



Legacy Park Friends

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NEWSLETTER

THE DEDICATED TEAM BEHIND LEGACY PARK'S BEAUTY

Legacy Park's beauty—from manicured lawns and colorful flowerbeds to peaceful trails—is maintained by a dedicated City of Greenville Parks & Grounds team. The South District crew of the park maintenance team are essential to keeping spaces clean, safe, and welcoming through their skilled and dedicated work.

Staff and visitors enjoy the diverse park culture of native species like butterflies and bees in the pollinator gardens, birds gliding and singing, and deer browsing along the connector. Its friendly atmosphere attracts visitors from all walks of life and surrounding neighborhoods. Community interest in improvements reflects a shared commitment to maintaining these beautiful spaces.

Legacy Park Friends and volunteers support park staff multiple times a year bringing their talents and enthusiasm. Their efforts enable staff to focus on special projects, such as planting tea olives and magnolia trees, creating a river rock bed, and adding shade amenities and sensory gardens. These initiatives, some of which are supported through the fundraising efforts of Legacy Park Friends, enhance the park's appeal and enjoyment for all visitors.

If you happen to encounter members of the South District Crew out beautifying the park landscape, please take a moment to thank them for their longstanding service to the City's PRT team.



From left to right: Patrick Cook, Chris Boozer, Jeremy Looper, Will Mitchell, Garrison Bright

Spring Volunteer Day

Saturday,

March 28, 2026; 9 am-11 am

[Register at City Website](https://cityofgreenville.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=86042)

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Luminary Night Twinkles for 4th Season

After a weather-related postponement due to frigid temperatures and high winds on Sunday, December 14, Hollingsworth Park's annual Light Up the Night Luminary event finally sparked to life on the rain date, Wednesday, December 17. This festive fundraiser transformed the neighborhood into a glowing winter wonderland.

The magic began behind the scenes on Saturday, December 13, when dedicated volunteers assembled 315 luminary kits in the NHE parking lot. The process ran smoothly, with neighbors joining in throughout the day to help distribute kits, share good cheer, and invite residents to visit Santa Claus at the Legacy Park Pavilion on Luminary Night.



On the rescheduled evening, the neighborhood was truly all aglow. Luminaries lined the streets, neighbors drove and strolled to admire the sights, and Santa's North Pole at the park was bustling with young visitors, creating joyful family memories.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who volunteered, participated in, and supported this special event. New volunteers will be needed in 2026 to keep this popular tradition alive. The fundraiser netted approximately \$5,500, with proceeds going toward replacement playground equipment and an exciting public art project in Legacy Park. Both projects will add to the shining appeal of the park for years to come.



Park Hardscape with a Purpose

The City's grounds team for Legacy Park recently did an outstanding job restoring a highly visible drainage area near the Swamp Rabbit Connector and the lower pond. The fruits of their hard work will help to prevent erosion while enhancing the park's appearance. The crew meticulously removed every stone, installed attractive river rock, and finished the area with well-placed mulch. Their craftsmanship and pride in their work truly show, and we are incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated, capable team caring for our park.



Preparing for new bluebird families

Legacy Park features two Eastern Bluebird nesting boxes, attracting these colorful birds year-round. Males are bright blue with orange chests, females have lighter blue-gray tones, and both are about seven inches long. The nest boxes are placed in an open southeast-facing location near thickets and spaced apart—ideal for bluebirds that start nesting as early as January.

We clean out old nesting materials each February and disinfect after fledglings leave to keep the boxes parasite-free. Females build nests of pine needles and grasses, while males help feed and care for young until they can fly. We're glad Legacy Park supports bluebirds and hope our efforts help keep them around.

Snow Day Frolic!

On January 31st, Greenville received five inches of snow, covering Legacy Park. By mid-morning, kids were sledding and playing on the hillside while families watched, turning the event into a lively winter gathering. City-installed safety barriers kept everyone safe and dry.

The next day, with most snow gone, determined sledders returned to enjoy the remaining patches. These experiences highlight Legacy Park as a central place for community connection, where families and neighbors come together even during unusual Southern snowstorms.





From Utility to Beauty: The Evolution of the Legacy Park Pond



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Tucked within the neighborhood park lies a feature that has far exceeded its original purpose. The lower pond, once designed simply as a retention basin for rainwater runoff, has evolved into a beloved natural sanctuary—home to wildlife, a source of community pride, and a frequent topic of conversation among residents.

The primary function of the pond was to manage stormwater and prevent flooding. However, over time, nature—and the community—had other plans.

A Wildlife Refuge

Today, the pond is home to a variety of species. Mallards and geese glide across the surface, koi and carp swim below, keeping the water clear by feeding on algae and debris, and turtles sun themselves on the rocks. If you're lucky, you might spot a lone great blue heron standing sentinel.



While enjoying the pond, please avoid feeding the ducks and other wildlife, as it is best for their natural diet and behavior.

A Community Connection

This strong sense of stewardship demonstrates how a simple water feature has become a collective responsibility and a source of neighborhood identity. In addition to admiring its beauty, residents also monitor the pond's condition. They observe changes in water levels, the performance of the fountains, and the appearance of new wildlife.



A Noise Courtesy

We all have our favorite tunes, but what's relaxing to one person might be a little too loud for another. Keeping amplified music out of the park helps maintain the park's peaceful atmosphere, allowing visitors to enjoy the natural soundtrack of birds chirping, leaves rustling and children laughing.

A Park for All

At its core, these guidelines are designed to keep the park open and enjoyable for everyone. Whether you're here for a peaceful stroll, an afternoon picnic or a friendly game of catch, our shared respect for these simple rules ensures that the park remains a welcoming retreat for visitors. So, next time you visit, grab a blanket, bring your favorite snacks (for yourself, not the wildlife!) and enjoy the breathtaking beauty of nature. Together, let's keep Legacy Park open and thriving for all!

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