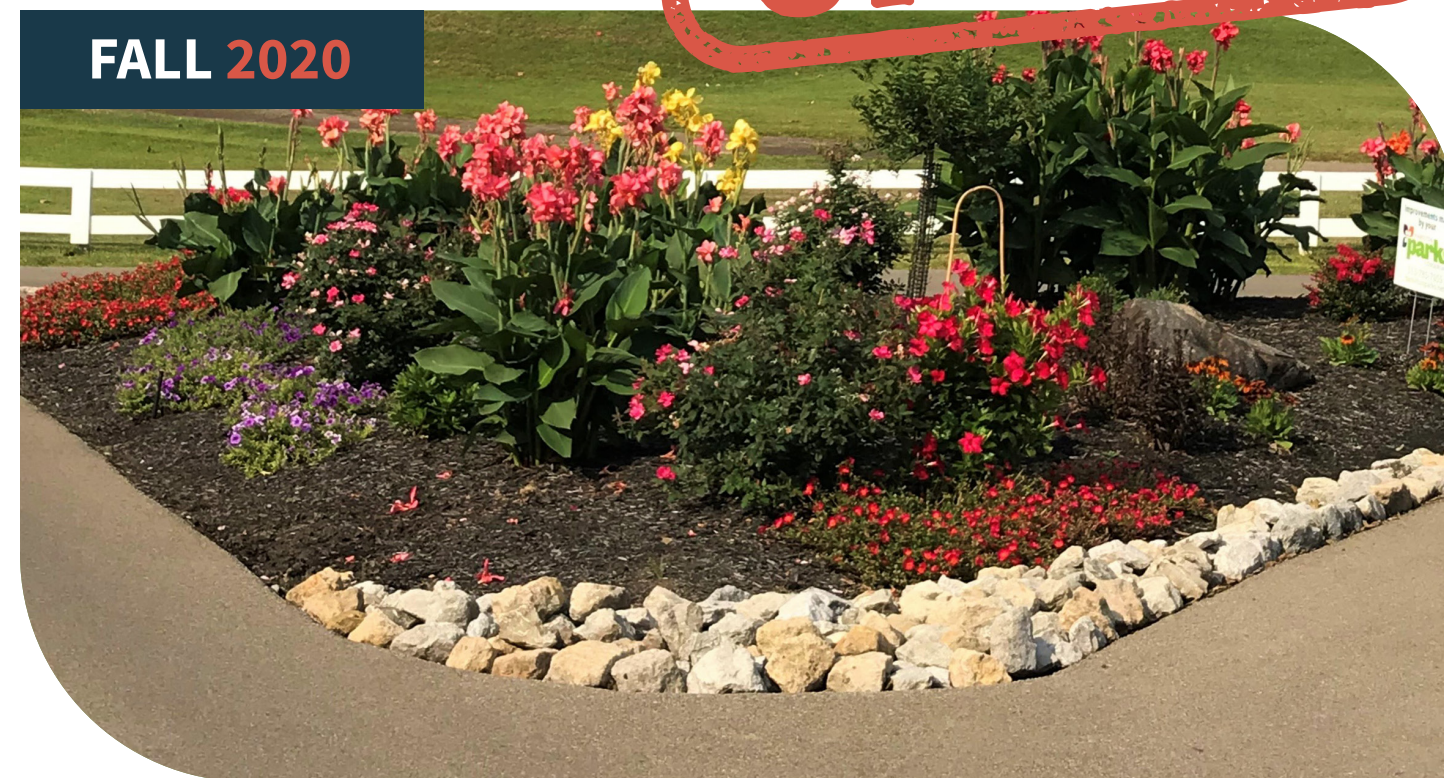




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Far Left: Having Fun at Marcum Park
Directly Left: Joyce Park Farm House
Above: New Landscaping at Potters Park Golf Course
Below Left: Kevin Lodder Park and Overlook
Directly Below: Sculpture "Someday" at Potters Park Golf Course



A Letter from the Director



Dear Friend of the Parks,

2020 is a year that has been a challenge. I can't say that I will not be glad when it is over. Jon Cook, our Park Maintenance Superintendent, moved to Florida in May and we definitely miss him. We wish Jon the best and thank him for his work and dedication towards improving our parks.

Todd Ream has become our new superintendent and he is doing a fantastic job. I am so proud of our crews during these trying times. They have worked tirelessly under constantly changing rules and orders from the Governor. We do not have the option of working from home. Our staff needs to be out in the parks. During the summer season, staff sanitized every park restroom every two hours, seven days a week. While hours were reduced, we did open all of our spraygrounds. Many communities kept their pools and spraygrounds closed.

Our crews did not let Coronavirus slow them down. In 2020, we were able to complete and open eight pickleball courts, add a stair system at the disc golf course, paint shelters, paint the Joyce Park house, and take on the operations and management of Hamilton's Twin Run and Potters Park Golf Courses.

We have been working on many improvements at the golf courses. The interior of the Potters Park clubhouse underwent a much needed refresh. Both clubhouses, the barn, and the antique light poles at Twin Run have been painted. Janis Overholser, our horticulturist, has

completely reinvented the landscaping beds and they look great! Over seventy dead trees and acres of honeysuckle have been removed. Our crews are building a new white tee on hole 11 at Potters Park. I will let you know how that turns out. To you golfers out there, there is the "Hamilton Golf Course Fund" at the Hamilton Community Foundation if you have an interest in helping with additional improvements at the golf courses.

While these changes have been expensive, it has been worth it. The Hamilton Parks Conservancy is dedicated to making our parks the best and Hamilton a place to be proud of. As Coach Marvin McCollum used to say, "Good, better, best, never let it rest until your good is better and your better the best."

This year the parks were a safe haven for people who wanted to get out during COVID. Countless people spent time being outside, taking a walk, grabbing a DORA drink and enjoying Marcum Park. The Hamilton Parks Conservancy placed sixteen picnic tables around downtown's Marcum Park so Hamiltonians could eat outside and enjoy a sense of normalcy. My wife and I love sitting at Tano's and looking across Marcum Park. This park was so needed, especially this year. It has brought peace of mind and enjoyment to so many. While Mr. and Mrs. Marcum are no longer with us, their legacy will live forever.

We would once again like to ask you to partner with us in improving Hamilton's park system. To continue the momentum, we need your assistance. Our donors' gifts help us achieve our goals.



Because of your generosity, we have been able to create an endowment fund at the Hamilton Community Foundation. Twenty percent of our Friends of the Parks donations will go into the endowment fund. As this fund grows it will enable us to properly maintain our improvements.

It is our sincere hope that you will consider a donation this year and help us to continue our mission of creating clean, safe, and fun outdoor entertainment for the citizens of Hamilton.

Please use the enclosed envelope to make your tax-deductible gift and be a part of the continued rejuvenation of our city parks system.

Sincerely,

Steve Timmer

Steve Timmer, Director
The Hamilton Parks Conservancy



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