



# Legacy Park Friends

*Caring for what we share / June 2024*



## Why Legacy Park Friends Matters to the City of Greenville

By **Donna Carver**

Parks have an enormous impact on the health of a community and provide economic and environmental benefits for the neighborhoods surrounding them. With 37 parks and an additional 47 acres of gardens, zoo, cemeteries, and community centers occupying more than 440 acres of land, it can be difficult for the City to provide for all the requests of all the parks. Friends Groups, a national best practice, are valuable assets and can make a tremendous difference in the health of their parks and the quality of life in their community by fundraising, mobilizing volunteers for service days and hosting community events.

Legacy Park Friends (LPF) has helped fund more than \$147,000 for park enhancements and contributed to more than 300 volunteer hours to date. Because of the LPF partnership, enhancements have been replaced or added in the park. Failing arbor swings and aging benches have been replaced. Additional picnic tables, benches, sail shades, bird houses, a sensory garden, a bike rack and beautiful perennials have been added. LPF has also assisted with communications to the neighborhoods on City projects and relayed feedback. We are grateful to have LPF as a strong partner in making Legacy Park a place for you and families to enjoy!

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

[“How Much Impact Do Parks Have on Property Values?”](#) from the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA)

### HELP US SHINE

Please join Legacy Park Friends and the City of Greenville through volunteerism or charitable contributions in caring for Legacy Park!  
[Please donate today!](#)

*As the Partnership Development Manager for the City of Greenville, **Donna Carver** is the City liaison for community groups, including Park Friends Groups, Garden Clubs, non-profit organizations, and cemetery advisory committees. She provides communication between Legacy Park Friends and City Staff and coordinates park projects made possible by charitable contributions.*

# Sitting Prettier But More to Achieve

Here is a visual overview and update on our park benches and picnic tables. We've made excellent progress, working with the City and generous supporters. This is an opportunity to create a dedication for a meaningful cause or lasting legacy for a loved one.



## Bench swings

● 3 in the park

**STATUS:**

- 1 more bench swing is funded and coming this summer in the garden area adjacent to the one we have there now. (this will bring us to 4)



## Picnic tables

● 12 in the park

**STATUS:**

- Picnic tables are funded and placed in shady areas where visitors enjoy gathering.



\$1,575

## Wood benches

● 6 in the park

**GOAL:**

- In the fenced-in playground area, replace 3 older wood benches with new wood benches. (pictured)



\$2,625

## Metal benches

● 9 in the park

**GOAL:**

- Replace 2 wood benches with new metal ones. Locations of those are marked on the map to right.

Costs above includes the dedication plaque for any bench



## LPF TO FUND THIRD BENCH SWING

A year ago, the City removed all three popular bench swings from the park due to structural stress. Since there was a chance that they would not be replaced for several years, we went into fundraising mode. Fast forward 9 months, and our public-private partnership has yielded 2 new bench swings and an order for a third to be installed over the summer. We are grateful to the family and friends of Steve Hoover for the bench by the lower pond, the sponsors of the 2023 Food Truck Festival for one of the pair by the perennial garden, and to a collection of individual donors from the neighborhood for the third replacement bench. Stop by the park and take a relaxing ride on a new bench swing!

If you are interested in sponsoring and dedicating a bench please email us at [legacyparkfriendsinfo@gmail.com](mailto:legacyparkfriendsinfo@gmail.com).



# See How Our Garden Grows

May brings colorful perennial blooms that can be attributed to the continuous planting efforts by Legacy Park Friends volunteers. Be on the lookout for several pink camellia bushes in addition to a collection of showy coral bells. You may also notice a new patch of Siberian Iris and common milkweed that we installed in April. Our goal for the Pavilion gardens is not only to offer a feast for human eyes, but also to provide an attractive destination for butterflies, bees, and other pollinators. In this spirit, we have asked the City not to use any chemical agents so that we don't disrupt the fragile ecosystem. Our garden helpers will be assembling regularly to weed the pollinator garden. If interested in volunteering in this capacity, email us at [legacyparkfriendsinfo@gmail.com](mailto:legacyparkfriendsinfo@gmail.com) and we are happy to provide details!



## Volunteer Appreciation

At sunset, on April 22nd, our board hosted a volunteer appreciation event in the park, complete with a chocolate cake and lemonade. We recognized the faithful volunteers who have pitched in with gardening, neighborhood communication, and hands-on event management.

HOLLINGSWORTH PARK

## Oktoberfest Oct. 4th

(Friday) from 5:30 to 8:30pm

SAVE  
THE  
DATE



### WHERE

Think Tank Brewery  
on the Swamp Rabbit Trail

Presented by Legacy Park Friends

**YES**, there will be food trucks, refreshing drinks, and much more. Bring the kids!

## TakoSushi Opens With a Donation to LPF

On April 1st, TakoSushi Restaurant launched a soft opening of their second Greenville location at the Sumner building in Hollingsworth Park. Neighbors quickly filled the seats that evening to sample a diverse menu of creative concoctions. The board of Legacy Park Friends joined in the excitement, since our non-profit had been chosen to be the recipient of the \$20 that was charged to each patron that night. Everyone seemed pleased with the freshness and variety of the food and enjoyed the upbeat atmosphere of a casual new neighborhood restaurant. Over the summer, TakoSushi plans to have a ribbon-cutting ceremony and acknowledge the amount that they raised for us. We are most grateful for the \$1,375 that was generated from this event.

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### Picnic Tables

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