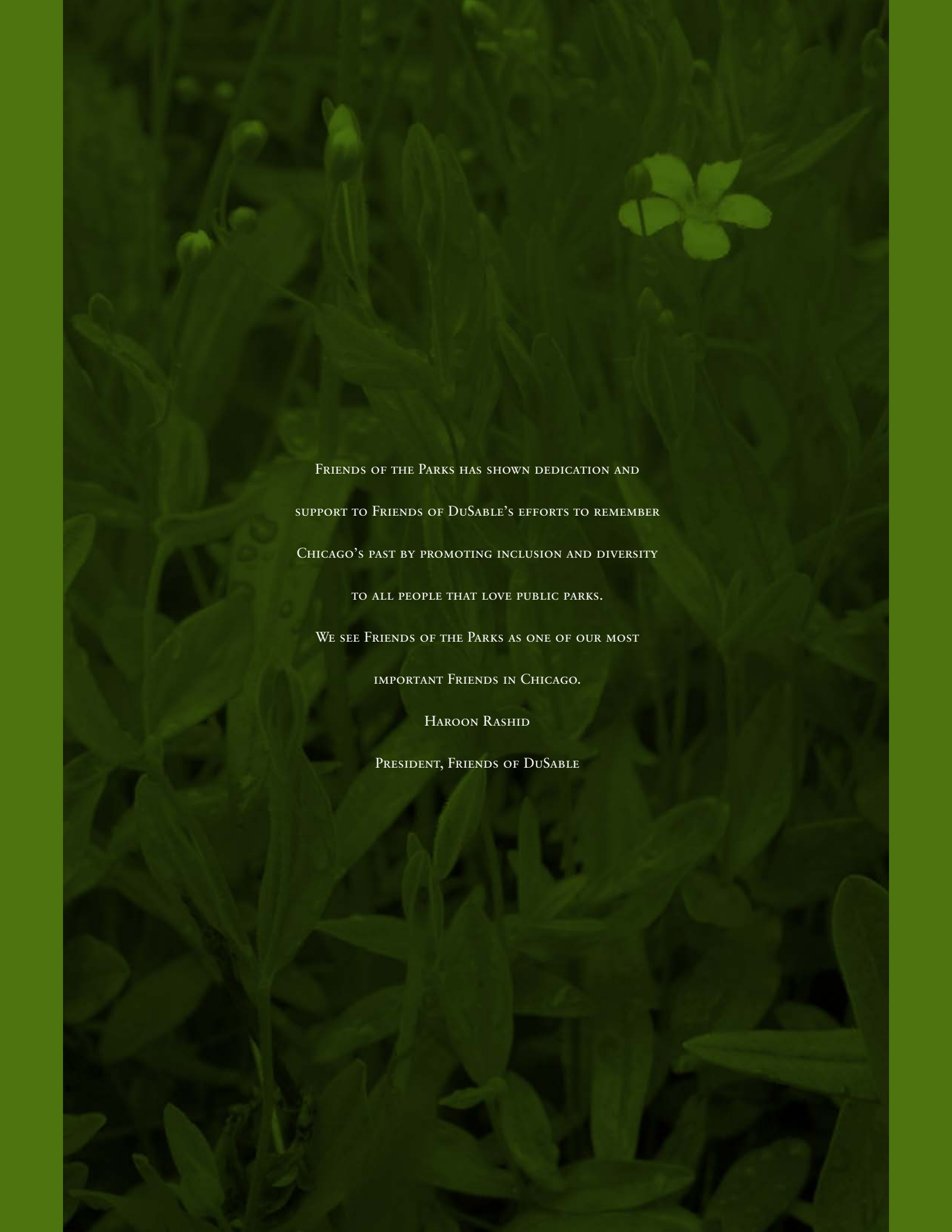


Friends of the Parks



Annual Report 2004



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SUPPORT TO FRIENDS OF DUSABLE'S EFFORTS TO REMEMBER
CHICAGO'S PAST BY PROMOTING INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY
TO ALL PEOPLE THAT LOVE PUBLIC PARKS.

WE SEE FRIENDS OF THE PARKS AS ONE OF OUR MOST
IMPORTANT FRIENDS IN CHICAGO.

HAROON RASHID

PRESIDENT, FRIENDS OF DUSABLE

Dear Friend

Millennium Park features state-of-the-art design elements from Frank Gehry, who created the Jay Pritzker Pavilion shown above, and sculptors Anish Kapoor and Jaume Plensa.



Chicago's park system took a leap forward in 2004 with the completion of Millennium Park in the city's front yard. The 24-acre park, constructed over the unsightly railroad tracks, was dedicated in July. By all measurements, the park was a spectacular success. Frank Gehry's Pritzker Pavilion, Anish Kapoor's Cloud Gate ("the Bean"), Jaume Plensa's Crown Fountain and Kathryn Gustafson's Lurie Gardens have drawn hundreds of thousands of visitors to this downtown gem. The project fulfills one of Friends of the Parks' earliest visions for Grant Park.

As part of our Public Trust initiatives, Friends of the Parks partnered with Friends of Monroe Harbor to dissuade the Chicago Park District from turning historic Monroe Harbor from a boating oasis with graceful mooring anchors into a fully constructed and densely built-up marina. As a result of our combined advocacy, the Park District put the marina project on hold and agreed to complete a study of future needs and best locations for additional boating slips.

Our strong advocacy continued to protect a 30-acre tract of land in Chicago's northwest side from development. The Dunning property, with two wetlands and a forested area, serves as open space for a community much in need of park space. We are working to permanently protect the area with a conservation easement.

In neighborhood parks, Friends of the Parks worked with park advisory councils and community groups to increase the amount of park space in Chicago. In Logan Square, the Illinois Department of Transportation transferred two parcels adjacent to the Kennedy Expressway to the Chicago Park District. The Park District acquired parkland in Calumet Heights, where previously no public park space existed.

Friends of the Parks reached a milestone in 2004 when we expanded our work to improve the forest preserves in Cook County. Friends of the Parks took the lead in developing a coalition of environmental groups and in drafting a new Land Policy Resolution and Land Policy Ordinance for the Cook County Forest Preserve District, both of which the Forest Preserve Board unanimously approved. The ordinance has already been used to protect the preserves from encroachment.

We protected and improved parks and preserves in partnership with park advisory councils, adopt a park groups, environmental organizations, volunteers, elected officials and members. Together, we accomplished much in 2004. Thanks to all of you for your work and support.

Sincerely,

Kendra Beard Gassel
Chair of the Board

Erma Tranter
President

Park Advocacy: Public Trust and Research

This photo shows Monroe Harbor with its current 1,000 mooring cans. The image below shows what Monroe Harbor would look like with 900 new constructed finger docks.



Photo: John Buenz

Protecting Lakefront Parks

The Chicago Park District delighted Friends of the Parks and its partners Friends of Monroe Harbor, Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois, and local residents and community groups when it announced that it would not construct a \$30 million Monroe Harbor marina. Friends of the Parks encouraged its members to gather petitions and send letters to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and public officials opposing the project. A standing-room-only crowd attended a January 2004 symposium co-sponsored by Friends of the Parks, during which five panelists demonstrated the importance of preserving Monroe Harbor.

In the spring of 2004, the Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois listed Monroe Harbor as one of the Ten Most Endangered Historic Places for 2004. As a result of this work, the Chicago Park District put its construction plans on hold, and instead approved funding for a District-wide harbor framework plan to guide future harbor development.

In late 2003, a zoning amendment added a fourth public park as part of the River East Planned Development (on the north side of the Chicago River between Michigan Avenue and Lake Michigan). The plan now calls for a park on

Peshtigo Court between Illinois Street and Grand Avenue; the completion of the River Esplanade to connect with DuSable Park under Lake Shore Drive; and the completion of DuSable Park on the east side of Lake Shore Drive. In 2004, Friends of the Parks proposed (and City Council approved) designating the North Chicago River Esplanade, from DuSable Park to Pioneer Court on Michigan Avenue, as the DuSable Founders Trail. Historic plaques and appropriate signs will call attention to the site of DuSable's settlement and to Chicago's early history where the Chicago River meets Lake Michigan.

In the summer of 2004, the spectacular new Millennium Park opened to rave reviews. Since 1976, Friends of the Parks and other civic groups had advocated developing new park land over the railroad tracks that run through Grant Park. It took a strong public/private partnership led by Mayor Richard M. Daley and John H. Bryan, retired CEO of Sara Lee Corporation, to make it an outstanding success. The City of Chicago contributed \$250 million and John Bryan raised over \$220 million in private donations for the Millennium Park project. State-of-the-art design elements include work by Frank Gehry (Pritzker Pavillion), Anish Kapoor (Cloud Gate sculpture, also known as "the Bean"), Jeume Plensa (Crown Fountain, which proved immensely popular with children who played in the water during the summer), and Kathryn Gustafson (The Lurie Garden at the southeast corner of the park). Visitors also flocked to the McCormick Tribune Plaza and Ice Rink on the Michigan Avenue side of the park for art exhibits in the summer and ice skating in the winter.

Northerly Island Park opened in August 2004. The 99-acre lakefront site includes paths for pedestrians and bicyclists with basic landscaping for picnics and informal recreation. The Park District plans further development of the park in the future. Friends of the Parks along with the Northerly Island Coalition proposed a number of principles for the park's final development, including creating a more naturalistic park design using native grasses, wild flowers, and shrubs that provide food for migrating birds.

Farther south, near 47th Street, the City of Chicago, Chicago Park District, Army Corps of Engineers and Alderman Toni Preckwinkle, with the help of professional consultants and community groups, have secured funding for an exciting new shoreline project called the Morgan Shoal Natural Area. The plan includes traditional parkland, a wetland, a sand beach, a pebble beach, and a dune and swale area next to the sand beach.

In January 2004, the Illinois International Port District Authority (IPDA) released plans for the future of Lake Calumet and the Calumet River. Surprisingly, the plans ignored the Calumet Area Land Use Plan, which incorporated suggestions from government agencies, elected officials, industry and the local community. The Calumet Area Land Use Plan called for expanding recreational opportunities in the area, including water-based recreation on the western shore of Lake Calumet, adjacent to the Harborside International Golf Course. The IPDA, on the other hand, called for a parking lot. Friends of the Parks urged the IPDA to maximize the use of the Lake Calumet area as a public park and a reclaimed habitat for migratory birds. ♪

Neighborhood Parks: Partnerships Foster Success

During Friends of the Parks' Earth Day Clean-Up, volunteers installed new fiber at Commercial Park Playground (1845 W. Rice Street).



Protecting and Expanding Neighborhood Parks and Playgrounds

The Garfield Park Conservatory revival continued this year with the “Chapungu” exhibit of African sculpture, the “Giants” exhibit of dinosaur bones, as well as the reconstruction of the Palm House. Friends of the Parks takes pride in helping to start this revival by winning a \$1.46 million challenge grant in 1995 from the Lila-Wallace Reader’s Digest Fund and establishing the Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance.

The City of Chicago finalized the Logan Square Open Space Plan last year. Logan Square has the least parks per resident of any community in Chicago except South Lawndale. The Logan Square Open Space Plan identified fifteen potential park acres. Friends of the Parks supported the concept plan and, along with the Logan Square Parks Alliance, the Chicago Park District, and elected state officials, successfully advocated that the Illinois Department of Transportation transfer two parcels of unused land adjacent to the Kennedy Expressway to the Chicago Park District for a skate board park and dog park.

Friends of the Parks continued to work with the North of Howard Park Advisory Council to advocate for new parks in the community, which now includes the newly-acquired Harold Washington Playlot and the soon-to-be-built Gale Community Center. We were fortunate to help secure \$65,000 to help fund the new children’s playground.

Under the direction of Alderman Joe Moore, several Rogers Park residents launched the 49th Ward Parks and Beaches Committee to develop an open space plan for the ward and identify potential park enhancements and greening opportunities. Friends of the Parks was pivotal in the early formation of this group.

Redevelopment of Nichols Park took place in the summer of 2004 with the grand opening of the Nichols Park fieldhouse. Dedicated community activists spent many years to ensure that the park’s property would be available for community events for both youth and seniors. Friends of the Parks worked closely with the community and the Chicago Park District to ensure that the school-park agreement met the needs of the entire community.

The Chicago Park District received \$50,000 and land in exchange for encroachment violations by a private company at 4109 S. Princeton Avenue. Friends of the Parks identified the “taking” of this Park District-owned parcel for a parking lot by private business and recommended that the Chicago Park District challenge the action.

Friends of the Parks continued its active role on the Mayor’s Bike Advisory Committee, which successfully negotiated for funding of Lakefront Bikeway improvements from Lawrence to Foster Avenues. The group also celebrated the construction of the new Major Taylor Bikeway located on Chicago’s south side.

Friends of the Parks engaged in a survey of child and teen programs at fifty Park District facilities after receiving calls that programs were not fulfilling the demands of the community. Our study compared scheduled offerings, listed in the Park District quarterly *@Play* newsletter with actual programs presented. A key finding was that only 40% of the programs advertised were actually occurring at the time of our visits. Friends of the Parks met with Park District officials to make recommendations to better serve the neighborhood community park patrons. Suggestions included better staff training, consistent program schedules, more emphasis on programs for teens and an expansion of the art partnership programs.

The Injury Free Coalition for Kids of Chicago and Friends of the Parks co-hosted a workshop, “Cutting Costs with a Community Build.” The workshop gave tips on recruiting community volunteers to help the Chicago Park District build playgrounds as well as information on the timeframe and budget to complete new playgrounds.

Friends of the Parks hosted two budget workshops on the Chicago Park District’s 2004 budget and published a Guide to the Chicago Park District.

Funding Park Projects with Seed Grants

Friends of the Parks awarded nine small “Seed Grants” totaling \$6,000 to groups seeking to beautify parks, playgrounds and field houses and to initiate park programs. 🌱

Improving Forest Preserves in Cook County: Acquiring and Preserving Land

The Forest Preserve District of Cook County maintains 68,000 acres of forest preserves.



Monitoring the Forest Preserve District of Cook County

During 2004, Friends of the Parks continued to monitor the Forest Preserve District of Cook County. In the keynote speech at the Annual Meeting in February 2004, Cook County Forest Preserve District Commissioner Mike Quigley discussed the noble history of the Forest Preserve and more recent problems documented in a report co-authored by Friends of the Parks and Friends of the Forest Preserves. Commissioner Quigley concluded that the Forest Preserve District had lost track of its core mission, and had spent too much money on recreation, and not enough on acquiring new land and maintaining the land it owned. He proposed lifting a longstanding moratorium on land restoration; recruiting volunteers to return prairies, woodlands, and groves to health; acquiring new land immediately; fixing basic facilities like toilets, picnic tables, shelters and paths; and reforming the top-heavy administration of the District.

In March 2004, Commissioners Mike Quigley and Earlean Collins asked Friends of the Parks to work with other environmental groups and their staff to develop a Land Use Policy Ordinance for the Forest Preserve District. Friends of the Parks, Friends of the Forest Preserves, Sierra Club, Audubon Society, The Nature Conservancy, and Openlands Project worked together to draft the Land Policy Ordinance, which was submitted to the Board of Commissioners in June 2004. The Board unanimously approved the new Land Policy Resolution and Land Policy Ordinance in November 2004. Friends of the Parks believes this will help the Forest Preserve District refocus on its core mission of acquiring and preserving forest preserves.

Since Friends of the Parks completed its study of the Forest Preserve District in 2004, officials have begun positive changes in management and administration. The budget includes dollars to implement management systems that should produce long-term benefits for the Forest Preserves. The District implemented staff training programs, and created a Trails Management Program to support trail crews who regularly maintain the 300-mile trail network.

Advocating for Open Space Funding

Friends of the Parks worked with a coalition of other conservation organizations to help restore \$30 million for open space and natural areas to Illinois' 2005 budget. Fortunately, the state restored full funding to the Open Space Land Acquisition and Development Fund and the Natural Areas Acquisition Fund. In his initial budget address last February, Governor Rod Blagojevich proposed giving these programs a "holiday for one year." In response, a coalition of conservation organizations, including Friends of the Parks, organized a campaign of calls and letters to state senators and representatives demonstrating support for these programs. The General Assembly responded by reinstating the \$30 million in the 2005 budget.

OUR COMMUNITY HAS BEEN WORKING FOR ABOUT TWO YEARS TO PRESERVE A WOODED WETLAND ON THE NORTHWEST SIDE OF CHICAGO...OUR AREA IS UNDERSERVED FOR PARK SPACE AND OPEN GREEN SPACE. ♪ FRIENDS OF THE PARKS HAS TAKEN AN ACTIVE ROLE AND BEEN DIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH OUR EFFORTS TO STOP DEVELOPMENT OF 30 ACRES OF OPEN GREEN SPACE WITH A WOODED AREA AND NATURAL WETLAND. ♪ THIS LAND HAS BEEN PRESERVED AS A RESULT OF THE TIRELESS EFFORTS AND COMMITMENT OF FRIENDS OF THE PARKS.

JOYCE M. SWIDER, CHAIRWOMAN,
NORTHWEST CONCERNED CITIZENS

Volunteers in Parks: Greening Parks and Preserves

Friends of the Parks' volunteers can often be seen at parks throughout the city cleaning, greening and improving playgrounds, parks and beaches.



In April 2004, Friends of the Parks — along with the Chicago Park District, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Home Depot, The Care of Trees, Simple Green, Alphawood Foundation, and ComEd — co-hosted the 15th Annual Earth Day Parks Clean-Up. More than 2,000 volunteers cleaned up parks at more than 100 locations around Chicago. Many of the volunteers then came to Humboldt Park for the 11th Annual Earth Day Celebration, which Friends of the Parks co-sponsored with the Chicago Park District, the Humboldt Park Advisory Council and the Humboldt Park Garden Club.

Throughout the year, Friends of the Parks organized eighteen Community Service Days for volunteers in neighborhood parks. Nearly 1,000 volunteers participated in parks and preserves.

Friends of the Parks also welcomed stewards into its Adopt-A-Park program, in which volunteers committed to take responsibility for neighborhood parks. In 2004, Friends of the Parks' Adopt-A-Park program included over 90 parks. Local advisory councils, schools, and community groups hosted at least four work days in their respective neighborhood parks. These committed stewards removed litter, planted flowers and trees, painted over graffiti and replaced fibar (soft surface material) in neighborhood playgrounds. ♻️



Two hundred volunteers from Unilever Corporation's downtown office traveled to Douglas Park (1401 S. Sacramento Boulevard) to mulch fifty trees and make improvements to four children's playgrounds.



I HAVE WORKED WITH FRIENDS OF THE PARKS FOR MANY YEARS AND IN MANY WAYS. THEY'RE DOWN-TO-EARTH PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE CHICAGO COMMUNITIES' ENVIRONMENTAL NEEDS AT HEART, AND THEY ARE NOT AFRAID TO STRUGGLE WITH THE COMMUNITY TO MEET THOSE NEEDS. ♻️ WE LOOK FORWARD TO MANY YEARS OF A COLLABORATIVE, MUTUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH FRIENDS OF THE PARKS.

SISTER CECELIA, COMMUNITY ORGANIZER,
HOWARD AREA COMMUNITY CENTER AND MEMBER,
NORTH OF HOWARD PARKS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Environmental Education and Events: Bringing People into the Parks

Nine thousand participants pedaled for parks in Friends of the Parks' L.A.T.E. Ride, a non-competitive, after-midnight ride through Chicago.



Friends of the Parks sponsored three “Tuesday Park Talks” designed to educate the public about park issues. Dr. Lisa Roberts, Director of Conservatories for the Chicago Park District, presented an informative slideshow about the ongoing restoration of the Garfield Park Conservatory; three experts discussed plans for the ecological revitalization of the Lake Calumet Region; and author Mary Lackritz Gray discussed Chicago’s public murals.

Friends of the Parks, Friends of Monroe Harbor, and the Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois co-sponsored a symposium about the importance of preserving Monroe Harbor.

Friends of the Parks and the Chicago Cultural Center co-sponsored two “Creative Living in the City” lectures. In June, Ed Uhlir — architect, planner, and Project Manager of Millennium Park — discussed the history of Chicago’s Lincoln Park Zoo. In August, Adam Schwerner, Director of Horticulture with the Chicago Park District, presented a slide show of “art gardens” in Grant, Lincoln, Washington, and Douglas Parks.

At our Annual Meeting in February 2004, Friends of the Parks presented awards to seven individuals, groups and elected officials for their outstanding work in improving, protecting or funding parks in the Chicago area. Allstate Insurance Foundation, architect and planner John Buenz, the Commercial Park Advisory Council, the Westside Parks Coalition, State Senator Emil Jones, Jr., Alderman John A. Pope, and Alderman Toni Preckwinkle received awards.

In March 2004, Friends of the Parks hosted its Ninth Annual Volunteer in Parks Awards Reception at beautiful Sherman Park (1301 W. 52nd Street). The event recognized the following individuals and groups for their outstanding work in Chicago’s parks: Marge Burke, George Davis, Tami Dobbins, Gloria Funderburg, Elizabeth Garza, Dale Marie Grandys, Pam Holy, Jerry Korulchuk, Mark Miller, John Mitchell, Anne Rozmin, Joyce Swider, Paul Whittaker, Doug Wood, Fellger Park Advisory Council, LaFollette Park Advisory Council and Wrightwood Neighbors Association.

In May 2004, Friends of the Parks honored Ann Lurie and Kathryn Gustafson at the 15th Annual Parks Ball. Ann Lurie endowed The Lurie Garden in Chicago’s Millennium Park with a generous \$10 million donation, and internationally renowned landscape architect Kathryn Gustafson designed the garden.

In July 2004, thousands of bicyclists stayed up all night for the 16th annual Friends of the Parks’ L.A.T.E. Ride, an all-night bicycle ride supporting Friends of the Parks. Voted the number one Bike Ride in the most recent Chicago Athlete Magazine’s Readers’ Choice Awards, Friends of the Parks’ The L.A.T.E. Ride raises funds for Friends of the Parks and gives cyclists a unique opportunity to bike through Chicago neighborhoods while most people are sleeping.

This year Friends of the Parks hosted a brand-new bicycle ride called the Fall Frolic. In September 2004, nearly one hundred bicyclists rode through the North Branch Bike Trail of the Forest Preserves to the Chicago Botanic Garden and back. 🚲

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LOGAN SQUARE. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO HAVE FORMED A

PARTNERSHIP WITH FRIENDS OF THE PARKS.

SUSAN GERAGHTY, LOGAN SQUARE PARKS ALLIANCE

Leon Despres: A Legacy of Independence and Civic Service

“Throughout his career [Leon M. Despres] has been in the forefront of just about every decent, worthwhile effort made to improve life in this city,” Mike Royko once wrote.



Anyone who lived in Chicago from the 1950's through the 1970's recalls the name of one Chicago Alderman who bravely stood virtually alone against big-city patronage and corruption. Nearly every night on the news, a story would run about Mayor Richard J. Daley jousting with the liberal alderman from the 5th Ward, a man who tirelessly fought for the rights of all individuals, a champion of civil liberties and foe of racial discrimination. That hero for the little guy in Chicago: Leon Despres.

Leon (or Len as many call him) was born 97 years ago, the first of two children of Henrietta and Samuel Despres. Attending Hyde Park High School, he developed an early appreciation of the English language, and competed on the debate team. This led him to the University of Chicago, first with an undergraduate degree in History, and a J.D. in 1929. After a five-year stint at a large law office, Len began his own firm in the mid-1930's, specializing in labor and civil liberties litigation. One case dealt with a murder that reflected racial discrimination against blacks in Chicago housing. Although he lost the case, Despres was vaulted to national standing as an attorney who represents the downtrodden.

After serving as Chairman of the Independent Voters of

Illinois, and taking advantage of a vacancy in the 5th Ward seat (caused by the incumbent alderman running for mayor against eventual winner Daley), Leon Despres joined the City Council in 1955, ironically on the same day that Richard J. Daley took office as mayor. 2005 marks the 50th anniversary of their mutual ascendancy. Alderman Despres retired from the City Council in 1975, a year before the untimely death of Mayor Daley in 1976. Their nearly simultaneous service to the City of Chicago was about the only thing Alderman Despres and Mayor Daley ever had in common.

Through 20 years of sparring, Despres acted as the conscience of the City Council. Though he and the first Mayor Daley served the city from opposing viewpoints, they shared mutual respect while guiding the city through troubling and changing times. Len is proud that through all of their squabbles, only one occasion led to any rancor between them: Mayor Daley called Despres a liar, and it concerned the use (or abuse) of Washington Park. Looking back, Despres relishes that the greatest instance of contention between them had to do with what was best for a park.

Len admits that he was always a maverick. He is most proud of the fact that he never wavered in his convictions, that throughout his career he maintained a steady position battling discrimination and racial segregation. His advocacy for better long-term planning for the city instilled in him a passion for parks. While working on the Planning Commission, Len was first exposed to Friends of the Parks. He joined the Board of Directors of Friends of the Parks shortly after leaving City Council, and he still serves as a member of the Board.

Today, Len and his lovely bride of 73 years, Marian, still live in Hyde Park, just overlooking the beloved park of his youth, Jackson Park. Having raised two children (with one grandson), he stays young by still going to the Loop twice a week to review matters at his law office. His new book, *Challenging the Daley Machine, A Chicago Alderman's Memoir* (Northwestern U. Press, 2005), complete with a glowing introduction by Chicago icon Mike Royko, was released in May 2005. He attributes his long life to “genetics” (his great grandfather lived to 103), and clean living.

Len believes that his city's beloved parks are in much better shape than they were thirty years ago, and he attributes much of the improvement to the vigilance of Friends of the Parks. “It's the model of a good citizens' organization,” he said. He believes Friends of the Parks remains relevant and vital to the health of Chicago's park system, and thinks there should be constant “dramatization” of the importance of parks in the everyday lives of people.

“Parks are vulnerable to all kinds of assault,” he intones, threatened by unfettered development and abuse by the very patrons they were created to serve. He would like to see further expansion of Chicago's park space, but not at the expense of over-building, such as the proposed docking of Monroe Harbor, a proposal opposed by Friends of the Parks.

Chicago is a better city because Leon Despres served it bravely and unselfishly for over twenty years in office, and for all his life as a model citizen and advocate for the victimized and oppressed. Leon Despres represents the values that make Friends of the Parks a vital force in our city, and he remains a role model for all we do for the public good. 🌿

Parks Ball 2004

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Parks Ball 2004 Honorees Ann Lurie (left) and Kathryn Gustafson (center), along with Friends of the Parks' Chair Kendra Gassel, display their awards during the gala at the South Shore Cultural Center.



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October 1, 2003 –
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Revenue

Membership Contributions	\$105,821
Corporation Contributions	\$ 45,450
Foundation Grants	\$268,023
Friends of the Parks' LATE Ride	\$234,469
Parks Ball	\$ 86,615
Park Tours and Special Events	\$ 5,570
Earth Share of Illinois	\$ 3,220
Misc./Interest	\$ 1,451
Total	\$750,619

Expenses

Education/Member Services	\$138,273
Volunteers in Parks Program	\$ 97,668
Citizen Advocacy in Parks	\$128,003
Policy and Research Program	\$129,860
Friends of the Parks' LATE Ride	\$162,911
Parks Ball	\$ 35,359
Park Tours and Special Events	\$ 3,949
Forest Preserves Program	\$ 29,932
Seed Grant Program	\$ 6,000
Administration	\$ 77,288
Total	\$809,243

(Deficiency) Excess Revenue	(\$58,624)
Over Expenses	

Fund Balance

Beginning of Year	\$206,580
End of Year	\$147,956

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