

## THE FRIENDS OF THE PARKS HAVE BEEN QUITE BUSY!

### Donations

Timolat Farm is adjacent to Huber Woods Park, Middletown. This property is graced with four tiered ponds which run down the hill to the Navesink River. These ponds were designed 101 years ago by James Timolat in order to irrigate his farm and orchard, utilized to harvest ice, and provided a scenic landscape. Over time Mother Nature had taken her toll. The once lovely peanut stone features had been hidden and deteriorated by overgrowth and the elements. Thanks to the generosity of Cecile McCaffery and Kim Short (daughters of the Timolat family), the Friends of the Parks were able to hire a firm

to begin the rehabilitation of the landscape. This project included tree removal, stump grinding, and invasive plant species eradication. Stone and concrete features along the streams and ponds were repaired and native flowers and ferns were planted along the front pond. This project totaled \$75,940.

Park benches provide resting places for visitors as well as add to the landscape of a park or trail. They also are a lovely way to honor or remember a loved one. The Friends of the Parks placed memorial and honorary benches at Deep Cut Gardens, the Manasquan Reservoir, the Henry Hudson



Trail, and Turkey Swamp Park. In addition, a generous donor commissioned custom Philadelphia Windsor rocking chairs for the front porch at Historic Walnford. Thanks to a generous donation from Challenged Youth Sports and the family of Miriam Gilligan, Tony's Place located

within Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park, Long Branch has seven new universally accessible picnic tables and umbrellas. In addition, the Commemorative Tree at Deep Cut Gardens had two leaves added. These donations are valued at \$9,434.

### Special Projects

The Park System's Historic Longstreet Farm located in Holmdel Park has new costumes, hats, and muck boots for farm staff and volunteer docents, as well as a new ironworks forge thanks to the Friends of the Parks. Plus, we are very proud to introduce Alice and Jenn, our new team of mules to the public. \$9,344

The Park System's Outdoor Adventures division received two new bow boxes. What are bow boxes? If you said they are sheaths which hold and carry arrows you hit the bull's eye! \$780

The Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center has new displays thanks to the Friends of the Parks. The taxidermy otter has a newly designed display case. We also commissioned



*Watch for the unveiling of this magnificent mural sometime this fall.*

Ken Stetz for the design and concept drawing of a custom mural depicting wildlife at the Manasquan Reservoir. This mural will be unveiled this fall. \$2,845

## Friends of The Parks Board of Directors

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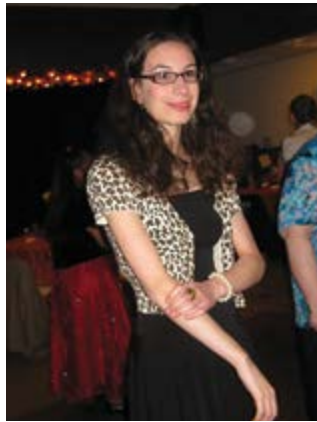
## Employee Training:

In order for an organization to remain vital, it is imperative that the staff are trained and certified in the newest areas in their field. The Friends of the Parks have paid for 12 Park System staff members to attend national

training conferences in Florida, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, and West Virginia. We have also funded in-house training activities for the staff. \$5,907

## Therapeutic Recreation

Therapeutic Recreation is for individuals of all ages with disabilities. Each year the Friends of the Parks funds a trip to the beach; semi-formal dinner dance (with a DJ, prizes, refreshments and food); and a trip to see Disney on Ice at the Meadowlands. The trips included roundtrip transportation. \$1,529



*Participants & Monmouth County Park System staff enjoy the annual semi-formal with a little help from the Friends of the Parks.*

## Recreation Assistance Program

Children from underserved communities such as Asbury Park, Neptune Township, Neptune City, and Long Branch are able to participate in after school and summer programs because of generous donations to the Friends of the Parks. An end of the school year barbeque is held at the Coastal Activity Center in Asbury Park. Campers are taken on overnight trips to Turkey Swamp Park. Twenty-eight participants attended a Harlem Globe Trotters game, and funding was provided for 20 children to attend various Park System summer programs. \$14,126 The Monmouth County Urban Aid municipalities were also provided with free transportation to summer activities in the parks, utilizing over 25 busses. \$5,300



*Field trips to Thompson Park, Lincroft, mini golf, and rock climbing are just a few of the activities the kids enjoyed.*

# Volunteer Services

## Hurricane Sandy Donation Relief Center

The Monmouth County Park System's Central Supply warehouse, located within Thompson Park, Lincroft, was utilized as Monmouth County's distribution center for relief aid after Superstorm Sandy. From November 2 through December 15, the center was open from 8am-6pm daily. Hundreds of volunteers assisted in sorting and distributing donations to those affected by the storm. The Friends of the Parks was pleased to provide refreshments and meals to the dedicated volunteers.

## Volunteer Appreciation

Each year Thanksgiving cards are mailed to all Park System volunteers thanking them for their contributions to the Park System.

Each March, the Friends of the Parks like to thank the Park System's volunteers who have served 40 or more hours annually. To show our appreciation for their hard work and dedication to the Park System, we provide dessert at the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at the Hominy Hill Golf Course Clubhouse.

The Park System's Trails Maintenance Team helps maintain over 125 miles of trails each year. These volunteers are specially trained and must be certified to perform this task. It is our pleasure to provide a luncheon on National Trails Day as our way of showing our appreciation of their efforts. \$2,283



*(Top) One of many tractor trailers arriving loaded with supplies.*

*(Right) Monmouth County Park System staff receive donations from around the country in the Park System's Central Supply warehouse.*



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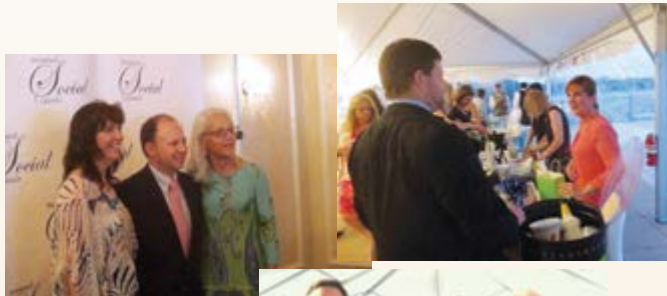
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## How do we fund these events?

### Membership Drives, Annual Appeals and Special Events

Each year we hold an annual membership drive from September to January and a Recreation Assistance Appeal in April. These appeals fund many of our programs. \$16,625



(Top) Friends of the Parks Board members Marcia Blackwell, Christopher Brett, Board Vice President, and Heather Colella



(Middle) Friends of the Parks secretary, Kathy Ferraro selling raffle tickets

(Bottom) Michael Wojciechowski, Friends of the Parks Executive Director Maria Wojciechowski, Friends of the Parks Board member Barbara McMorrow, and Patrick McMorrow

### Events

Special events are also critical to our financial health. This is a fun way to be involved and assist in paying for projects and programs. We raised crucial funds at the Strut Your Mutt Halloween Doggie Costume Parade, our annual golf outing, and a brand new Flavour Tasting event at the Molly Pitcher Inn. Raffle ticket sales at the Monmouth County Fair are another way we raise revenue. Just look at how much fun everyone is having at our events! Hopefully, you can join us next time! \$48,121



Strut Your Mutt Halloween Doggie Costume Parade



(Top Right) Raffle winner Ed Ghigliotti and volunteers Ashley Nunez and Brianna Markowitz

(Center) Golfers enjoyed a delicious lunch provided by Pat's Market, Lincroft.

(Bottom Right) Friends of the Parks Executive Director Maria Wojciechowski with our winning team. Left to right: Colin Vincent, Dennis Simpson, Gary George, and Ed Ghigliotti



(Top Right) Friends of the Parks Board President, Marilyn Staron and new member Gina Apicella

(Center) Eager young Friends of the Parks volunteers bantering with the Fair robot

(Bottom Right) Friends of the Parks volunteer Mariann Musella with one of our 50/50 Raffle winners



# Honorary and Memorial Donations

## Restricted Honorary Donations

*In Honor of Ann Klein* from Jim, Amy, and Simon Eber for Seven President Oceanfront Park and a leaf on the Deep Cut Gardens Commemorative Tree  
*In Honor of Don Krider* from Alicia & Stephen Zucker for the Manasquan Reservoir

## Unrestricted Honorary Donations

*In Honor of Elwood Baxter* from Allison & John Meisenbacher

## Restricted Memorial Donations

*In Memory of Charles A. Archer* from Mr. & Mrs. James J. Truncer for staff Education & Training  
*In Memory of Anna Barry* from Mary Jane & Harry Smith for the Recreation Assistance Program  
*In Memory of Joan Brady* from Mr. & Mrs. James J. Truncer for staff Education & Training  
*In Memory of Homer Brawley* from Mr. & Mrs. James J. Truncer for staff Education & Training  
*In Memory of Marion Dallavalle* from Mr. & Mrs. James J. Truncer for staff Education & Training  
*In Memory of Benjamin Danskin* from Mr. & Mrs. James J. Truncer for staff Education & Training  
*In Memory of Richard Dreyer* from Mr. & Mrs. James J. Truncer for staff Education & Training  
*In Memory of John Eng* from Mr. & Mrs. James J. Truncer for staff Education & Training  
*In Memory of Miriam Gilligan* from Margo & Paul Hooker for new table & umbrellas for Tony's Place, Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park  
*In Memory of Eleanor Herceg* from Mr. & Mrs. James J. Truncer for staff Education & Training  
*In Memory of Aaria Dower Hunton* from Mr. & Mrs. James J. Truncer for staff Education & Training  
*In Memory of June L. Kennedy* from Michael Kennedy for a bench in Deep Cut Gardens  
*In Memory of John Kling* from Mr. & Mrs. James J. Truncer for staff Education & Training  
*In Memory of Arlene Lauletta* from Mr. & Mrs. James J. Truncer for staff Education & Training  
*In Memory of Robert E. Leary* from Anna May Bissett, Patricia & Robert Campbell, Camilla Celentano, Adrienne & Jarred Colegrove, Patricia DeMeo, Carolyn Elderkin, David Elderkin, Jill Feder, Elaine & Michael Mansfield, Patricia & Raymond Mansfield, Elizabeth Price, Adriane & Andrew Ruther, Joan Valeriani & Barbara Witkowski for the Therapeutic Recreation Program  
*In Memory of Helen Maggi* from Mary Jane & Harry Smith for the Recreation Assistance Program

*In Memory of Florence Melick* from Mr. & Mrs. James J. Truncer for staff Education & Training  
*In Memory of Their Parents* from Martha & Ted Pelekanos for a bench at the Manasquan Reservoir  
*In Memory of Al Picerno* from Noelle Picerno for a bench at Turkey Swamp Park  
*In Memory of Al Picerno* from the Turkey Swamp Park Staff for Turkey Swamp Park  
*In Memory of Frank J. Piney* from Mary Jane & Harry Smith for the Recreation Assistance Program  
*In Memory of Fred Platzer* from Mr. & Mrs. James J. Truncer for staff Education & Training  
*In Memory of Walter M. Reed, Sr.* from Mr. & Mrs. James J. Truncer for staff Education & Training  
*In Memory of Larry Rispoli* from Cathy Rispoli for a bench at the Manasquan Reservoir  
*In Memory of Donald Roberts* from Mr. & Mrs. James J. Truncer for staff Education & Training  
*In Memory of George R. Rue* from Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Knesler for Historic Longstreet Farm  
*In Memory of Kathleen Samaras* from Mr. & Mrs. James J. Truncer for staff Education & Training  
*In Memory of Sharon Schreiber* from Mr. & Mrs. James J. Truncer for staff Education & Training  
*In Memory of Suzanne Wetzel Seemann* from Karen & Phil, Kristen & Bob, Alli & Paul, Elyse & Nelson, Jane & Bob, and Judy to plant a tree in the grove located within Thompson Park  
*In Memory of Wesley Sheridan* from Mr. & Mrs. James J. Truncer for staff Education & Training  
*In Memory of Thomas & Ida Wye* from Jane & Mason Wye for a bench in Deep Cut Gardens  
*In Memory of Phillip & Mason Wye* from Jane & Mason Wye for a bench in Deep Cut Gardens

## Unrestricted Memorial Donations

*In Memory of Joan Brady* from Cheryl Stoeber- Goff  
*In Memory of Elvira D'Amico* from Maria Wojciechowski  
*In Memory of Aaria Dower Hunton* from Cheryl Stoeber- Goff & Maria Wojciechowski  
*In Memory of Gregory E. Sacco, III*, from Mr. & Mrs. John Ryan  
*In Memory of Wesley Sheridan* from Cheryl Stoeber- Goff  
*In Memory of Marilyn Mowczan* from Mr. & Mrs. James J. Truncer  
*In Memory of Tony Musella* from Carol O'Keefe

## Welcome New Friends of the Parks Members as of August 23, 2013

Mr. Sheldon Abrams	Pam Curchin	Bernice C. Gangaware	Mike Lubniewski	Aida & Brian Murphy
Ernest Anholis	Freeholder John P. Curley	Murray Glaser	Diana Magos & Carol Finley	Paul Salvatore
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## Upcoming Friends of the Parks events

Friends of the Parks  
Annual Meeting  
January 25, 2014



*(Left) Huber Woods Park in the fall*

*(Above) The Monmouth County Park System's 2013 Trails Maintenance Team*