



## Oktoberfest Was a Hit!

### Hollingsworth Community Comes Together for Food, Fun, and Fundraising

A spectacular orange sunset and spirited Oompah band were a perfect backdrop for the annual Hollingsworth Park Oktoberfest (also known as the Food Truck Festival) hosted by Legacy Park Friends on October 4th. Over 400 residents gathered in the Sumerel parking lot for fun, food, and fellowship. Six food trucks featured a delicious assortment of everything from seasonal bratwurst to gourmet mac and cheese and specialty donuts. Children's entertainment included a professional face painter and a balloon artist. Neighbors bid on 40 items and services, ranging from golf lessons at The Preserve to spa treatments at AO The Space. Resident artists Mike and Pam Zanin once again donated their original artwork of local sights while the board of Legacy Park Friends auctioned off a gift basket of assorted wine. The chicken dance song played by the 4 piece Steubenville Tootler Oompah band even brought out a few brave dancers!

Legacy Park Friends is grateful to all who showed up for this festive evening—and we are especially indebted to our sponsors, the neighborhood HOAs, and patrons of the silent auction for their financial support. After expenses, \$10,145 was raised to fund a new protective boundary evergreen garden at the NE corner of the park by the playground area. It is scheduled to be installed later this fall.





## A Protective Boundary Evergreen Garden

At the northeast corner of the park, sits a big empty garden bed begging for landscaping! Legacy Park Friends and the City have partnered with Earth Design Landscape Architects to design a new evergreen garden bed that will both welcome visitors and act as an attractive natural buffer for children playing on the “big kids” playground.

While the installation date has been pushed back due to the hurricane debris clean-up, park visitors should see an array of beautiful evergreen plants before the end of the year. This bed of multiple shades and textures of green will act as a striking complement to the existing pollinator garden nearby.



## Coming Up: Luminary Night for Hollingsworth Park

Mark your calendar for the third annual “Light up the Night” fundraiser in Hollingsworth Park to celebrate the holiday season! Legacy Park Friends will be selling luminary kits again this year so that you can set them out on your curb on December 15th at 6 PM and then stroll the neighborhood. Kit pick-up will be on Saturday December 14th from Noon – 3 pm in the Sumerel parking lot. Kits will go on sale online at [legacyparkfriends.com](http://legacyparkfriends.com) on November 8th. You also can send a check to our PO Box: 325 Rocky Slope Road, Suite 104, #101, Greenville, SC 29607. The cost of each kit is \$25.

Finally, Santa Claus will be back by popular demand that same evening at the Legacy Park Pavilion. (Rain date December 18th). His elves will be serving hot chocolate, cookies, and candy canes, too! Come one, come all!

## In the Name of Safety

Even if you may not be a volleyball player, you may have noticed how frequently stray volleyballs end up rolling across Legacy Park Road. Over the summer, neighbors gathered to brainstorm ideas with City parks officials - They discussed everything from court relocation to functional and aesthetically pleasing fence concepts.

What emerged as the optimal solution for preventing the possibility of an accident was a tall black metal fence at the south end of the volleyball court. The City has installed the fence and hopefully Legacy Park Friends will be partnering with the City to add greenery around the fence near the sidewalk. Safety is always the City’s foremost priority!





## SPOTLIGHT Q&A: Marc White

**Marc White**, Owner and CEO of Steve White Auto Group, has been a gracious and enthusiastic donor to the park over the past three years. His welcoming corporate contributions can be spotted around the park – the two shade covers at the playground, 2 picnic tables, and a park bench. In addition, he is a faithful sponsor of our neighborhood Food Truck Festival. We recently interviewed Marc to learn about his perspective on charitable giving, specifically as it relates to the park.

### ***What do you enjoy most about the park?***

My wife and I like to go out for walks to the park with our three dogs and through the SRT...Our kids love it too...Their friends are all over HP, bouncing around on scooters, on bikes, or on foot.

### ***What values would you like to pass on to your children and future generations about community involvement?***

We feel like Greenville is a great place to live and do business...We enjoy supporting what's going on and feel that it is important to be involved in our community and have the chance to give back. There is a natural connection between the park being so close and our family here and so, it's an easy thing to find value in supporting the park.

### ***What interests you most about Legacy Park Friends?***

Legacy Park Friends is so involved in making the park look and feel nice and in promoting use of the park. We love the public-private partnership that the city and LPF have formed and appreciate all the upgrades. It's a wonderful place to go for no charge...a chance to stretch our legs and still be in the City. Seeing people out having a great time – at birthday parties or picnics, playing volleyball—it's all really special. I've heard people say it's a hidden gem.

### ***Why does giving to LP matter to you?***

We've been blessed to be able to do business in Greenville. I feel that it's an important

obligation to give back to my community. It's consistent with my values. This wonderful park is within walking distance of my home and business and such a great cohesive thing having it all together here. I like seeing that the park is well kept. It helps our home values and if a home in Hollingsworth is for sale, and I was a realtor, I would be showing them Legacy Park!

### ***What are the most critical results that you expect for Legacy Park Friends?***

At our dealership, we believe in good stewardship, taking the resources we have and being responsible for them. We like to have nice things, but we need to take care of them, too. What I see with you all is the same kind of approach. You invest in nice things and keep them up, you stay on top of maintenance. What you and the City invest in is high quality and long lasting.

### ***If you were to talk to a potential donor about us and our vision for the future, how would you get them excited?***

I'd tell them to visit the park and see the results...They would notice how nice and well kept up it is. How good it feels!

**Donna Carver**

Partnership Development Manager  
Greenville Parks Recreation and Tourism

Parks are essential for community well-being, offering spaces for recreation, relaxation, and social interaction, and the City of Greenville is committed to ensuring that residents feel safe and are safe in our parks. City Council member Wil Brasington shared his perspective in a recent newsletter. “I have long believed that ensuring the public's safety is the most solemn responsibility that falls upon an elected official or governing body. As such, I've held this as my highest priority throughout my service on Greenville City Council. While our public safety can be defined and measured in a number of ways, crime statistics are of course one of the most commonly-referenced measurements and indicators of safety within a city. So, this begs an important question - how are things looking in the city of Greenville?”

## Keeping Our Park Safe and Sound

In his newsletter, Councilmember Brasington also highlighted an important statistic shared by City Manager Shannon Lavrin and Police Chief Howie Thompson in a recent presentation to City Council on the crime rate in the city of Greenville:

*Over the past decade, the City of Greenville's reported incidents of violent and property crime has decreased by 6% - despite the fact that over this same period of time, our city's population has grown by approximately 20% and our geographic footprint has increased by two square miles (or roughly 7%).*

In addition to our Police Department's efforts, residents can also play an important role in enhancing the safety of our parks. Here are a few tips:

**Know Park Rules and Guidelines:** Familiarize yourself with City regulations and policies related to our parks, which can be viewed here: [Parks and Recreation Regulations and Policies | Greenville, SC - Official Website](https://www.greenville.org/parks-recreation-regulations-and-policies) (greenvillesc.gov).

**Stay Vigilant:** Being observant and aware of your surroundings can help identify suspicious behavior. If something seems off, report it to the Greenville Police Department by calling the non-emergency number at 864-271-5333.

**Take Proactive Measures:** When residents utilize a park often, they can create a visible presence that deters unlawful behavior. Additionally, residents with homes around the park can take notice of any after-hours activity and call the non-emergency number to request that park hours of dawn to dusk be enforced.

**Participate in Park Clean-Up Initiatives:** Joining Legacy Park Friends for volunteer workdays can help maintain the park's condition and discourage vandalism. A well-maintained park is less likely to attract unlawful behavior.

**Educate Others:** Sharing park rules, safety tips and information about reporting suspicious behavior can empower other residents.

**For all emergencies, dial 911**  
**Non-emergency (864) 271-5333**

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