Your parks are thankful for you.

It’s because of the generous support from you and so many others that your parks remain open and accessible throughout the ongoing pandemic. Not only do you make parks possible, but you also allowed the Parks Conservancy to do all of the following in 2020:

- plant hundreds of trees to strengthen our urban forest and perennials to beautify our green spaces
- offer an abundance of free, in-person, socially distant health and wellness programs in your parks
- provide ‘Parks on the Go,’ an online suite of digital engagement activities that further connect people to their local parks and green spaces from the comfort of their homes

Conservancy, but they mean so much to so many others. Last month, local park use increased by 103%, over average!

We believe, and know you do too, in the power of parks and that they are the beating heart of every Pittsburgh neighborhood.

Although our lives have changed in many ways throughout the past few months, we hope you know that we are so thankful for your ongoing support.

May the gifts of the season — peace, hope, health, and happiness — be yours today, tomorrow, and as we soon enter a new year.

Thank you for being a friend of the parks!

You empower young learners from the region to connect to their outdoor spaces year-round through the Parks Conservancy’s educational programs! (Note: this photo was taken prior to the COVID-19 pandemic)

Contact Julie Segner at jsegner@pittsburghparks.org or 412.682.7275 x240
HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

Give a gift that gives back!

2021 PNC Carousel Season Pass
Your family can ride the PNC Carousel in Schenley Plaza without tokens all season long with a Family Season Pass (valid for two adults and up to four children)!

$60

Show Your Parks Pride
Shop from a variety of Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy branded gear! Not only will you be able to display your parks pride year-round, but you’re also supporting your parks, so they can remain clean and accessible for all park users.

Parks Conservancy Mug
$12

Parks Conservancy T-Shirt
$25

Parks Conservancy Sweatshirt
$36

Perrenial Fund
Keep your parks beautiful and vibrant year-round! Making a pledge to plant flowers is the perfect gift to give your loved ones this holiday season.

25 bulbs $50

50 bulbs $100

Home for the Holidays
Together, let’s reimagine our outdoor spaces! Parks provide plenty of space for families to safely gather and celebrate the holiday season. Visit pittsburghparks.org to learn more!
**Make a Lasting Impact**

You have the power to leave a legacy on Pittsburgh’s parks for decades to come. A legacy gift allows you to increase your support for the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy without impacting your current needs. These gifts are not hard to make. The simplest way to make such a gift is through your will.

If you would like to name us in your will, please refer to us as follows:

Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy, a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation with principal office at:

45 South 23rd Street, Suite 101, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15203

Tax identification number: 23-2882145

Date of incorporation: 12/17/1996

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**Plant a Tree**

Plant a tree in the parks and establish a legacy for generations to come. Choose from a variety of options such as restoration, commemorative, and ceremonial trees. These trees provide habitat and benefits such as carbon capture, stormwater management, and shade. Tree costs begin at $75.

**$75**

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**Dedicate a butterfly at the Frick Environmental Center**

Become a lasting part of the Frick Environmental Center when you dedicate a personalized butterfly image in a permanent art installation. Sealed in a round crystal-clear acrylic bubble, your butterfly image will create a permanent art display. Choose from one of five butterfly images: Painted Lady, Regal Fritillary, Red Spotted Purple Admiral, Common Buckeye, Eastern Tiger Swallowtail.

**$1000**

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**Leave Your Legacy on Schenley Plaza**

Create a lasting park legacy for a loved one while supporting important free public programming. Your 6- by 12-inch brick will be placed in Schenley Plaza with a personalized inscription.

**$500**

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TO GIVE A GIFT

VISIT PITTSBURGHPARKS.ORG/GIFTGUIDE

OR CONTACT JULIE SEGNER AT JSEGNER@PITTSBURGHPARKS.ORG

www.pittsburghparks.org
Bishnu Timsina is a mother, wife, and avid park user. Bishnu also recently participated in the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy’s “Parks are for All” video series which highlights five local immigrant families and what parks mean to them. Like so many others, Bishnu continues relying on her neighborhood park throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Read below to learn more about what Bishnu’s park means to her during times of uncertainty.

Tell us more about yourself! What’s your favorite park activity?

My name is Bishnu Timsina. Almost every evening, I take a walk around my neighborhood park. My park is small and often crowded as so many people are visiting the park to play games and exercise outdoors. Some nights I ride to one of the larger parks near my home where I hike, run, bike, play games with my family, or spend time outside in the woods.

Does your park bring your community together?

Most definitely! Parks are the go-to place for everyone, especially during the pandemic. I often see seniors enjoying walks, little kids playing on the playground, and young adults participating in various activities. It is also the place to meet while maintaining a physical distance and walking six feet apart. I also see so many immigrants getting out to parks, as it reminds them of the open spaces in their home country.

What do you love most about spending time in your park?

Since the start of the pandemic, I’ve been working from home. Being in nature reduces my stress, which helps me feel refreshed. Spending time outdoors and visiting my park has become a vital part of maintaining my physical and mental health. Almost every evening my husband and I go out to the park to walk, talk, and relax with one another. It’s been quite a scary time due to the virus, but my park has certainly made me feel better. Having access to 165 parks in Pittsburgh means a lot to my family. Exploring our park together feels new and exciting every time!

Bishnu Timsina: Mother, Wife and Avid Park User

Bench Dedications: Honor, Heal, and Hope

Bench dedications are a wonderful way to honor, memorialize, or pay tribute to family and friends.

Steven Huselton recently dedicated a bench in honor of his late friend Bradley Ace Schaffner.

“It means quite a bit knowing that I could help make this park more special in my friend’s name. It’s like a piece of him lives on in Allegheny Commons Park.

“Brad loved Pittsburgh and its parks so much. Allegheny Commons Park, in particular, gave him some peace in an otherwise chaotic life,” Steve explained. “I was hoping I could leave something in his memory where others could find moments of peace. Despite his problems, he always wanted to focus on helping others,” Steve said.

Bench dedications are available within Allegheny Commons Park for $1,500 and $3,000. If you’re interested in a bench dedication, please contact Julie Segner (jsegner@pittsburghparks.org).

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