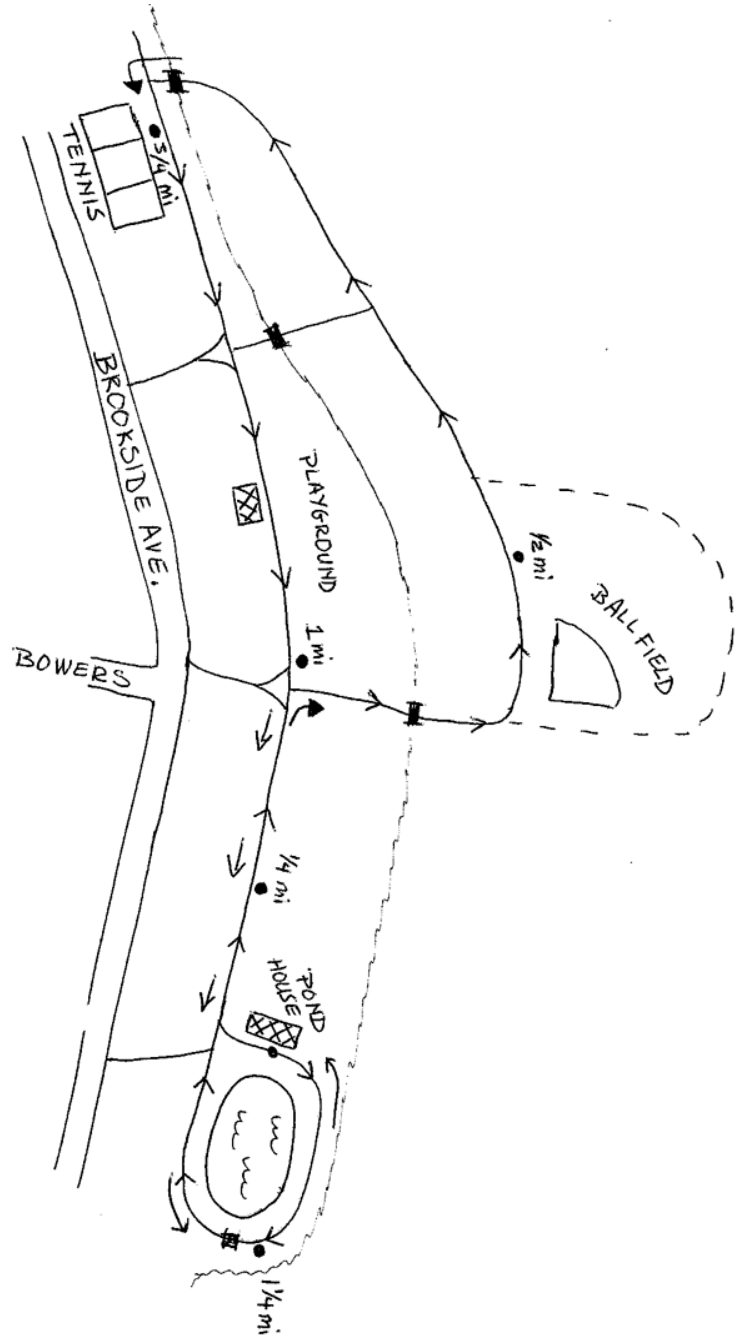
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GIVING LEVELS

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

RUNNING/WALKING PATH

The exercise trail was updated this spring with post-style mile markers. Locations of markers are every 1/4 mile as indicated on the trail map in the message boards. Thank you to Paul Boeckel for making and installing these. The 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.



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE PURCHASED A BRICK TO HELP "PAVE THE FUTURE!"

The playground paver walkway fundraising program is now over. There are numerous bricks in the walkway in honor of special times, special people or special pets. Take a look around, find your brick or enjoy the messages of others.

The last bricks will be placed in the spring after the ground thaws.



The walkway before the gate or any personalized pavers.



The lovely gate paid for by a grant from Starbucks.

**Support
The Grover Cleveland Park Conservancy!**

Please Join Us!

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Check if your contact information has changed.

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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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Send to:

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You can also contact us at:

973-618-9154 or gpcp@molink.com

LOCATION

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



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