

The Friends of Wildwood Lake Nature Center, Inc.

Supporting Wildwood Park & Benjamin Olewine, III Nature Center

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Dear Supporter,

The Friends of Wildwood are pleased to announce the Walk for Wildwood – the annual fundraiser to benefit Wildwood Park. Enjoy an autumn walk while helping support the Park. Walk the invigorating three-mile trail loop or the shorter half-mile accessible option. Donations go to Friends of Wildwood and support Wildwood Park.

The walk starts at 1 pm on Sunday, September 24 at the Olewine Nature Center. It is free and registration is not required. We would love to see you there!

Before and after the walk, stop by Celebrate Wildwood from 12 - 4 pm. Enjoy music performances, wildlife programs by ZooAmerica, fall activities, and kids and adults alike will love the scavenger hunt. Farm Show Milkshakes will be on site with their regionally famous milkshakes and the “Members Only” Used Nature Book Sale is 11 am – 12 pm. A Celebrate Wildwood flyer is enclosed.

Donations are encouraged and will help continue to make Wildwood Park a healthy habitat for wildlife and people. Each year, the Park welcomes over 100,000 visitors who enjoy this urban oasis with its 90-acre scenic marsh habitat, six miles of hiking trails and the Olewine Nature Center.

Proceeds benefit Friends of Wildwood, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, whose mission is to support Wildwood Park. Friends of Wildwood count on support from you to continue this important work year after year. We have many exciting plans for the near future. A listing of recent Friends of Wildwood supported activities is below:

- Sponsored the outstanding Wildflower Guide to Wildwood Park which identifies over 150 wildflowers found locally.
- Funded Emerald Ash Borer preventative treatment to preserve 7 large ash trees.
- Supported turtle research in cooperation with Dickinson College and the PA State Museum, with over 200 Eastern Painted Turtles tagged to date.
- Initiated research on snakes and meadow ponds in cooperation with the PA State Museum.
- Helped form the Wildwood Lake Restoration Partnership to address sediment in Wildwood Lake.
- Sponsored successful Winter Lecture Series and Photo Contest.
- Sponsored Art In The Wild 2017 – a selection of naturally inspired trailside art installations. The 5th year of this dynamic project attracted lots of great publicity and continues to reach new park user groups. The theme for 2018 is “Natural Abstraction”. We encourage anyone to apply.
- Provided Used Nature Book Sale at Wetlands Festival and Celebrate Wildwood.
- Organized a wide array of educational and fundraising exhibits at Wetlands Festival and Celebrate Wildwood.
- Purchased a new public address system.

Thank you for your consideration, I look forward to seeing you at Wildwood Park.

Yours for the outdoors,

Chris

Chris Rebert, Park Manager

