

Friends of Schuylkill River Park



Summer 2010

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Announcements

June 14th: Police PSA 1 Meeting
Trinity Center for Urban Life, 7pm

June 19th: What Weed is This?
Horticultural Program at the
Schuylkill River Park Community
Garden (25th and Manning),
10am-11am

June 25th: O'Connor Pool opens

August 18th at 2pm & 21st at 11am: Tyke Quest Kids Art Class
at Markward Playground

October 16th: 2010 Fall Festival

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An Update from the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors would like to extend our deepest appreciation to **Peg Connor**, our outgoing President, for her leadership over the past several years. As a small measure of our gratitude for her many contributions, we have planted an Okame Flowering Cherry Tree for Peg on the hill in front of Markward Field. The inscription reads: *Planted in honor of Peg Connor for her service to this Park and the Community as President of the Friends of Schuylkill River Park.* Thank you again Peg for all you have done. We look forward to your continued service as a Board Member.

Lynne Hopper has been elected our new President. Lynne has been a member of our board for several years and for most of that time has managed our fall festival. For the past two years she has served as our secretary. We are delighted to have her as our President and hope all of you will have a chance to meet her soon.

We would also like to thank our outgoing board member, **Sharon Blumberg**, for her service over the past several years as leader of the Dog Run Committee and manager of our membership lists. Sharon, we deeply appreciate all you have done and wish you very well in your future endeavors.

We hope all of you heard about our newest addition to the park, our **Eat,**

Drink, & be Green Fundraiser and we thank the over 230 people who turned out for the inaugural event on June 5th. We had a blast and hope all of you did as well! In particular, we would like to extend a special measure of appreciation to all of our sponsors, notably our Diamond Sponsors BoConcept and Fox Rothschild LLC, our Platinum Sponsors GPS Investment Group LLC, Krista and Rich Pinola, Lauren Wylonis, Brandywine Realty Trust, and PECO. All alcohol for the event was donated by Moore Brothers Wine, Flying Fish Brewery, and Drinker's Philadelphia. Many other contributors are listed on the back of this newsletter. Sponsors are essential to the financial success of an event such as this and we are deeply grateful for their contributions to Eat, Drink, & be Green, to the park, and to the community. We would also like to thank Mark Focht, Executive Director of Fairmount Park, Sue Buck, District Manager for the Department of Recreation, and the Markward Recreation Center Staff for all of their support, without which this event could not have happened. As of printing, our estimate places net income from the event at around \$17,000, which we think is fantastic for our first year. We look forward to next year's Eat, Drink, & be Green and hope you will join us!

Friends of Schuylkill River Park Annual Meeting

The Friends of Schuylkill River Park will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, June 23rd 7:30pm at the Markward Recreation Center. All *current* members are invited to attend.



The Friends of Schuylkill River Park is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The official registration and financial information of The Friends of Schuylkill River Park may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

BoConcept Arts Program

Made possible through generous support from BoConcept, this fall the Markward Recreation Center in coordination with the Friends of Schuylkill River Park will start a visual arts program for middle to high school aged kids who express a genuine interest in exploring a particular art medium.

Tentatively, the courses will include a choice among clay hand building taught by artists from The Clay Studio, painting taught by artists from The Fairmount Arts Center, and possibly a course in sewing or

knitting taught by staff from the Handwork Studio.

Registration will begin in late summer. Classes will last approximately 6-8 weeks and will be held on Saturday Mornings in the recreation center. At the end of the program, participants will be given the opportunity to celebrate their accomplishments with family and friends by holding a reception and display of their work at BoConcept. We are extremely excited about this opportunity and hope you know someone who will want to participate.

Markward Field Renovation Funding Progress

As readers of previously newsletters are aware, the Friends of Schuylkill River Park in close coordination with the Markward Recreation Center is planning a major renovation of Markward Field that will cost approximately \$50,000. The renovation includes laser grading the field, growing new grass, and installing a sprinkler system. We have thus far secured **\$20,000 facilitated**

by Senator Larry Farnese, \$5,000 from CSX Railroad, \$1,000 from the Dolfinger McMahan Foundation, and several hundred from individual donors. We would appreciate additional support from individuals as well as potential leads on corporate sponsors to help us reach our goal of \$50,000.

Connector Bridge Update

The consultants for the SRDC have made their final presentation to the Art Commission and the minor revisions suggested by the Art Commission at the previous meeting were accepted. The SRDC will submit one last time to PENNDOT for their review and comment in the next month or two. It is expected that bidding on the construction work will occur this summer. Construction will begin this fall. Prior to the start of construction it is expected that the SRDC will make a final public presentation to the neighborhood. Construction is expected to take a little over a year (with a cooperative winter) with the completion of the bridge targeted for January 2012.

A Few Eat, Drink, & be Green Photos



George, Cricket, and Friend



Incoming President Lynne Hopper thanking Peg Connor for her service as President



The BoConcept Team, Jt, Jill, and Jackie

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:

www.fsrp.org/treetenders



Community Design Collaborative Grant

The Friends of Schuylkill River Park is the recipient of a grant from the Community Design Collaborative (\$15,000—\$20,000 in design services) to generate conceptual drawings through a community input process for improvement of Markward Courtyard (the area outside the Markward Recreation Center). The design process will begin late summer or early Fall and last for several months. Upon completion of the conceptual design, the Friends of Schuylkill River Park will need to secure funding for the development of construction drawings and then for the actual construction process.



FSRP Sponsors Taney Baseball All Stars Team

The Friends of Schuylkill River Park is proud to sponsor one of Taney Baseball's All Star Teams. The All Stars are voted as the best players from each level of Taney Baseball. We are thrilled to show our support for the All Star Games, which are played on Markward Field, part of Schuyl-

kill River Park (owned and operated by the City of Philadelphia). Taney Baseball is one of the largest users of Markward Field and a constant presence in the park. Good luck All Star Teams!

Mayor's Philly Cleanup and LOVE Your Park

On April 10th, the Friends of Schuylkill River Park participated in the Mayor's 3rd annual Philly Clean Up. Over 30 volunteers pruned overhanging shrubs and redistributed the gravel in the dog run, removed Belgium Block from the playground area where it was hazardous to running children. We also weeded and mulched, planted Marigolds, cleaned the tennis courts, the blacktop play areas, and the paths. Thanks to everyone for their hard work and a job well done!

On May 8, 2010, the Friends of Schuylkill River Park participated in "LOVE Your Park" a collaborative park cleanup day organized by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, Fairmount Park, and the Department of Recreation.

Over 35 volunteers attended, including a large team from the Internal Revenue Service arranged through Greater Philadel-

phia Cares. The hard working volunteers spread 10 cubic yards of compost and 10 cubic yards of wood mulch around our plantings, painted railings and posts around the Markward Recreation Center, weeded all the tree pits in the park, swept and cleaned the tennis courts and Markward Courtyard, and much more.

These large-scale work days are essential to keeping Schuylkill River Park well maintained. We are very appreciative to all the volunteers who turned out to help. A special thank you to Jennifer Mahar from the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, one of the most dedicated people we know, for all of her above and beyond the call of duty efforts for us and parks around the City. We could not have done this work day without you.



LOVE Your Park Volunteers, May 8, 2010

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