


This is the 6<sup>th</sup> year of the Grant Park Foundation. In that time, we have accomplished quite a bit with your help. It's that time of year again when fundraising for projects gets underway. Looks like we'll have a break in Covid issues for a few months, so we are full steam going to finally get the gazebo and garden project going this year.

Our intent is to fund some of the beautification and child centered projects that otherwise would be low on village priority list. Because we are a small village with the same expenses as a larger town, sometimes we need to make things happen instead of waiting for things to happen. To do that, we apply for grants and work with corporate sponsorships. Some of our biggest donors are folks who have moved away from the village, yet still hold a warm place in their hearts for us! Pretty amazing, we know!

**If you find our projects worthwhile, we would very much appreciate it if you could contribute to our cause. There are three ways to do this.**

1. Make a donation online at [www.grantparkfoundation.org](http://www.grantparkfoundation.org)
2. Mail a check to the Grant Park Foundation, PO Box 404, Grant Park, IL 60940.
3. Make the Grant Park Foundation your charity on Amazon Smile. Every time you shop with them, they contribute part of their profits to us. You could even ask your employer to do this.

Projects Accomplished	Projects Underway	Projects Projected
<b>Heldt Park</b>	<b>Heldt Park</b>	<b>Legion Park</b>
Climbing/Sledding Hill	Maintenance of existing gardens – gPark Rangers	Repair of existing band stand, turning it into gazebo, making it safer, more accessible and user friendly. 2022
Butterfly Garden	Completion of the Pirate ship station Spring 2022	Creation of a Pollinator Garden around the gazebo. June 2022
Gazebo	Inspiration for an Eagle Scout to add a music station in the Park as his special project 2022	Creation of a fountain focal point, with assistance and donations from Aqua. Pending
Water Installation (pump, spigot) and Maintenance of same	Beat the Blahs 2022	Garden Maintenance – gPark Rangers.
Vegetable Garden	<b>Village Projects</b>	<b>Chamber of Commerce</b>
Interactive learning stations including Fairy table, building block table. mud kitchen & dining area, sand play area, pier stage, hopscotch, sensory gardens, climbing castle and pirate ship.	Maintenance of village parking lot gardens – gPark Rangers	Chamber Garden maintenance–gPark Rangers
Beat The Blahs weekly program for children in the summer, with assistance from the GPF, Yoga Studio, and KCSWCD	Accepted the Youth Commission as a subcommittee	<b>Hilgert Park</b>
gPark Ranger program that employs students in town for maintenance in gardens, including the Chamber of Commerce gardens along the railroad tracks. The program expands every year!	Displays: Sleigh, Christmas trees around town, scarecrow, hearts, leprechaun, palm tree and flamingos.	Improving park amenities <i>Possibilities</i> include: dog park, additional equipment, gardens, pump track, frisbee golf course, etc.
Grants consistently applied for and often won ComEd Green Region and CFKRV	John Deere Wagon installation and maintenance	
Fundraiser with Amazon Smile, Bennett Curtis House, Legacy donations	Installation of garden plants at the village parking lot	
<b>Hilgert Park</b>	<b>Chamber of Commerce</b>	
Planted fruit trees for the community	Chamber Garden maintenance–gPark Rangers	
	Decorative displays	

Keep an eye open for our project and program dates. We LOVE volunteers!