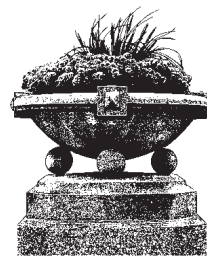


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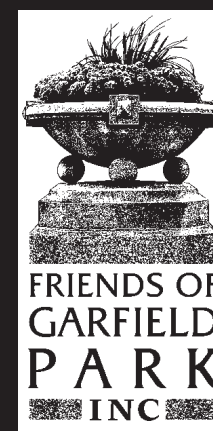
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The mission of the Friends of Garfield Park, Inc. is to ensure the preservation and continuation of the public benefits of Garfield Park through enhanced funding, the application of effective advocacy and expanded stewardship.

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## 2005 SUCCESS BUILDS MOMENTUM FOR COMING YEARS

Over the past six years the Friends of Garfield Park, Inc. (FOGP) has worked to build partnerships to raise funds for our city's oldest park. Gifts have come in many shapes and sizes; however, they have all been given with one common theme of "support" for the quality of life in Indianapolis.

Parks play a critical role in communities, but many times they are relegated to the bottom of the priority list for our leaders. In Indianapolis, we are fortunate that over the years our city's leadership has made the commitment to support parks. As funding is now challenged in local government, it is vital that parks support and funding stay strong.

In total, the Friends of Garfield Park has raised nearly \$2 million. Our endowment now stands at \$1.3 million and in 2005 we invested over \$75,000 into the park. These funds have not been used to cover reduction in government service, but provide value added and expanded quality of life opportunities.

"We are here to keep this park strong," stated FOGP Chairman George Seybert. "We recognize that Garfield Park is a city treasure and our mission is to make sure it

is here for years to come," he added.

This past year the Friends provided support for Garden Fest, expanded hours in the Sunken Gardens, the Start Smart program, the Garfield Park swim team, Garfield Park junior basketball, Life in Bloom, America We Remember, For the Kids, Cultural Landscape Conference, Music in the Garden and several maintenance projects.

Indeed 2005 has been an impact year for the Friends. As we head into 2006 it is important that our support continues. The momentum

we have built in the past through our "friends" is vital and we need continued and new partnerships. Our future quality of life depends on it!

### Indy Parks Names Manager for New Arts Center

By Ryan Fancher

Garfield Park took a big step forward in the completion of the highly anticipated Art's Center this November by naming Robin Williams-Hawks manger. The New Orleans native and former Executive Director of the Indianapolis Philharmonic Orchestra will help oversee the completion and program develop-

### Make Your Gift Today!

The Friends of Garfield Park, Inc. has been issued a challenge by the Central Indiana Community Foundation (CICF).

For every two dollars we raise they will match it with one up to \$15,000. It is our goal to max this out this year.

Make your gift today!

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## Bulbs Brighten Winter Days

By JoEllen Meyers Sharp

With just a little effort, it's easy to get flowers indoors in the dead of winter.

Paperwhites, Dutch hyacinths and crocus are several bulbs that can be forced into bloom indoors even though it's freezing outdoors.

Paperwhites, in particular, are easy because they don't need a cold period in order to bloom. Paperwhites can even be grown in water and pebbles or marbles. Of course, paperwhites can be grown in pots of soil, too. Either way, they come ready for the job.

Paperwhite is a daffodil, a member of the *Narcissus tazetta* family. Each bulb has multiple fragrant, white flowers per stem. You can buy the bulbs in garden centers or through mail order catalogs. They may be sold as individual bulbs or as kits, with everything you need in a box.

Here are the basics for growing them in water:

- Select firm, plumb bulbs. It's all right if the papery tunic is torn or missing. Signs should say the bulbs are precooled, or ready for forcing.
- It takes three to five weeks from planting to flowering. Buy



*Paperwhites bring spring and fragrance indoors*  
Photo courtesy Netherlands Flower Bulb Information Center

several bulbs and plant them a few weeks apart to have a succession of flowers over a long period. Store bulbs in a cool, dry place where they won't freeze or get too warm to sprout. Keep them away from fruit because ethylene gas can damage the flower inside the bulbs.

- Select a watertight container and place a layer of pebble on the bottom. Arrange the bulbs and add additional pebbles around the bulbs to keep them upright. Use as many bulbs that will fit. Packing them firmly will keep them more upright and ensure the greatest number of flowers.

- Add enough water so that it reaches the bottom of the bulbs. Keep water at that level. No need to fertilize the bulbs.
- Place the planted container in a cool area with bright light. If the foliage flops, tie it up with a ribbon or raffia about two-thirds of the way up.
- Don't save the spent bulbs; they won't rebloom. Toss them in the compost.

*Source: Netherlands Flower Bulb Information Center (www.bulb.com)*

Plan Now for America We Remember! - Thursday, June 29th, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.  
Garfield Park MacAllister Center - Free Admission • Patriotic Music • Fireworks

### From Garfield Park Manager Lynda Burrello

We would like to thank the Friends of Garfield Park, Inc. for their support of the recreation programs and activities within Garfield Park over the years. We have enjoyed working with the Friends group and their "America We Remember" patriotic celebration and concerts along with the Garfield Gala. The Friends group is a valuable asset through sponsoring youth in recreational programs that would not be able to participate without their financial help. The staff at the Burrello Family Center hopes to continue our partnership with the Friends of Garfield Park for years to come.

### Programs at Garfield Park Burrello Family Center

<b>Senior Card Club</b>	2nd & 3rd Fridays of each month @ 1pm
<b>Scrabble Tuesday's</b>	5:30-8:30pm
<b>Garfield Valentines Day</b>	Feb. 11, 2006
<b>Junior Basketball</b>	through March 2006
<b>Youth Coaches Clinic</b>	through March 2006
<b>Garfield Fitness Classes</b>	through May 2006
<b>Spanish Classes</b>	through May 2006
<b>Spring Basketball League</b>	April 2006-July 2006
<b>Pee Wee Softball League</b>	May 2006-July 2006

### Art's Center from page 1

ment of the Art's Center. Hawks also has extensive experience working with children. In 2000 she became Director of Arts Education of AYS, a non-for-profit agency that serves nearly 2,000 children in after school programs throughout central Indiana. "I saw first hand a dire need for creative, multicultural arts education for children" emphasized Hawks, "especially those in inner-city schools." Hawks plans to use her diverse experience and skill to expand education and performing arts while helping the Arts Center become an epicenter for arts education in both youth and adults.

Formerly Garfield Park's family Shelter House, the Art's Center has been made possible thanks to a generous Lilly Endowment grant exceeding over \$2 million. After four years of renovations, the Art's Center is set for a spring 2006 opening with many exciting events already planned! Upcoming events include a Grand Opening celebration, Creative Native art competition, Black history month art gallery, an intimate evening with the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra, and of course our "America We Remember" Celebration.

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