



# THE JUDY BLACK MEMORIAL PARK AND GARDENS

## 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Dear friends of the park:

May I start by saying that you and your families are all in my thoughts? As we are learning new ways to live in these challenging times, I am amazed and inspired every day by the outpouring of our community spirit, small acts of kindness, and selfless gestures.

We are proud to present you with our first annual report. Who knew six years ago, when the abandoned gas station was purchased, that we would be where we are today – after years of community support, vision, hard work, blind faith and many sleepless nights? The park is an example of what can be achieved when people come together. Please read our report, especially Our Town Square, and feel great pride in all that you helped us accomplish last year.

Please know that, in this uncertain time, our commitment as a board is to find new and creative ways to continue fulfilling our mission – to provide a gathering place for us to relax, learn, play and share all that our community offers. Although the building will be closed for the immediate future, I encourage you to drive past the park, walk by when you are in the Depot, and follow us on Instagram/Facebook; as there is much in store and maybe a surprise or two to keep your spirits up and connected.

On a personal note, after being involved with this town in many ways over the years, I have no doubt that, in this extraordinary time, we will be there to support each other – our local businesses, not-for-profits, schools, and individuals in need, because that is just what we do. We are an extraordinary community.

Enjoy the report, and thank you for an amazing 2019.

Warmly,

**Denise D. Trevenen**

President, Washington Park Foundation



Laura Neminski and Denise Trevenen

“As executive director, I am honored to serve as a link between the park and the community. Delivering on our mission is a team effort. I could not be more appreciative of the support of our board of trustees, and of our volunteers; our musicians, speakers and artists; and, of course, our event sponsors and donors. Welcoming friends and neighbors to the park — our central “gathering place” for our many events — has been a highlight of my year.”

— **Laura Neminski**  
Executive Director



## OUR TOWN SQUARE

by Julie King and Carolyn Setlow

When generous donors came together and purchased the abandoned gas station in the heart of Washington Depot, their vision was to create a place where the community could come together -- where bonds among neighbors could be strengthened, where a sense of belonging could be fostered, where economic development could be sparked, and where creativity could be encouraged and shared. And indeed they did!

Throughout 2019, this place that they created welcomed artists, musicians, actors, and audiences of all ages; local farmers and Saturday market shoppers. On any given day, the place created by and for our community became home to an outdoor movie theatre, a rehearsal space for dancers, an arts and crafts center for families, a studio for early morning fitness fans, and so much more.

We are proud of this place and the evolutionary role it plays in our community, and we are grateful for the support of the donors, event sponsors, and volunteers who helped to create this literal and figurative town square at the very crossroads of our community.

We invite you to experience the Judy Black Memorial Park and Gardens in many ways. Enjoy a lunch on our picnic table under the gazebo, or a rest on our benches, or simply a nap on our lawn. Celebrate our local talent at our exhibitions, concerts, or dance performances. Meet us at the Saturday farmers market or attend an outdoor movie. Bring us your ideas for new events that will bring our community together. And please continue to support us with your generous donations, so that we might continue to provide a gathering place in the heart of our town that you can enjoy and be proud of.

# WITH THANKS TO OUR 2019 SUPPORTERS

## A TRIBUTE TO JUSTIN MOORE



Lisa and Justin Moore

We want to salute Justin Moore, our farmers market master since its opening in 2015, when the park was still an abandoned gas station. One day over lunch at Hidden Valley Eatery, Justin learned from John Millington of the plans to turn the property into a public park and to hold a Saturday market. Right then and there, no hesitation, no questions, Justin said, "Let me take this on! Sign me up!" Justin told us, "I saw this as a place that people could meld together. I just like helping people."

And help us he did! In the words of Barbara Bouyea, a trustee of the park from the get-go, "To this day, Justin's heart has been at the park and the success of our market. His love for our town, the people of our town, the mission to bring us all together, and the feeling that everyone in Washington 'is a local' shows every Saturday."

Justin will be turning over the market master reins this June to his daughter, Rae. Justin told us that he "feels great pride at the success of the farmers market, seeing people come together, old, young, and both long-time residents and newer members of the community...It contributes vitality right in the heart of the town...It's really become a destination." Thank you, Justin!

## VOLUNTEERS

Vincent Casey | Debbie Doorfy | Andrew Flatt | Fiona Foulois | Andrew Fry  
Elena Gill | Keneu Luca | Carter Matthews | Brett Matthews | Mark Mennin  
Justin Moore | Kathy McCarver/KMR Arts | Joanna Pardo | Dinesh Rajagopalan  
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*Many thanks to an anonymous donor to the park for the incredible gift of an art hanging system, allowing us to hang a greater array of artwork on the walls inside the building.*

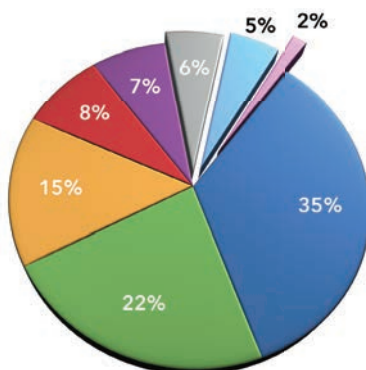
*Special thanks to Sharon and Mark Ruchman for their gift of music to the park. Because of their generosity, we now have an onsite piano for the community's continued enjoyment.*



Quincy Horan of Waldingfield Farm and farmers market shoppers

## 100% PRIVATELY FUNDED

The Washington Park Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Its funding of the Judy Black Park depends entirely on the generous support of individuals and local businesses, raised through an annual appeal, a FUNraiser, Give Local, event sponsorships, voluntary donations at events, rental fees and market vendor fees.



## YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

2019 EXPENSES: \$144,078

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| ● Staff                       | ● Development            |
| ● Building and grounds        | ● Insurance              |
| ● Program costs               | ● Utilities              |
| ● Professional services, fees | ● Dues and subscriptions |

## Daffodils \* ~ up to \$150

Jena Delprete Allee  
 Lisa Alter and Joel Confino  
 Denise and Peter Arturi  
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 Amy-Julia and Peter Becker  
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 Andrea DeMann  
 Laura Driscoll  
 Faith and Howard Drucker  
 Michael and Susan Eanes  
 Connecticut Community Foundation  
 In honor of Carolyn Setlow

Austin Farmer  
 Gretchen and Philip Farmer  
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 Sandy and Gary Flood  
 Valerie Friedman and Frank Adams  
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 Kathleen and Vincent Giarrano  
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 Joanna and Joseph Gitterman  
 Karen and Henry Glanternik  
 Deborah and Daniel Glass  
 Michelle and Michael Gorra  
 Susannah Gray and John Lyons  
 Anne and Niko Hayes  
 Paul Healy and Didier Malaquin  
 In honor of Denise Trevenen  
 Anne and John A. Herrmann Jr.

Julie and Ben Hollander  
 Christopher Illum  
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 Caroline Levy and Leonard Kady  
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 Susan and Philip Markert  
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## Golden Rain Trees \*

\$500 to \$999

Ann and Andrew Bazos  
 Sarah and Steven Cornell  
 Suzanne and Douglas Day  
 Karyn Detje and Sal Sorce  
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 Sophie Sutton and Jeff Drubner  
 Kirsten Feldman and Hugh Frater  
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## Japanese Maples \*

\$1,000 to 1,499

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 Peter Houldin  
 Stacey and Pels Matthews  
 Rebecca and Jim Neary  
 Alison and Neil Rubler  
 Carolyn Setlow and Andrew Shapiro  
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 Denise and John Trevenen  
 Jennifer and Douglas Urquhart

## Dogwoods \*

\$1,500 to \$2,499

Nicole Alger and Zachary Karabell  
 Anonymous  
 Marsha and Franklin Berger  
 Barbara Bouyea  
 Gloria and Martin Greenstein  
 Kathryn and John Kehoe  
 Barbara Shattuck and Eugene Kohn  
 Robert Parker and Peter Rogness  
 Richard Schlosberg  
 Pamela Seymon and Robert Schumer  
 Katherine Wenning and Michael Dennis  
 Jane Whitney  
 In honor of Laura Neminski

## River Birches \*

\$2,500 to 4,999

Chrissy Armstrong and Ben Nickoll  
 Margaret Ferguson and Daniel Sherr  
 J. Wilson Henley and Bruce Glickman

## Linden Trees \*

\$5,000 to 9,999

Sandra Breakstone and Ronald Garfunkel  
 Peter J. Cooke

## White Oaks \*

\$10,000 and up

Black Family Foundation



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"The Judy Black Memorial Park and Gardens is the centerpiece of Washington Depot. The park has established great events for children and families to enjoy, like Movie Nights in the summer and roasting marshmallows in the fall. We are grateful to be part of it."

– **Justin Spring, on behalf of National Iron Bank**

"In a short time, the Judy Black Park has become the heart of our town. My husband, Bob, and I want to support the park, to make sure that it is here for generations to come. There is so much to enjoy, but I love the music best! Thank you for hosting the "Washington Gives" event. It means so much to know that your volunteerism is appreciated."

– **Mary Weber**

"The Judy Black Memorial Park and Gardens is a warm and welcoming environment, with changing and stimulating exhibits and events for all ages. It has become a vital community center complementing other town venues and activities."

– **Susan Payne**

"The Judy Black Park contributes so much to the community. The amount of entertainment that goes on there is wonderful and so varied. There is always something to suit everyone."

– **Michael Condon**

"When the beautiful, colorful Judy Black Memorial Park and Gardens opened, it gave the community a new lease on life, a place to relax in solitude or congregate in companionship. It has greatly enhanced our wellbeing at all levels of experience."

– **Ruth Jaffe**



AUDREY HEFFERNAN MEYER

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**FUNraiser**

An Evening with Audrey  
Heffernan Meyer

**JULY 11, 2020**

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