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Parks
Conservancy**

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You support free binocular lending libraries

Birders of all ages welcome

Your donations provide free resources to the public. Visitors at the Frick Environmental Center can now borrow binoculars for bird watching in the park. This binocular lending library encourages visitors to get outside and learn more about our native birds. A brief guide is included with the binoculars with pictures of some of the common birds in Pittsburgh's parks.

You can "check-out" a pair of binoculars free of charge with collateral such as keys or a driver's license at the front desk.

We've also launched a binocular lending program at the YWCA Greater Pittsburgh Homewood-Brushton Center. This program,



in collaboration with the Frick Environmental Center and the Ornithology Department of the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, encourages users to explore outside with the Homewood Birding Map. Jordan Brown, Parks Conservancy Homewood Naturalist Educator, has seen "a local interest of getting into the community to engage with the neighborhood's green spaces."

Our plan is to begin a bi-weekly 'island hopping' bird watching club where individuals will venture through the neighborhood to different locations on the map in search of all the fantastic fowls the community has to offer. We are also planning banding bird events with

help from the Allegheny Bird Conservation Alliance to happen during the summer in Homewood.

Learn more and view the Homewood Birding Map at pittsburghparks.org/blog/homewood-birding.

BINOCULAR LENDING HOURS AT THE FRICK ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER
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contact Harmony Hodges at hhodges@pittsburghparks.org or 412.682.7275 x240



Park champions like you

Earth Inspired Salads donates trees

New business supports sustainability

In celebration of this year's Earth Day, Earth Inspired Salads generously donated 10% of their sales for one week to plant more trees in Pittsburgh parks. Additionally, customers were given the option to add \$1 to their order for trees, and 327 did.

With two locations downtown, Earth Inspired Salads values sustainability, healthy relationships with their communities, farmers and customers, and a healthy balanced diet and lifestyle.

Their generosity this Earth Day resulted in planting 24 more trees in your parks. 🌱



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Programs you make possible

Camperships for summer learning

Children benefit from scholarships at the Frick Environmental Center



Campers in Nature Camp learn about leaves

Not all families can afford to send their children to a summer camp. Director of Education Camila Rivera-Tinsley says "The new Frick Environmental Center has allowed us the opportunity to create a space that is both equitable and inclusive. Everyone needs to experience the benefits of spending time in our great city parks."

income families to attend our engaging programs at the Center. These opportunities are completely funded by donors like you.

Camps engage children ages 3-13

Thank you for allowing more children to learn about beetles and bugs, splash through puddles, and get their hands dirty.

using Frick Park as the classroom and playground. Here they learn survival skills, care for plants and learn about animals and insects from our urban forest.

Your campership support means more kids get the opportunity to spend a week learning outside. You can help at pittsburghparks.org/summer-camps. 🌱



Outdoor Expedition campers learn about worms

You transform our cherished spaces

Seasonal Pools in Highland Park

Wetland provides purpose and beauty

You transformed a muddy portion of lawn near Highland Park's bike track into an ecologically diverse wetland in 2006.

A series of seven depressions were dug into the former lawn area to form pools now fondly referred to as the "Seasonal Pools" that collect storm water from the hills of Highland Park. The project has created habitat, removed

an area that was difficult for city crews to mow because of frequent flooding, and allowed storm water infiltration.

The Seasonal Pools show that green infrastructure can be beautiful. 🌱



2017 PNC Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy Spring Hat Luncheon is highest grossing ever at \$565,000

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Your parks, your stories

Pipitone Group gives back in Riverview Park

Corporate volunteers value their park while building team spirit

You may see them around Riverview Park in brightly colored shirts with fun sayings like "I ♥ RP." Pipitone Group values their community and feels the need to give back. Founder and CEO Scott Pipitone believes in volunteering because "we spend a lot of time here, so since

we have the resources, we need to help the neighborhood."

Corporate groups like Pipitone Group sponsor a volunteer day to cover the cost of supplies and materials while encouraging their employees to volunteer in the park.

Pipitone Group has been volunteering in Riverview Park since 2015. Employees help weed, build tree enclosures, and clean up trash. Scott finds it as a good way to give back to the community while encouraging staff members to work together, outside of their typical departments. "We match people from different departments



Pipitone Group pictured in clever t-shirts at their 2016 volunteer day

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Volunteers plant new trees after Emerald Ash Borer destruction in Riverview Park

to work together. We need to know about the person next to us to give a better work product and working in the park fosters collaboration."

As a resident of the Northside Scott values his neighborhood and his park. "I've had my business here for a long time and raised three kids here. My

backyard is the park – we use it every day. We could've lived anywhere we wanted, but we chose the Northside in Pittsburgh and Riverview Park is just one of our blessed assets."

If your business would like to get outside and sponsor a volunteer day contact Judith Koch at 412.682.7275. 🌳

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