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WE NEED “FRIENDS” TODAY MORE THAN EVER

by Mark Bowell

Over the past months the Indianapolis Star, Indy Parks, The Indianapolis Parks Foundation and several park friends groups have come together to work on ways to identify opportunities for the community to become more involved in solutions for the future. This effort was launched at a forum at Holliday Park in mid 2009 and was continued on February 4th at Garfield Park. The evening was a success and one that allowed the story of our great park to be told.

I have been fortunate to be part of a group that has been working on community based solutions for the past eleven years in Garfield Park. In total, the Friends of Garfield Park has raised over \$2 million in financial assistance. We have worked

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INAUGURAL GARFIELD GATE 2 GATE 5K RUN/WALK

Mark your calendars now and make plans to attend the inaugural **Garfield Gate 2 Gate 5K Run/Walk** on Saturday July 17 at Garfield Park's iconic Sunken Gardens.

This event is open to all walkers and runners young and old alike. The course is handicapped accessible.

The event name comes from the beautiful gates located on the north and south entrances to the gardens. The race route will take participants beyond these gates into Indianapolis' oldest park.

Early registration \$20, \$15 for student, and guarantees an event t-shirt. Registration will be taken the morning of the event and will cost \$30 with t-shirts as remaining supplies last.



North gate into the Sunken Gardens



Aerial view of the Sunken Garden area with the Conservatory on the left.

Proceeds from this event will go to the Friends of Garfield Park as they continue in their mission to ensure the preservation and continuation of the public benefits of Garfield Park.

Race day registration & packet pickup begins at 7:30am and the race will begin at 9am. The award ceremony will begin at 10:30am. Awards will be given to the top five male and female finishers and the top five male and female finisher under age 18.

More information can be found on the ***GarfieldParkIndy.org*** website.

OVER THE GARDEN GATE

By Jo Ellen Meyers Sharp

This summer's visitors to Garfield Park's Sunken Garden will see a new black-eyed Susan, which isn't your typical yellow.

'Cherry Brandy' (*Rudbeckia hirta*) has red flowers, but not the fall-ish hue you might think. This 4-inch wide flower is cherry red, making it a perfect plant for the summer garden and for a cut flower. Sometimes called gloriosa daisy, the plant gets about 2 feet tall.



Cherry Brandy (*Rudbeckia hirta*)
— photo courtesy ParkSeed.com

It can be sown from seed or you can plant transplants, which may be available at area garden centers or online retailers. This rudbeckia is not a long-lived perennial, but it self sows readily, making sure it stays for years in the garden.

Other plants in the Sunken Garden:

- 'Red Bunny Tails' (*Pennestum messiacum*)
- Periwinkle /vinca 'Titan Blush' (*Catharanthus roseus*)
- Marigold Tangerine (*Tagetes*)
- Geranium BullsEye Salmon (*Pelargonium*)
- Zinnia Profusion 'Apricot' and 'Dark Apricot'
- 'Diamond Frost' *Euphorbia*
- *Lantana* 'Lucky Peach'

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WE NEED "FRIENDS" CONTINUED FROM COVER

with Indy Parks, the Central Indiana Community Foundation, numerous business and community groups and thousands of individuals to assist the program and capital needs of our city's oldest. But I believe more importantly, we have built relational bridges throughout the community that has enabled us to expand our base of "friends" and provide numerous opportunities for individuals to use their gifts in a meaningful way.

Over the years, we have supported the performing arts through our Music in the Gardens concerts, the Creative Native art contest and the annual America We Remember program we host in partnership with Indy Parks. We sponsor the Garfield Park swim team and the Junior Basketball League and countless other programs. And last year we completed an effort to build a new foot bridge across Bean Creek that now connects a trail system in the heart of the park. We have conducted park clean ups and for the past 10 years have hosted our "Garfield Homecoming" fund raiser. We are working on every front possible to look for ways to support and engage the Garfield Park community every day.

So how can the Garfield experience help in setting a course for change in our city's park system? Simply, if Garfield can do it... so can you. However, it will take individuals willing to work together and make an investment of their life gifts of time, treasure and talent in a meaningful way.

In my early days of working at the Parks Department, I recall then Mayor Bill Hudnut using a phrase when he would sometimes describe our city. He called us a "No Mean City." I have often thought about these words and have been inspired by them. In essence he implied "good" is at the heart of Indianapolis. I truly believe we have modeled this statement in many ways over the years. Our city embodies the spirit of friendship and we demonstrate our good nature to those in need daily. It is with this in mind, that I would challenge everyone to evaluate your life gifts and see if you can use them for good in days ahead for our park system... and especially Garfield Park. We need "friends" today more than ever as we build new bridges for the future! To learn more about becoming a Friend of Garfield Park, contact us at **GarfieldParkIndy.org**.

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The MacAllister Center for the Performing Arts

Plan now to attend the Garfield Homecoming

Saturday, November 6

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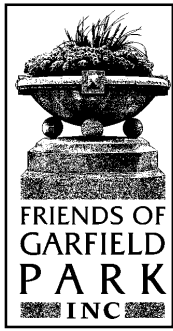
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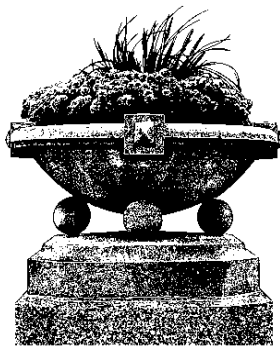
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