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Park Notes

There's no place like
Carl Schurz Park

Chairperson's Letter

There's no place like home! After reading that line, many of you will immediately think of The Wizard of Oz. I admit to visions of ruby slippers, but I also fondly think of Carl Schurz Park.

How lucky we are to have such a magnificent resource nearby. Our park is small enough to feel intimate, yet large enough to accommodate a wide range of activities. It provides access to the outdoor space we all seek and to health benefits we can all use.

It may not be the perfect urban escape, but the ease of use and rock-bottom cost gets it close. For certain, more time spent outdoors will make escaping from urban stress much less of an issue.

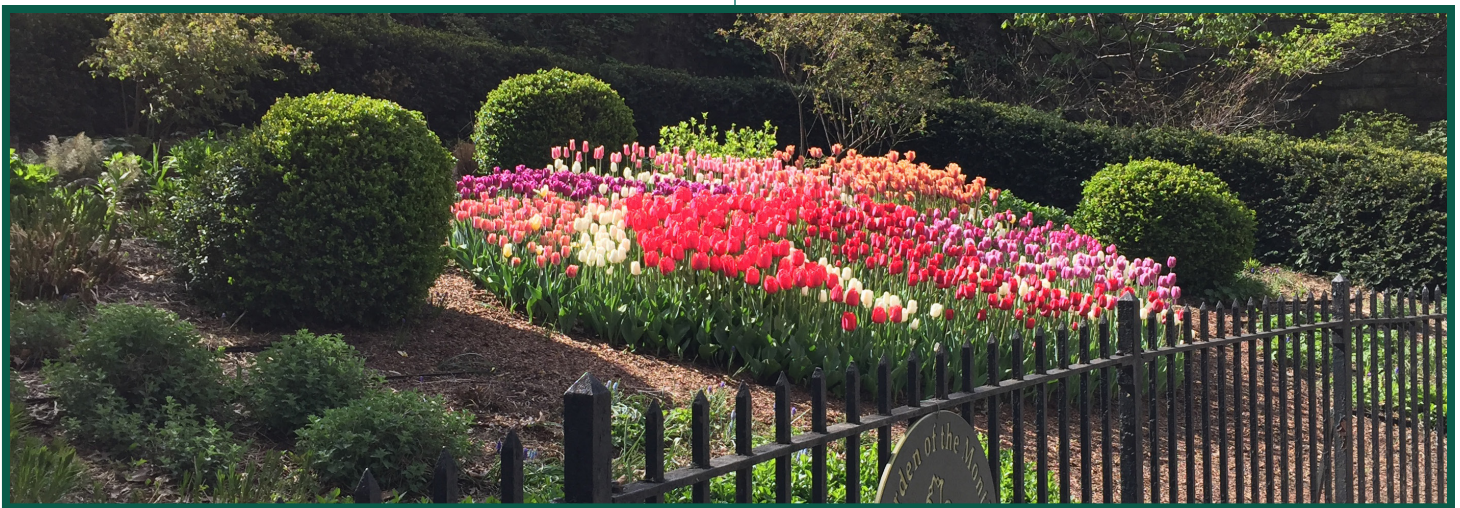
In this edition of Park Notes, we will highlight some of the spots one might find to relax and take a "mini vacation" from the day. Now to find my meditation app, take a few cleansing breaths and.....



Judy Howard
Chair, Board of Directors

\$600,000 in restorations

Over the past 18 months the Conservancy has continued its systematic restoration of the hardscape. Both the northern and southern stairs at the front and back of the Cherry Allée as well as the walkway to the northeastern stairs, were restored at a cost of \$600,000.



There's No Place Like Home!

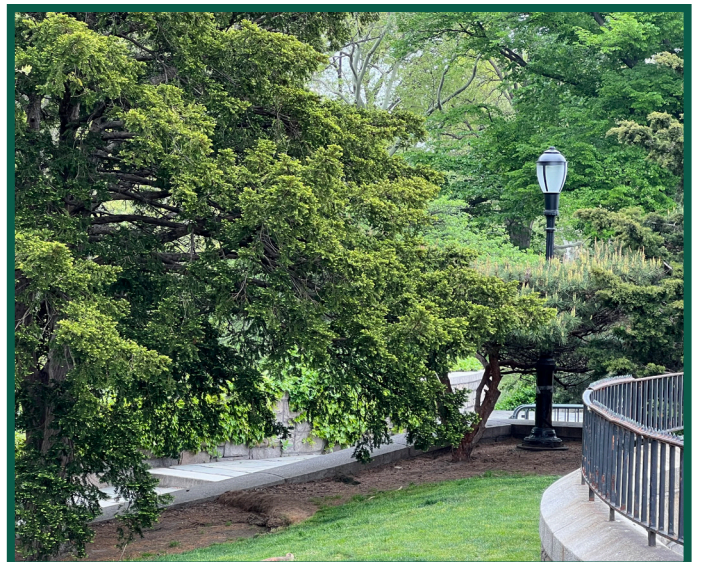
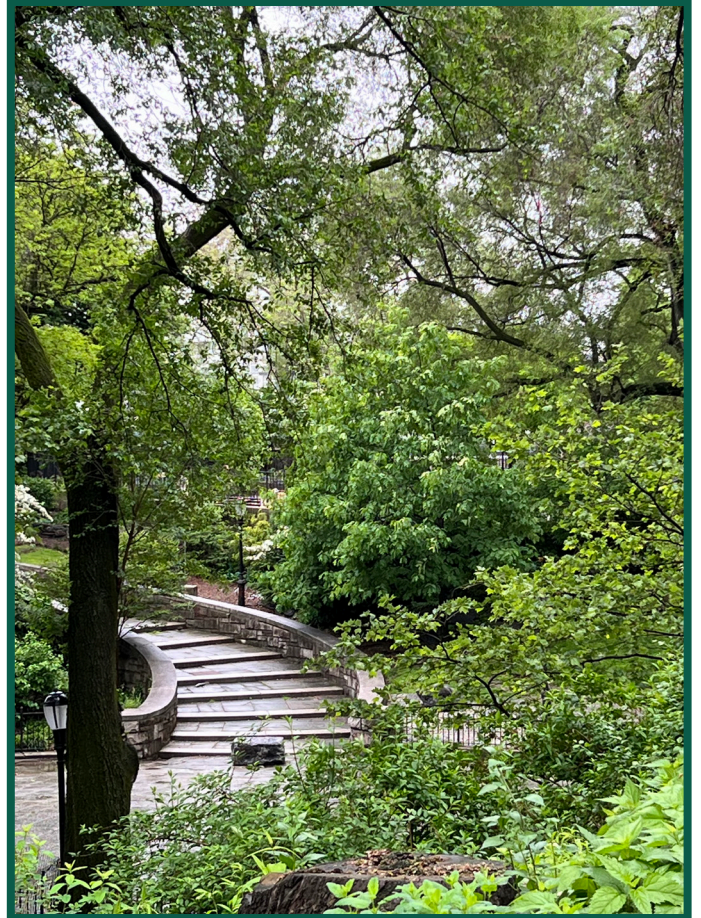
Urban Escape is as Easy as a Trip to the Park

Almost nothing beats a fabulous vacation: exotic sights, delicious food, mind-blowing experiences, crowded airports, cancelled flights, long waits, restless crowds, costly bills!!!! Yikes. Let's face it, if you don't have copious amounts of time and money or the bandwidth to deal with the difficulties of modern-day travel, we have a suggestion.

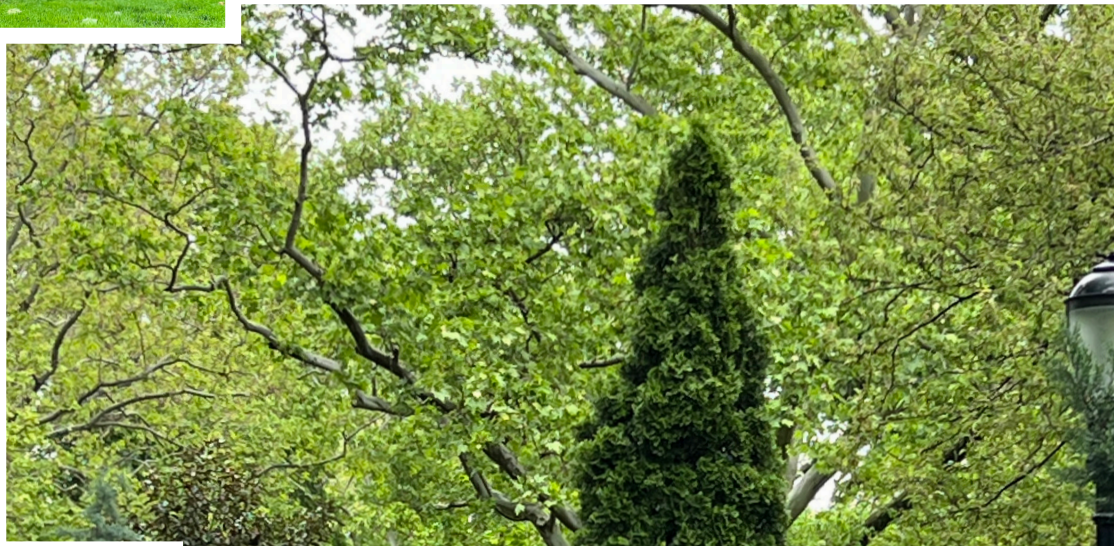
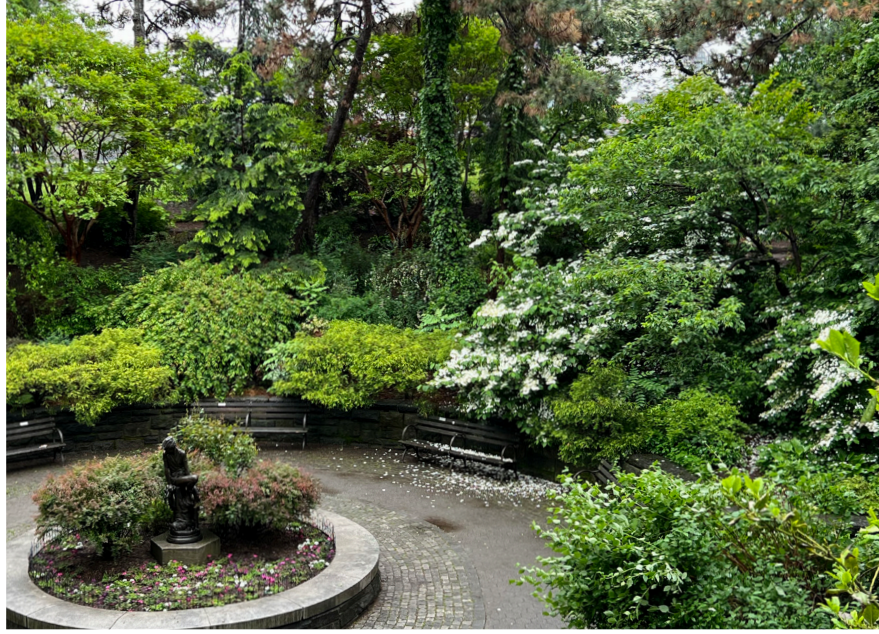
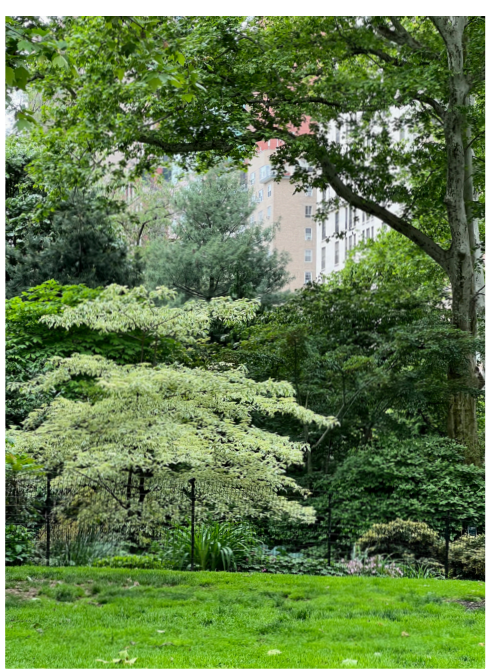
True, it's not inventive or exclusive or worthy of boasting about. However, it is quick, easy and cost free. A trip to Carl Schurz Park may help reduce stress immeasurably. You may even leave feeling calm, refreshed and ready to tackle the rest of your day.

We're not talking about walking through while glued to your phone and ear buds, but rather a purposeful trip to sit, relax and quietly focus on peaceful sights and sounds. Yes, there are still pockets of calm to be found in the park.

So next time you find yourself stressing out, why not give a visit to the park a try!







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A Magnificent Donation

We are grateful to announce that the Conservancy has received an anonymous gift of \$500,000 to bolster efforts to “nativize” Carl Schurz Park.

Utilizing the funds over a 5-year period, we will focus on planting as many native species as possible.

This will require a park-wide horticultural plan as well as extensive restoration of garden areas.

Our hope is to make the park more resilient to withstand extreme weather conditions and more welcoming to the many important creatures who rely on it to survive.





Global Warming or Winter Blooms?

Increasingly, we are approached by park goers concerned by the sight of plants blooming in the early winter months. While certain plants may, in fact, be flowering a bit early, often, it is simply their time.

Our park has quite a collection of witch hazels and hellebores which, starting in February, provide a wide range of beautifully colored blooms. Plentiful white snowdrops and eye-catching yellow mahonia add to the display.

A scattering of white and pink winter flowering camellias look too precious to be in full flower. On sunny days, you might even catch early emerging pollinators visiting crocuses. And, by late



February to early March, white and pink prunus mume trees adorn the area by the basketball court.

All of this happens

well in advance of spring which is one of Carl Schurz Park's finest moments. Global warming is no joke and the Conservancy is

making every effort to promote a healthy park but, on occasion, winter flowering is Mother Nature doing business as usual.



Conservancy Meets with South Korean Delegation

In March of 2024, Board Chair Judy Howard spent time with a group of delegates from the South Korean Chungcheongnam-do Administration. Their goal was to visit well established Conservancies in New York City to better understand how they operate. We were flattered to be included with Central Park, The Highline and Battery Park,

among others. The group, which represents a large suburban housing area, is trying to restore an approximate 30-hectare (70 acre) park which lies adjacent. Many questions were posed during the hour-long tour of Carl Schurz Park after which they graciously bestowed a few lovely parting gifts. We wish them the best of luck.

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The Mansion Diner for their donation of hot chocolate for the Holiday Tree Lighting.

Yura on East End for their donation of breakfast for the Gracie Square Art Show artists.

Event Calendar 2025

Volunteer Days

March 8th
April 5th
May 17th
June 14th
September 13th
October 18th
November 8th
9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
East End Ave/86th Street
Registration Required



Earth Day Celebration

Saturday, April 26th
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Throughout the Park



Annual Plant "Sale"

Saturday, May 10th
9:30am until sold out!
(Rain date May 11th)
East End Ave.
at 86th Street



Summer Sounds Open-Air Concerts

Steve Shaiman and
Swingtime Big Band!
Wednesday, July 16th
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
John Finley Walk at the
top of 86th St. staircase.

Steel Impressions
Caribbean Band
Wednesday, July 23rd
7:00 p.m. to
8:30 p.m.

John Finley Walk at the
top of 86th St. staircase.



Sunset Films "Life's Journeys"

Migration
Wednesday, August 6th
8:30pm
Basketball/Hockey
Court at 84th St.

Inside Out 2
Wednesday, August 13th
8:30pm
Basketball/Hockey
Court at 84th St.



The 51st Annual Gracie Square Art Show

Saturday and Sunday,
September 6th and 7th
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
East End Avenue
from 84th to 88th St.
(Rain or shine)
www.gsasny.org

Harvest Festival
Saturday, October 12th
1:00pm to 3:00 p.m.
Playground at
84th St. and
Peter Pan Walk



Halloween Howl and Healthy Hound Fair

Sunday, October 19th
12 noon to 3:00 p.m.
(Rain date October 26th)
Basketball/Hockey
Court at 84th St. and
John Finley Walk

Holiday
Tree Lighting
Sunday, December 7th
5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
(Rain, snow or shine)
East End Ave.
at 86th St.



Movie night at Carl Schurz Park



Hellgate Lawn.

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Carl Schurz Park Conservancy Mission Statement

The mission of Carl Schurz Park Conservancy is to restore and beautify Carl Schurz Park, complementing the efforts of the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation. Our goal is to enhance the public's enjoyment and involvement in the Park. The Conservancy organizes volunteers to execute its projects and sponsors community events that are open to all.

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