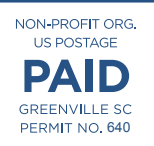




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## Community Spirit Shines Bright on Volunteer Morning, March 28th

On the morning of March 28th, a heartwarming spirit of community service brought together high school and middle school students along with dedicated adults from Greater Greenville for a memorable volunteer event. This gathering was not just about earning service hours, but about fostering a spirit of collaboration and care for the environment right in our local area.

Equipped with gloves, shovels, and wheelbarrows, young volunteers spread fresh mulch across garden beds. Experienced gardeners and eager learners, directed their energies towards pruning old growth on perennials in the Pollinator Garden and taming overzealous spreading perennials. Vibrant ground cover was carefully planted as well. Volunteers' positivity was truly inspiring, showing how people today continue to value environmental stewardship of beautiful public spaces.

As the sun rose higher, casting light over the newly mulched beds and freshly pruned plants, everyone left with a sense of accomplishment and ownership. Events like these are reminders that when private citizens work hand in hand with the public sector, remarkable things can happen.



## A Day of Garden Discovery for local Homeschoolers

Several of the Greater Greenville Master Gardeners recently shared a delightful garden tour and botany lesson with the Ambleview Village, a Charlotte Mason Co-op of homeschoolers, at Legacy Park. The group included six moms and fifteen children, ages ranging from 4 to 17, all eager to deepen their understanding of garden flowers and weeds—a subject they have been enthusiastically studying.

During the tour, the students had the opportunity to engage their senses by smelling aromatic herbs such as rosemary, mint, oregano, and lavender. They also admired the wide variety of perennials in the garden, many of which were just about to burst into beautiful bloom. The hands-on experience brought their studies to life and sparked curiosity among the young learners.

Since the co-op had recently studied weather, the group's visit to the park's on-site weather station was especially exciting.

Overall, it was a wonderful day full of discovery, learning, and fun for all!



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# LEGACY PARK FRIENDS SUMMER NEWSLETTER

June 8, 2026



## A Message from Legacy Park Friends

Happy Summer! We are reaching out to invite you to join us in supporting **Legacy Park Friends**, a community initiative dedicated to enhancing and preserving the beauty and spirit of our beloved public neighborhood park.

Established in 2021 as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, **Legacy Park Friends** proudly partners with the City of Greenville Parks, Recreation, and Tourism, coming together through volunteer efforts and fundraising to make a meaningful impact. Over the past five years, we have accomplished so much, thanks to the generosity of our local community:

- Restoration of the Pavilion Gardens
- Planting of new evergreen boundary garden by playground
- Installation of volleyball area fencing and landscaping
- Installation of Shady Retreat and picnic tables beside volleyball court
- Installation of Children's Sensory Station
- Installation of two sun shades and picnic tables by playground
- Installation of 2 bluebird houses
- Addition of 11 new benches and 7 new picnic tables
- Park clean up days and regular weeding & watering sessions
- Addition of 17 new trees planted in park
- Replacement of arbor swings and wooden benches in tot playground
- Planting of ground cover garden by electrical box near lower pond

In addition, we have built community connections through our fund-raising activities, including the Fall Food Truck Festival, the Witches Ride, and our Holiday Luminary event.

**On this, our fifth-year anniversary, LPF is embarking on a very exciting public art project for the park, in addition to improved replacement playground equipment. We need YOU to make these projects a reality. Donors and volunteers are the lifeblood of our organization!**

Please consider supporting LPF as a sustaining donor with an annual gift. Visit our website at [www.legacyparkfriends.com](http://www.legacyparkfriends.com) to learn about our work and to make a tax-deductible donation.

If you prefer to send a check via enclosed envelope, our mailing address is 325 Rocky Slope Road, Suite 104, Box #101, Greenville, SC 29607.

Thank you in advance for your support and for "caring for what we share".

With gratitude,

Legacy Park Friends Board of Directors



## Ambassadors for Legacy Park Friends: Champions of Community Spirit

On April 7th, the Ambassadors for Legacy Park Friends gathered at the home of one of their dedicated members to engage in a lively session focused on future plans for Legacy Park. Eighteen passionate women, representing ten neighborhoods within Hollingsworth Park, came together to socialize, learn about upcoming park improvements and share ideas.

These Ambassadors serve as vital conduits for communication, utilizing email updates and door-to-door flyers to keep everyone informed and engaged about happenings at the park.

In addition, Ambassadors volunteer at key events-- assembling kits for Luminary Night and helping with set up and clean up for the popular Food Truck Festival. Their teamwork and commitment contribute significantly to the vibrant spirit that defines our park community.

Working closely with the board of directors, who meet monthly to assess progress and plan fundraising and volunteer efforts, the Ambassadors embody the heart of Legacy Park Friends' mission. Anyone interested in assisting the Park Ambassadors in their neighborhood is welcome to send an email to [legacyparkfriendsinfo@gmail.com](mailto:legacyparkfriendsinfo@gmail.com).

## Mallard Mystery at the Legacy Park Pond

A rite of spring at Legacy Park is the arrival of mallard duck families. In early April, two female mallards chose the Legacy Pond to raise their broods—one with eleven ducklings and the other with four. Visitors paused along the path to watch the tiny ducklings follow behind their mothers, snapping and sharing photos online. For a short time, it felt like a shared community celebration of nature. But as quickly as they appeared, the ducklings were gone.

After several weeks, only the familiar green-headed males remained gliding across the pond. People quietly began asking: what happened to the babies? The answer, while difficult, is part of nature. In the wild, duckling survival is fragile. Predators such as turtles, snakes, and birds of prey are common threats. A public park offers little protection. Ducklings are also vulnerable to weather changes, disease, and hazards like litter or runoff in the water.

The mothers have attempted to relocate their broods to a quieter area, but the pond's fencing and lack of an accessible bank would have made that challenging. Male mallards also play little role in raising ducklings, leaving the females to care for them alone.

The loss felt personal to the community. Yet their story is a reminder that even in familiar places, nature remains unpredictable. Hopefully, the mallards will return next season with a more favorable outcome.



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