FALL 2025 NEWSLETTER

### A Gift Today Inspires Joy All Year

Happy Holidays!

On behalf of Legacy Park Friends, I want to thank you for your tremendous support of Legacy Park over the past several years. Your volunteer hours in the pollinator gardens, enthusiastic participation in community events like the Food Truck Festival and Luminary Night, and generous financial contributions have all made a real difference in keeping our park vibrant and beautiful.

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce two new ambitious goals: a public art sculpture that will bring innovation and creativity to the park, and upgrades to the playground equipment to ensure it remains enticing and fun for families. Together, these projects represent an investment of approximately \$200,000, and the City of Greenville is looking to our community to help make these projects possible. As these aspirations take shape, more information will become available in 2026.

With your continued involvement and generosity, we can make these next park enhancements a reality. Please consider an end-of-the-year tax-deductible gift to Legacy Park Friends by using our website <a href="https://www.legacyparkfriends.com/donate">www.legacyparkfriends.com/donate</a> or our P.O. Box at 325 Rocky Slope Road, Suite 104, #101, Greenville, SC 29607. Thank you for being such an engaged and caring community.

With gratitude,

Bonnie Wallin Chair, Legacy Park Friends







## A Night of Food, Fun and Fellowship

Under clear skies and crisp, cool temperatures, the annual Hollingsworth Park Fall Fest took place on the evening of October 2nd, transforming a central parking lot into a lively community hub. The event was organized by Hello Hollingsworth Park in partnership with Stroll Hollingsworth Magazine, and supported by a mix of returning and new corporate sponsors who set up informational booths throughout the site.

This year's Fall Festival offered something for everyone — a cool car show curated by STROLL Magazine, a backdrop of live music by Doug Jones, and an array of local food trucks serving up everything from smoky barbecue to artisan pizza. Residents of all ages came from the seven neighborhoods of Hollingsworth Park to enjoy good food, great company, and a shared sense of community.

Beyond the fun, the festival served a meaningful purpose: to raise funds for Legacy Park Friends, supporting future playground and cultural enhancements within the park. Thanks to strong sponsor support, the grand efforts of Hello Hollingsworth Park and community enthusiasm, the event raised \$12,000 — the most successful total to date.

Several hundred residents attended and lingered well after dark, enjoying the festive atmosphere. Feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive, with many remarking that the festival has become a favorite fall tradition in Hollingsworth Park — one that celebrates community spirit, generosity, and connection.





We want to acknowledge and give a special thanks to all the sponsors of the Fall Festival!

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# Witches Ride Takes Flight in Hollingsworth Park

A little rain couldn't stop the magic at the first-ever Witches Ride in Hollingsworth Park, a whimsical new Halloween tradition dreamed up by three enthusiastic Belhaven moms — Beth Hilliard, Holli Johnston, and Beth Exley.

Open to women of all ages, the event invited participants to don their witchiest attire, hop on their broomstick-inspired bicycles, and pedal through the neighborhoods of Hollingsworth Park tossing candy to excited children along the way. Despite the drizzle, 35 spirited riders — decked out in everything from sparkly hats to striped stockings — took part in the fun.

Each rider contributed a \$25 registration fee, raising more than \$1,300 for Legacy Park Friends to help upgrade playground equipment at the park. The event wrapped up with an after-party in Belhaven featuring games, festive snacks, and a bouncy slide for the kids.





With laughter, costumes, and community spirit on full display, the inaugural Witches Ride was a wickedly good time — and promises to become a favorite fall tradition in Hollingsworth Park.



## Volunteers Tackle Fall Grounds Project

On October 25th, Legacy Park buzzed with community spirit as neighbors, students, and gardening enthusiasts gathered for a Volunteer Beautification Morning in coordination with the City of Greenville's Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Department. Several Hollingsworth Park residents joined forces with three members of the Greater Greenville Master Gardeners Association to prepare the park's perennial garden for the winter season.

About twenty middle and high school students also pitched in—mulching the playground, pulling out fading annuals, and tidying up flower beds. For two hours, the group worked with cheerful energy, fueled by fresh donuts and coffee at the start and were then treated to chips and salsa from TakoSushi when the job was done. Thank you to all participants!





# Hollingsworth Park to Shine Bright for 4th Annual "Light Up the Night" Luminary Event

Mark your calendars for one of Hollingsworth Park's most beloved neighborhood traditions—the 4th annual "Light Up the Night" Luminary Event, taking place Saturday, December 14th from 6–8 p.m. (with a rain date of Tuesday, December 17th).

Each year, residents transform the neighborhood into a glowing wonderland by lining their sidewalks with flickering luminaries—simple paper bags filled with candles that together create a magical winter scene. The event is hosted by Legacy Park Friends as both a festive way to celebrate the season and a fundraiser to support the park.

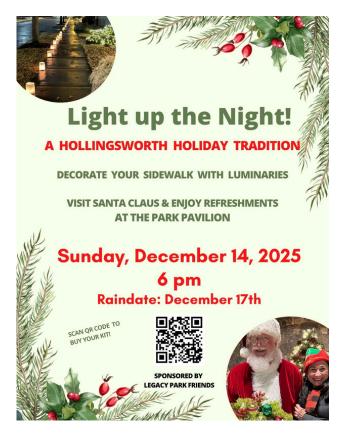


Residents can purchase luminary kits for \$25 by scanning the QR code on the flyers shared through email and social media or by visiting <a href="https://www.legacyparkfriends.com">www.legacyparkfriends.com</a>. Kits will be available for drive-through pickup on Saturday afternoon in the Legacy Park parking lot.



"Light Up the Night" is about more than just beautiful lights—it's about community. Families are encouraged to stroll the streets, admire the twinkling displays, and stop by the Park Pavilion to visit Santa Claus, sip hot chocolate, enjoy cookies, and mingle with neighbors.

Whether you're lighting your own sidewalk or simply taking in the glow, this event is a heartwarming way to add some extra sparkle to the season.





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