



## Friends of the Parks – Giving a Lasting Gift

The Friends of the Parks recently began an initiative to obtain charitable funding for Parks projects through gifts, grants and trusts from individuals who want to continue giving, even after death. These monetary donations help to maintain parks properties and provide updates and new amenities in our parks. The benefit to the donor is something in their memory for other generations to enjoy. No gift is too small or too large and the entire community can enjoy what the person or their family donates in their memory. Donations can be made for specific repairs or projects or to be used to benefit the public as the Friends of the Parks sees fit.

The Friends of the Parks is a 501 (C)(3) established to assist the parks department in financing maintenance and development of parks properties. There are six individuals who make up the Friends of the Park and oversees awarding funding for parks projects. How does this work? The Parks Department Director requests a specific amount of money for a particular repair or project. The board reviews the request and then approves or denies funding the request. This ensures that the donations received are used appropriately and in the best interest of the public and the donors.

If you are interested in preserving your memory or the memory of a loved one, look for the donation envelopes in your local funeral homes or download a donation form from the Parks, Recreation and Civic Facilities main page. It truly is a lasting gift and a wonderful way to make a difference in the lives of our residents.