



THE JUDY BLACK MEMORIAL PARK AND GARDENS

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



TEN YEARS AND COUNTING

We can hardly believe that it has been *ten years* since the incorporation of the Washington Park Foundation and the space you now know as the Judy Black Park. There are so many individuals who were instrumental in the early stages in creating a vision and getting support from the town of Washington, donors and ultimately the entire community—Michael Ackerman, Barbara Bouyea, John Millington, Peter Talbot, Denise Trevenen, and eventually Judy Black. We plan to celebrate our founding leaders and other key members of our community who have helped create and nurture our space and purpose at our Founders Garden Party on Friday, September 22, 2023.

The initial funding, building and planting paved the way for us to further develop a more central usage of our town involving local supporters with both deep and new roots to Washington. As a result, we have continued to expand our programming with the goal of reaching and delighting everyone in the community in some way throughout the year—musicians and music lovers, athletes and sports fanatics, writers and avid readers, artists and art enthusiasts, and cooks and eaters!

Thank you everyone for your ongoing support in ensuring our continued ability to create and cultivate a gathering place in Washington that invites friends and neighbors to relax, learn, and play.

See you at the Park!



“The Judy Black Park is a place where all are welcome. Whether Pilobolus is dancing on the front lawn or my kids are running through bubbles and doing cartwheels, it is a place where refined and casual effortlessly meet. The park is the heart of Washington — it promotes the arts, music, culture and new ideas all while being a fantastic gathering place for our community.”

—Lauren Hoskins, Washington resident



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- ★ Some or all of this gift made to the Denise DeVault Trevenen Endowment Fund.

SPOTLIGHT: FOUNDING BOARD MEMBER BARBARA BOUYEA



The Judy Black Memorial Park and Gardens would not be the beautiful, thriving gathering place that it is today without the visionary role played by Barbara Bouyea. Before the park was the park, it was an idea—an idea that Bouyea, along with a small, dedicated group of local business leaders, turned into a reality.

"My office is across the road from the park," Barbara explained. "After the gas station closed and sat vacant for a few years, I decided to see if we could generate enough community interest to purchase the property and turn it into a central community hot spot—a place where we could gather together and where our town could showcase its vibrance."

Once the land had been purchased and the park was in the planning phase, Barbara became one of the founding members of the board of trustees of the Washington Park Foundation, the nonprofit established to fulfill the mission of the park. From its inception, Barbara's dedication to the park has been a labor of love. As chair of the Programming Committee, she promoted the launch of the weekly farmers market, movie nights, football watch parties, Final Four events, festivities during Holiday in the Depot, concerts and more.

As a lighting designer by trade, Barbara also contributed to the park her unique artistic talent, expressed in the handsome chandeliers that hang from the ceiling, the bright holiday globes that hang from the trees, the design of our event invitations, posters, table decorations and more. "It brings me so much joy," she said with a smile.

After her current term ends in the spring of 2023, she will step down from the board but plans to remain an active member of the Programming Committee. The board of trustees is grateful for Barbara and all that she has done for the park over the past ten years, and looks forward to her continued support. Her leadership, foresight and initiative have paved the way not only for the park's existence, but also for its status as the very heart and soul of our town.

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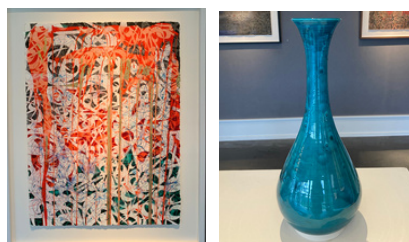
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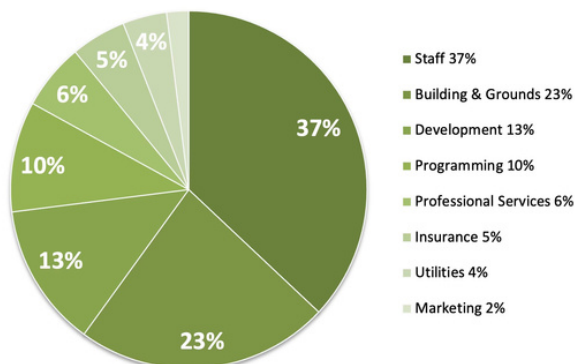
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Nicole Alger | Alibaba Awrang
Karen Bonann | Sayzie Carr
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Works by Alibaba Awrang (left), calligraphic artist, and Matin Malikzada (right), ceramist.

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Hunter Mollitz (Scariest)



Hootenanny participants



Sarah Kinsley performing
at the FUNraiser

“I’ll see you at the park!” is a frequent refrain as locals and visitors embrace the broad range of events and offerings at the Judy Black Park. Situated in the center of Washington Depot, it is also central to the cultural and social life of the town. I am grateful for the foresight of those who chose to do the hard work of purchasing the property and doing all that was needed to transform the park into what it is today. It’s something I appreciate each time I look out from the bookstore at our neighbor across the street.”

—Fran Keilty, Owner, Hickory Stick Bookshop

“Without the Judy Black Park, the town of Washington would not be as vibrant, cultured and diverse as it is today. The park hosts so many wonderful events that add to the beauty of our town. Not only have I had great experiences at the park as a resident attending almost all events with my family, but as a solo musical artist, I have also had great experiences performing at the park.”

—Ron Castonguay, Saxophonist and Director of the Arts and Music
at the Frederick Gunn School





SAVE THE DATE
for our annual
FUNraiser
Featuring a performance by
Frank Sellman & Love Rockit



Saturday, June 17, 2023

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