

SINCE 1895, CLARK PARK HAS

been a 9-acre oasis in Philadelphia’s University City neighborhood. Its 300 trees offer shade to some 35,000 city dwellers who live around it. The park is bounded by Baltimore Avenue, Woodland Avenue, 43rd Street and 45th Street. It is the heart of a diverse and lively community that includes the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, the HMS School for Children with Cerebral Palsy, and a City of Philadelphia District Health Center.

AT ONCE SERENE AND BUSTLING,

Clark Park is always full of life. Children and dogs come to run and play; adults use it for games, exercise, music-making and quiet chilling. The park hosts many civic festivals and informal picnics. A popular farmers’ market brings city and country together.

A LIFE-SIZE BRONZE STATUE OF

author Charles Dickens, joined by his beloved character Little Nell of *The Old Curiosity Shop*, has graced the park for more than a century. This unique sculpture sparks a literary celebration each February to honor Dickens’ birthday. Also within Clark Park is the Gettysburg Stone, a monolith from the Civil War battlefield that was erected in 1916 to commemorate 60,000 Union soldiers treated at Satterlee Hospital. Once the nation’s largest Army hospital, Satterlee sprawled across the park’s northern boundary three decades before financier Clarence Clark donated grounds from his estate for a public park in West Philadelphia.

‘FRIENDS OF CLARK PARK’ IS A

non-profit volunteer organization founded in 1973 to protect University City’s chief public green space. FoCP:

- ◊ Advises civic bodies on park needs

- ◊ Works with the Dept. of Recreation to boost maintenance and plan physical improvements
- ◊ Sponsors events and programs that encourage park use and foster community spirit
- ◊ Organizes volunteer work days for maintenance and upgrading
- ◊ Raises funds and channels donations for trees and other enhancements
- ◊ Educates the public about the park’s history
- ◊ Creates a forum for park users and neighbors

AN AMBITIOUS RENEWAL PLAN FOR

Clark Park was worked out in 2001, after many public meetings. It is a tool to inspire \$2.7 million in vital capital improvements over the next decade. Seizing opportunities for each piece of the Renewal Plan requires constant vigilance and hard work. The gala “Party for the Park” pays for more hard work – extra maintenance that keeps the park neat and trim.

OUR STRONG PARK SUPPORT GROUP

benefits the park. Why is membership so important? It’s simple: the more members, the more support we can win from the City of Philadelphia and other funders. Although FoCP has kept individual membership dues affordable for all residents, they barely cover basic costs. If you can afford it, won’t you please consider becoming a Clark Park Sponsor or Benefactor? Your membership dollars support:

- ◊ Steady replanting of our “urban forest”
- ◊ Progress on Renewal Plan improvements
- ◊ The Clark Park Youth Soccer League, ages 5-12
- ◊ Volunteer work days ◊ Community meetings
- ◊ Bedtime storytelling ◊ Dickens Birthday Party
- ◊ “Bark in the Park” dog party
- ◊ Free movies ◊ Veterans Day observance
- ◊ Christmas caroling ◊ Event coordination

**YES, I WANT TO BE
A FRIEND OF CLARK PARK**

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zipcode _____

Phone () _____

Email _____

Dues enclosed:

- \$20 Individual \$25 Family
- \$10 Senior/Student/Limited Income
- \$50 Patron/Business \$100 Sponsor
- \$175 Benefactor \$500 Lifetime

Special interests:

- Kids’ Programs Youth Soccer Chess
- Adult Sports Arts/Music/Festivals
- Tree Care Gardening Dogs Safety
- Organization Work Other _____

To join FoCP, mail this form, with check or money order, to: Friends of Clark Park, P.O. Box 31908, Philadelphia, PA 19104. Dues and other contributions are tax-deductible.

Join **FRIENDS OF CLARK PARK**

today to get members' updates on annual events and programs, plus information about other park activities!



Food Trust Farmers' Market



Clark Park Youth Soccer League



Party for the Park



Spruce Hill May Fair



Clark Park Music & Arts Festivals



Woodland Avenue Reunion



Charles Dickens Birthday Party



Candlelight Christmas Caroling



Veterans Day Observance



Bark in the Park

**for the latest info,
visit our website at
www.clarkpark.info**

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and many other community partners**

To schedule an event,
or to report hazardous conditions
or broken equipment,
call Recreation Dept. Parks Coordinator
at (215) 683-3679



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