

Friends of Schuylkill River Park



Summer 2012

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Announcements

October 20, 11am—3pm : Friends of Schuylkill River Park Fall Festival

October 20, 1pm : Dedication and Grand Opening of Schuylkill River Park Connector Bridge

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Eat, Drink, and be Green 2012

The 2012 fundraiser Eat Drink and Be Green once again was a fantastic celebration in the park. Friends, neighbors, and park supporters all gathered under the outdoor tented venue where they danced the night away. Highlights of the night included visits from both Mark Focht, First Deputy Commissioner Parks & Facilities and Councilman Kenyatta Johnson. In a short presentation to the crowd, Councilman Johnson thanked park supporters and showed his support of the park by contributing an additional \$2,500 to FRSP for ongoing program activities. He was accompanied by his lovely wife Dawn, both of whom are Philadelphia natives and avid park users.

Guest of the EDBG event enjoyed wine provided by Moore Brothers, a special mojito mixed by Mac Tavern and beer complimen-

tary of Yards Brewing Company. The food this year included a pasta bar and a very special Philly Cheesesteak station.

The event would not have been possible without the generous financial support of our sponsors. FRSP extends our overwhelming thanks to the 2012 Gold Sponsors Land Services and Penn Medicine; Silver Sponsors included Bartlett Tree Experts, Brandywine Realty Trust, and PECO; Local businesses such as Cohen, Seglias, Pallas, Greenhall & Fruman, PC, Honey's Sit and Eat, Rittenhouse Women'sWellness Center and Toll Brothers all provided Bronze Sponsorships.

Hope to see everyone again next year for Eat Drink and Be Green, a night of celebration for Schuylkill River Park.



A blast from the past: Schuylkill River Park in the late 1970s



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With Summer Here, the FSRP Fall Festival is Right Around the Corner

Calling all volunteers! Although the warm summer days have just started, Friends of Schuylkill River Park is already thinking ahead to the annual Fall Festival.

We are looking for members of our community who would like to get involved and help to organize the event. Last year we had a gorgeous day, filled with delicious food, games, and music. There was a petting zoo with pony rides, a moon bounce and our DJ kept everyone dancing

and hula-hooping. We also had cupcake and pumpkin decorating and a dog costume-parade. The FSRP Fall Festival is a neighborhood tradition. We would love to have more park members involved! If you have any ideas or suggestions on how to make this year's event equally spectacular or would like to be on the organizing committee, let us know at fsrporg@gmail.com.



Did you know?

In Fall 2011, FSRP renovated the Children's playground landscape, including planting turf and installing irrigation.

Free Street Trees

Would you like a free tree in front of a property you own - a home or business? The Friends of Schuylkill River Park *Tree Tenders* covers the area bordered by the Schuylkill River and Broad between Walnut and South. We work with TreeVitalize to plant trees for free, including cement cutting, within our bounds. Support from CCRA allows us to also grind stumps for free. For more information and to download an application, visit:

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For information, inquiries, or submissions, please e-mail us at fsrporg@gmail.com



A Few FSRP Past Project Include:

- Recondition 50+ Park Benches
- Paint Fencing and Bathrooms at O'Connor Pool
- Renovate and Maintain Schuylkill Pocket Veterans Memorial Field
- Replace All Markward Playground Equipment
- Coordinate Improvements to 25th and Delancey
- Invest more than \$50,000 into the Park's Urban Forest
- Renovate and Maintain Playground Landscape
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- Plant Thousands of Spring Bulbs
- Plan major improvements to the courtyard outside Markward

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Pedestrian Bridge Update

We can see the light at the end of the tunnel with the Pedestrian Bridge Project! As you can see the contractor has been making very good progress with the project. The prefabricated bridge over the CSX Railroad tracks has been erected. It arrived onto the site and set into place with little interruption to the neighborhood. Its concrete deck was poured in place soon afterwards.

Inside the Park the contractor has removed the excess excavated material. They have also completed the curbing, grading, pavers, and the serpentine sitting wall inside the permanent dog run. The contractor will install the mesh panels inside the bridge truss, and continue to work throughout the Park installing the paving

blocks on the walkways, re-grading the bowl, and improving other Park amenities. In these final months we should be seeing physical improvements daily as we can watch the railings installed for the ramps, the proposed lighting fixtures located, the dog turf to be set, the benches placed, and the final landscaping planted.

With the mild winter and the great coordination of the contractor and the City the project seems to be coming together sooner than anyone expected. Official opening ceremonies for the connector bridge will take place on October 20, 2012 at 1pm. We will post more information on our website as it becomes available.

Spring 2011 Tree Tenders Planting Team



Interested in becoming more involved with Friends of Schuylkill River Park Tree Tenders or just interested in knowing more about trees. Sign up to become a tree-tender. Training is done by Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. The training covers tree biology, identification, planting, proper care and working within your community. Next class are Wednesdays, October 3, October 10, & October 17 at 5:45 pm. (Need to be able to attend all three classes.) Registration Fee: \$25.00. Classes are located at PHS, 100 N. 20th Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA. Sign up at <http://www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org/phlgreen/tree-training.html>.

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