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## You support family programming

**Bump in the Night** welcomes hundreds to Frick Park

**S**upporters like you make community programs possible. Bump in the Night is an annual event at the Frick Environmental Center where families enjoy an evening full of fall activities.

**G**eared to kids ages 3 to 9, this year's event was enjoyed by nearly 400 people. Attendees drank apple cider and made campfire treats like toasted marshmallows. Kids took pride in carving their very own pumpkin and learning about nocturnal animals, presented by Humane Animal Rescue.

**O**ther activities included a sing-along with Dr. Boo and Paula, who played guitar and



Kids get creative when carving their own pumpkin

used puppets to get the kids singing. These festivities make learning fun for all and encourage kids and their parents to enjoy their park in all seasons. Kids and parents raved about the event. One parent said, "we had a great time and look forward to participating again next year!"

**B**ump in the Night has been taking place in Frick Park for twenty years, even after the former Frick Environmental Center burned in 2002. It was one of the first events

to be held at the new environmental center.

**K**eep an eye out for upcoming family programs at a park near you at [PittsburghParks.org/events](http://PittsburghParks.org/events). 🌟

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Park champions like you

# PPG Paints Schenley Plaza

## Corporate volunteers keep plaza colorful

**T**wenty volunteers from PPG Architectural Coatings arrived in Schenley Plaza, with paint in hand, to refresh hundreds of tables and chairs as a part of their Colorful Communities Initiative. The eleven-year-old chairs and tables needed some love and attention. Now, they are

once again the bright Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy green. Thank you, PPG, for keeping our parks beautiful!

**T**o learn more about corporate volunteer opportunities contact James Snow at 412.682.7275 x220. 🌱



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PPG Paints donated time and supplies



Programs you make possible

# Your support brings live music and fun times

## Sustainable Sipping at the Frick Environmental Center

**S**ustainable Sipping is one of many new programs at the Frick Environmental Center.



Guests build their own terrarium

**H**eld on the second Friday of each month, June through October, this event invites the 21+ crowd to come and learn, have a drink, and listen to live music. In 2017, guests enjoyed delicious food generously donated by Greek Gourmet as they learned about topics like health, energy, and equity. Past presentations include a discussion on honey bees by Christina Neumann of Apoidea Apiary and storm water management solutions by StormWorks.

**E**ach month's event also features new drinks and local musicians of different genres. Last year, guests enjoyed cocktails by Wigle Whiskey and Red Star Kombucha and beverages by Great Lakes Brewing Company KingView Mead. Fun activities included paper making and building your own terrarium.

**P**ittsburgh Parks Conservancy's Director of Education Camila Rivera-Tinsley

hopes programming like Sustainable Sipping encourages people to come out and enjoy their park. "Programs are generally free or very low cost, allowing more opportunities for Pittsburghers to make

meaningful connections with nature on their own terms, in their own park, Frick Park. Everyone needs nature and deserves to experience the benefits of spending time in our great city parks," she says. 🌱



Good Brother Earl Duo perform at the outdoor amphitheater



A Year in Review

# What you accomplished in 2017



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**5,000+** kids served through park programs



**3,900** volunteer hours, a value of \$92,700



**F**rick Environmental Center created enough electricity to power itself, which is equivalent to about **16 homes for one year**



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**277** free community programs



**8,000** trees, flowers & shrubs planted



Your parks, your stories

# Cementing a legacy

## Squires family gifts in Schenley Plaza

**I**t's the season of gift giving. Some may have a difficult time thinking of something special for their loved ones, but not Janet and Rob Squires.

**J**anet purchased a brick in Schenley Plaza for Rob last December. "We are at that stage of life where we really do not need more 'things' to clutter our home, or our lives. We try often to give each other gifts which help a community-based



"This gift was perfect — something to see, something which lasts, something which also benefits the fun-loving people of Pittsburgh."

organization." Rob then purchased a brick for Janet. "Because I recognize a good idea, I stole the concept and gave Janet a brick for Valentine's Day. She was surprised, and very pleased, saying it was much better than perfumes or flowers."

**T**he Squires are pediatricians at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC. Married for 38 years, they met during their pediatric training in St. Louis, and lived in Texas for 16 years. They came to Pittsburgh in 2003. "It was a fun, wild, challenging move. At the time, we really knew little about Pittsburgh. But it has



Rob and Janet Squires with two of their grandkids

been such a wonderful trip of discovery, and amazement. We love it here!"

**"W**e live in Oakland, and are within walking distance of Schenley Plaza. We witnessed the fantastic renovation of the Plaza in 2006, and have enjoyed so much the beauty, and the many different activities and opportunities ever since." The Squires have three

grown children and five grandkids. "We are so lucky to have two grandsons in Pittsburgh, ages 3 and 4. They love going to the Plaza — to eat, to kick around a ball, to see other families."

**"W**e like the notion that our bricks will be there for years, and that our grandchildren will have a special treat in seeing their last name in such a fun spot." 



**GIVE A PERMANENT GIFT THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**

Dedicate a brick in Schenley Plaza

**\$500**

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