

SPECIAL PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 2023

Founded in 1991, this 501(c)(3) non-profit organization facilitates sponsorship and hosts fundraising events and activities to raise money for special projects in the parks.

..... IN 2023, THIS INCLUDED:

The Friends of the Parks continued providing recreation assistance funding for camp scholarships, after school programs and park excursions for the Urban Recreation Division and Community Recreation Division.

Additionally, funding was provided for volunteer programs and therapeutic recreation programs. – \$35,397



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\$29,313



The Friends placed a total of nineteen new memorial and honorary park benches: nine in Holmdel Park, six in Swimming River Park, two in Thompson Park, one in Turkey Swamp Park, one in Deep Cut Gardens and a memorial table set for Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park. Several trees were donated, and new benches were purchased for future donors. – \$29,313



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SPECIAL PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 2023 - CONTINUED

Funding for historic site improvements and enhancements are vital to keep the history alive. The Friends purchased a replica weathervane for the Estate Grounds of Thompson Park, a new blacksmith's firepot, three replica style historic wheelbarrows, costume materials for Historic Longstreet Farm and heirloom fruit trees for Historic Portland Place. The Friends also provided funding to have World War II bond posters found in Historic Portland Place framed for "The Art of War" exhibit at Historic Walnford and paid to have six paintings framed for the Clubhouse at Hominy Hill Golf Course. – \$10,916

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Additional funding was provided to continue replacing the Purple Martin houses in Thompson Park and Dorbrook Recreation Area. The Friends are proud to sponsor the Monmouth County Park System's team for the Birding All-Star competition each year. The Friends have also received grants to purchase native plants for Huber Woods and tools to maintain trails throughout the Park System. The Friends purchased rose bushes and orchids for Deep Cut Gardens. – \$3,941



The Friends are also proud to provide support for advanced education and training seminars and courses Monmouth County Park System staff. – \$1,916

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UPCOMING 2024 EVENTS:

- April 19 – Sip & Paint at the Thompson Park Creative Arts Center
- June 1 – Pickleball Tournament at Dorbrook Recreation Area
- June 12 – Huber Woods Garden Tour
- July 24 – 28 – 50/50 Raffles at the Monmouth County Fair,
East Freehold Showgrounds, Freehold Township
- August 3 – Eco Kayak Tour at Swimming River Park
- September 17 – Annual Golf Outing, Hominy Hill Golf Course, Colts Neck