

FOWWOS NEWS



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The Mission of the Friends of West Windsor Open Space (FOWWOS) includes:

- To promote and work for the **preservation** of open space and the **conservation** of natural resources;
- To encourage and assist local governments in their open space and conservation programs;
- To raise funds for financing the **acquisition of land for open space** and **recreation** purposes;
- To foster knowledge and study of ecological and natural resources conservation;
- To encourage **farmland preservation**; and
- To engage in other charitable and **educational enterprises** related to the above goals.

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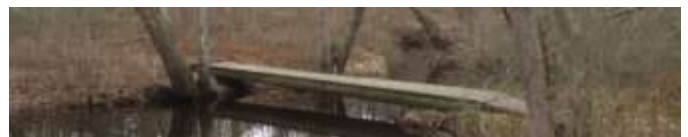
In addition, FOWWOS’s private nonprofit 501(3)(c) status makes it eligible for 100% matching grants from the state Green Acres Program, while the Township is eligible for only 50% matching grants. Therefore, the additive grant partnership with FOWWOS has enabled West Windsor township to minimize contributions from the local taxpayers for purchasing Open Space land throughout our community.

Visit the FOWWOS website www.fowwos.org for the latest news, pay your dues, join our e-mail list, and more.

Leveraging Corporate Donations

The vast majority of monies that FOWWOS receives is from individual residents of West Windsor. FOWWOS is happy to receive contributions large and small from residents interested in preserving our beautiful township. Most of our members give \$25 in annual dues, and we are proud of the grassroots nature of our organization.

FOWWOS has also been fortunate to receive matching grants from companies that offer generous benefits. When giving to FOWWOS, please check with your company to see if your generous giving can be matched. Some companies match dollar for dollar and there are even those that match more than your own contribution!



Seeking Proposals

Scouts, civic groups, students, concerned residents:

FOWWOS WANTS TO HELP YOUR PROJECT!

If you have an idea for project that will benefit open space in West Windsor and meets one or more of the goals of FOWWOS’ mission, email us. Include a brief description of the project, your timeline, and amount of money you are seeking.

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FOCUS ON NASH PARK – A WEST WINDSOR GEM



Nash Park Pavilion Dedication

By Andrew Kulley

The Beautiful Pavilion dedicated at Nash Park in the fall of 2107 was installed as a tribute to John and Alicia Nash. It was a fitting tribute to the long-time West Windsor resident and subject of the movie “A Beautiful Mind.” The structure was an aesthetic delight from the outset, as can be seen in this photo.

The installation of the pavilion was complicated by factors ranging from language translation issues to difficulties obtaining travel visas for engineers. The need for stronger anchorage for the top-heavy structure was made clear when high winds tilted the pavilion.

It took some time, but installation of an attractive and robust steel anchorage has corrected the tilt without compromising the graceful lines of the structure. Additional landscaping and other improvements to Nash Park have enhanced the beauty of setting for the Beautiful Pavilion.

Nash Park Additions

By Yan Mei Wang

A lot was added to our Nash Park during the last half year; these additions include re-straightening the tilted Beautiful Pavilion and planting a bamboo garden on each side of the moon gate (shown in the dashed ellipsoid). The bamboo gardens were planted by the West Windsor Lions Club.

I have been hesitating to visit the Beautiful Pavilion after its re-erection late 2018 from concerns about the previous tilting incident. Finally after the New Year, reassured by a resident sitting inside, I went in and

observed the modifications. The previous tilting points were located at the top and bottom of the four posts, now they are all securely anchored: the top regions of the posts are angle-bracketed into the pavilion roof structure, and the bottom regions of the posts are bolted into the base-anchored railings (inset images).



Editor’s Note: Part of the original concept for the Nash Park was to include several small gardens of various themes. FOWWOS is interested in supporting new gardens in any open space, and welcomes proposals for Nash Park. Please send ideas to fowwos@yahoo.com.

GET INVOLVED IN OPEN SPACE WITH FOWWOS

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

1. Be A Trail Monitor

In coordination with West Windsor Bike-Pedestrian Alliance (WWBPA), we have created a monitoring program for 4 of our township trail networks – at Zaitz Preserve, Ron Rogers Arboretum, Ron Rogers Preserve, and Millstone River Trail East & West. FOWWOS/WWBPA volunteer, Mike Ruderman, mapped the trails to use for this project. We are seeking monitors for the program. Monitors will visit the trails monthly and note any areas in need of clean up of debris, fallen trees, brush overgrowth, or general maintenance. The information will be communicated with FOWWOS, WWBPA, and the Township to determine the course of action.

2. Clean up Parks and Trails with FOWWOS

FOWWOS hosted two park and trail cleanup events in 2018, and is planning more for 2019! Please suggest areas in need of TLC to us at fowwos@yahoo.com. Look for emails and flyers advertising the events. They are lots of fun and a great way to help keep West Windsor beautiful. Come join us!



3. Pick up Debris

Not only does it provide exercise and well-being, groups and individuals who collect trash in and along WW parks and roads can log and submit their time to benefit FOWWOS. FOWWOS will receive \$ through the NJ Clean Streets Program for every hour of time spent cleaning West Windsor. To submit, visit fowwos.org/clean-streets/

4. Propose a Project

Do you have an idea for project that will benefit open space in West Windsor and meets one or more of the goals of FOWWOS' mission? Email us. Include a brief description of the project, your timeline, and amount of money you are seeking. fowwos@yahoo.com

5. Start or Join a Garden Club

FOWWOS is seeking volunteers to start a garden club to beautify our parks, such as the 9-11 Memorial at the Ron Rogers Arboretum, playgrounds, and Nash Park. We will also consider financial support of non-FOWWOS garden clubs, so long as they are related to FOWWOS' mission. Please email fowwos@yahoo.com if interested.

6. Become Educated about Open Space in West Windsor

Join us at our monthly meetings. Hear about latest happenings related to open space and share ideas. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM at the Township Municipal Center. See the full list of 2019 dates on the enclosed Annual Meeting announcement. We also encourage you to attend Township Council Meetings and speak during public comment period about issues that you care about. Township Council meeting dates are listed here: www.westwindsornj.org/councilpastagendas.html.

7. Shop with Amazon Smile

If you shop at Amazon.com, designate "Friends of West Windsor Open Space" as your charity of choice. By using the special link to smile.amazon.com when you shop, Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchase price to FOWWOS.

JOIN OR RENEW MEMBERSHIP WITH FOWWOS

Annual Meeting

Tuesday, February 12, 7:30

West Windsor Township Municipal Building

We urge you to attend the upcoming FOWWOS Annual Meeting or any other meeting find out more about the positive impact of FOWWOS on your community, and voice your thoughts about the future of open space in your town. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to get involved, as well. Open space issues affect us all.

Additional 2019 Meeting Dates:

March 19, 7:30 PM

June 18, 7:30 PM

October 22, 7:30 PM

April 16, 7:30 PM

July 16, 7:30 PM

November 19, 7:30 PM

May 21, 7:30 PM

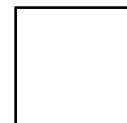
August 20, 7:30 PM

December 17, 7:30 PM

September 17, 7:30 PM



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MEMBERSHIP

Please join or renew your membership in FOWWOS and help preserve and maintain open space in West Windsor.

Name(s): _____ Email: _____

Street: _____ City: _____

Phone: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Select Membership Type:

Student \$15

Adult \$25

Family \$40

Supporter \$50

Benefactor \$100

Make checks payable to "FOWWOS" and mail to: FOWWOS, P.O. Box 73, West Windsor, NJ 08550.

To pay by credit card, visit www.fowwos.org/membership.

