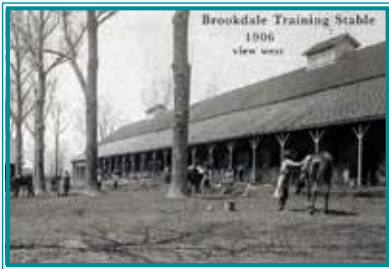


SPECIAL PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 2018

BROOKDALE FARM NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES APPLICATION – \$10,000

THOMPSON PARK, LINCROFT

Historic research for the application for Brookdale Farm to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places was completed and submitted to the National Park Service. Brookdale Farm was the original name for what is now known as Thompson Park, Lincroft. The Thompson family has a rich history of philanthropy here in Monmouth County. Geraldine Thompson was the founder of the Visiting Nurses Association of Central Jersey, encouraged and assisted Monmouth County in opening a TB Clinic in Wall and was a crusader in women's prison reform. Brookdale Farm was the Thompson's summer home and consisted of what is today's Thompson Park and Brookdale Community College.



DISC GOLF SITE AMENITIES – \$4,462

WOLF HILL RECREATION AREA, OCEANPORT

Disc golf is all the rage in individual and team sports. The Friends of the Parks funded site amenities to the disc golf course at Wolf Hill Recreation Area. These additions include: a custom fabricated lost disc box, park benches and bag racks.

HISTORIC SERVICES – \$1,084

HISTORIC LONGSTREET FARM, HOLMDEL AND HISTORIC WALNFORD, UPPER FREEHOLD

The Friends of the Parks funded 19th century replicas of work dresses and hats for staff and docents. Old stock fruit trees were purchased for Historic Longstreet Farm. An historic style ice cream maker with attachments was purchased for programs at Historic Walnford.



UPCOMING 2019 EVENTS:

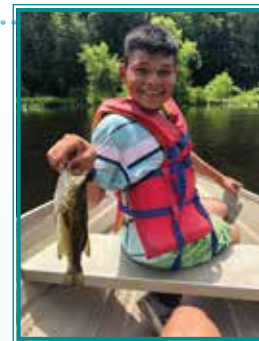
- May 2 – The Scout Guide Charities Wine Tasting, Nemo Tile, Red Bank
- May 15 – Annual Golf Outing, Charleston Springs Golf Course, Millstone
- July 24 – 28 – 50/50 Raffles at the Monmouth County Fair, East Freehold Showgrounds, Freehold Township
- September 19 – Wine and Craft Beer Tasting, Tatum Park, Middletown

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2018 ANNUAL DISTRIBUTIONS

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS & PROGRAMS FOR URBAN YOUTH – \$18,210

The Friends of the Parks continue to support the Recreation Assistance Program (RAP) by providing scholarships for children from Monmouth County's underserved communities such as Asbury Park, Neptune Township, Neptune City, and Long Branch. These campers are able to participate in week-long summer camps (including door-to-door transportation), summer concerts, boat tours, and farm tours. In addition, the Friends of the Parks fund a trip to see the Harlem Globetrotters, an afternoon of bowling, and holiday parties, and programs at the Park System's Coastal Activity Center in Asbury Park. Proceeds from our Annual RAP Appeal support this effort.



EMPLOYEE EDUCATION & TRAINING – \$5,750

Continuing education is an important component to keeping an organization vital. Monmouth County Park System employees were able to attend national training seminars and in-house training conferences for continuing education thanks to Friends of the Parks funding.

VOLUNTEER EVENTS, TRAIL TOOLS, NATIONAL TRAILS DAY LUNCHEON, AND HOLIDAY CARDS – \$2,681

The Friends of the Parks are proud to show our appreciation for the volunteers of the Monmouth County Park System. We sponsor the National Trails Day Luncheon on the first Saturday in June, provide dessert at the Annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon in March, and pay for Thanksgiving cards and postage. In addition, the Friends of the Parks were proud to purchase new tools for the volunteer trails team. These dedicated volunteers maintain over 125 miles of Monmouth County Park System trails.

SEMI-FORMAL AND A DAY WITH JOHN MARSHALL FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES – \$871

Each year the Friends of the Parks sponsor the Therapeutic Recreation Semi-Formal at Tatum Park, Middletown. This support includes: refreshments, entertainment and gift bags for all attendees. In addition, the Friends of the Parks funded an interactive TV weather forecasting show with CBS2's John Marshall. Participants learned the ins and outs of meteorology from NYC's own weather expert!



MEMORIAL & HONORARY DONATIONS – \$10,230

Deep Cut Gardens, Fisherman's Cove Conservation Area, Holmdel Park, and Thompson Park have new benches for visitors to enjoy, thanks to several generous donors. In addition, several trees were planted in various parks in the Park System, and the Deep Cut Gardens Commemorative Tree received a new memorial leaf.

