



You bring Mellon Square to life

Free entertainment and fitness downtown

Thanks to your support, the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy has partnered with the City of Pittsburgh to bring new, free programs to downtown's Mellon Square.

Renovated in 2014, Mellon Square sits atop a parking garage between William Penn Place and Smithfield Street. This green oasis offers visitors quiet lunch spots with peaceful cascading fountains and shaded reading nooks.

Two new designated pet relief areas near the perimeter of the square makes the park more user friendly for pet owners and downtown residents. The Parks Conservancy is partnering with local organizations to bring fresh and interesting programming to park visitors. Now through October, you can stop in for a free fitness program, bring the family to play some larger-than-life games, and visit the weekly



Visitors enjoy live music at Mellon Square

farmers' market. Plus there's live acoustic music every Thursday at noon.

Your support makes programs like these possible, and people appreciate it. Online reviews show just how much this downtown

greenspace means to many people. Danielle shares "(Mellon Square) is a very pretty little park in an unexpected space!" Jill says "(It's a) wonderful place to have an exhale

moment." Keiron shares "(Mellon Square is a) nice park to sit and relax, quiet during the work hours and lots of shady spots. The water feature is beautiful." 🌞

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Park champions like you

Programs at August Wilson Park in the Hill District

Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation funds expansion

Thanks to a grant from the Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation, environmental educators in August Wilson Park can expand current programming. "The Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation and the Penguins organization has always strived to be a great neighbor and community partner with our city. With the partnership forged

with the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy, the Penguins Foundation is proud to be a major contributor towards the revitalization of August Wilson Park. By creating this partnership we are investing in the future of our community and our young people" says Dave Soltesz, President of the Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation. 🌿



Get involved at PittsburghParks.org/park-events



Programs you make possible

You engage young park activists

Student Conservation Association works in August Wilson Park

The Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy relies on partnerships with local and national organizations to keep your parks healthy and beautiful. The Student Conservation Association (SCA) is one of those partners that has been helping Pittsburgh's parks for the last 18 years. They work in all 5 regional parks and in smaller, neighborhood parks.

throughout the city including trail building and maintenance, erosion control, invasive plant management, tree care and ecological monitoring. The Parks Conservancy has partnered with them on several initiatives in South Side Park and McKinley Park.

This year, seven SCA students worked in August Wilson Park alongside Judith Koch, Parks Conservancy Landscape and Volunteer Coordinator. "My favorite part about working with that crew was that all members lived in the Hill District and so I told them that this park is theirs and they made plans to bring their family." Together they cleared



Former SCA students now work as Parks Conservancy staff and interns

These high school students have completed many restoration projects

weeds from the hillside and pulled weeds from the flower beds. Their crew leader, Jake, worked with the Parks Conservancy's Horticulture and Forestry department in the past as an intern.

after working with SCA. "The experiences I had as a summer crew leader and Green Cities Americorps Fellow provided me with essential leadership skills and personal connections that I needed to enter Pittsburgh's environmental non-profit community." 🌿

Frick Environmental Center Educator Taiji Nelson joined the Parks Conservancy



Hill District students take care of August Wilson Park

"SCA served as a springboard for my career as an environmental educator and gave me an early sense of pride and purpose in my work." Taiji Nelson, Naturalist Educator



You transform our cherished spaces

Volunteers plant daffodil bulbs in Riverview Park

Keeping Pittsburgh beautiful is a full-time job that requires lots of helping hands. Luckily, we have some of the best volunteers and corporate partners that are willing to do the dirty work.

These impressive tiered flowerbeds in Riverview Park were in much need of some tender, loving care. Corporate Volunteers from Pipitone Group worked with Parks Conservancy horticulturists last fall to clean up the



beds and plant new bulbs. They removed old, invasive weeds and planted nearly 800 deer-resistant perennial bulbs.



Park visitors enjoyed the fruit of their labor this spring with beautiful, impressive daffodils. Parks Conservancy Horticulturist

Angela Yuele encourages you to see the beds in person. "The pictures don't do them justice" she says. 🌸

Free programs at Mellon Square



TAI CHI

TUESDAYS 12 - 1PM

No experience is necessary to get centered at these free Tai Chi class led by Tao Applied.

YOGA

WEDNESDAY 12PM & SATURDAY 10AM

Free, hour-long yoga sessions led by Urban Elements. Comfortable clothes, a water bottle, and a mat are recommended.

FARMERS' MARKET

FRIDAYS 11AM - 1:30PM

Presented by the City of Pittsburgh Office of Special Events.

BIG GAMES

MONDAYS 10AM - 2PM & SUNDAYS 11AM - 3PM

Challenge a coworker to a game of oversized Connect Four or drop by the Square during your hotel stay for some larger-than-life chess matches with our popular big games.

LIVE LOCAL MUSIC

WEDNESDAY 5PM & THURSDAY 12PM

Head to the Square at 5PM on Wednesdays, or on your Thursday lunch hour for these free events.



Your parks, your stories

PNC Carousel operator brings smiles

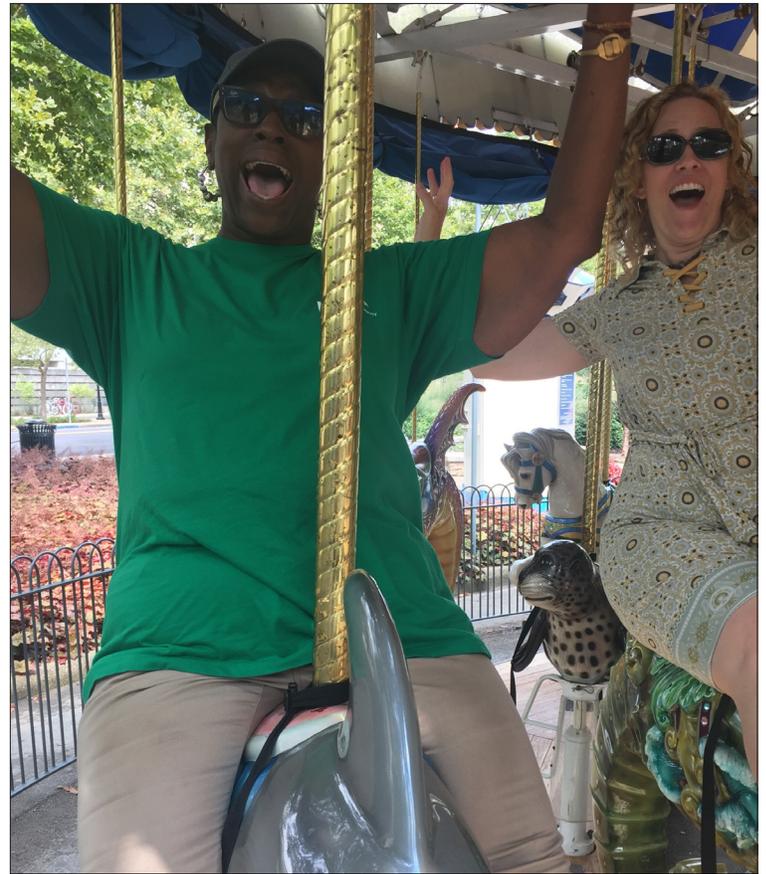
Patricia Hoston makes Schenley Plaza a place to be a kid again

If you've visited Schenley Plaza lately and ridden the PNC Carousel then you've most likely met Pat. Four seasons with the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy has led to thousands of happy Plaza visitors. We've heard from so many happy customers and we'd like to share a couple with you:

Sarah shares, "We took my daughter to the carousel

yesterday to celebrate her sixth birthday. My daughter started talking with Miss Pat and mentioned how much she liked her mermaid necklace. She took off her mermaid necklace and gave it to my daughter for her birthday! I am blown away by Miss Pat's kindness-my daughter hasn't taken off the necklace and I think it was the highlight of her weekend."

Janet felt like a kid again. "I was walking along when I came upon a carousel! It was beautiful... old and antique. I walked up to it with my eyes wide. 'Can I ride it?' I asked the carousel attendant, she thought I was so funny. In her gentle way she smiled at me and said, 'I have never seen a grown woman so happy to see a carousel!' It was so magical. I managed to get her to ride with me and by the end she was crying tears of happiness."



"She embodies the spirit of the park and she deserves to be celebrated."

"You know, I have been running this ride for years and I never rode it before!"

Share your selfie with Pat on social media. #CarouselPat 🍁



"Miss Pat is really special. She deserves a round of applause."

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