



BLACKSTONE PARKS CONSERVANCY NEWS

Happy fall! We had a busy summer with many events during which we got acquainted with and spent time with many of you. We have more upcoming events to engage you in this beautiful park that belongs to all of us. As many of our trees begin to change and show their beauty we hope you all get out and enjoy our these parks we are lucky to have in our neighborhood.

Give to the Cause

You can help us preserve and protect Blackstone Boulevard and Blackstone Park on the Seekonk River; all it takes is a small donation.

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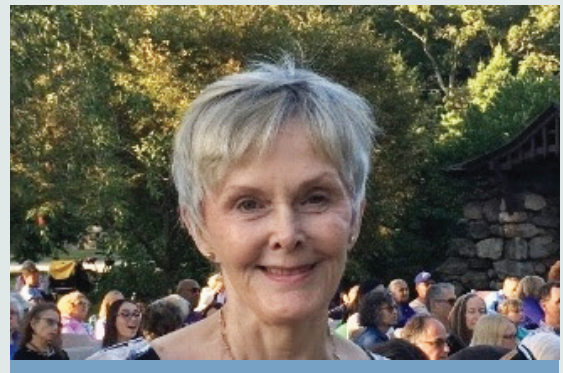
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Did you know?

Without the support of our members and supporters we would not be able to continue the work we do in our parks. The BPC is dedicated to the preservation and stewardship of two historic parks: Blackstone Boulevard and Blackstone Park on the Seekonk River. We are responsible for the management of the parks in collaboration with the Parks Department and we rely on private donations to fund the following work:

- Blackstone Boulevard path rejuvenation
- Tree and flower plantings
- Tree pruning
- Anti-erosion measures
- Improving trail safety
- Fencing replacement and upkeep
- Invasive plant removal
- Mulching, watering and necessary supplies

We cannot do this alone! Please consider a donation today to support these endeavors which are essential to keep these parks we all love in their splendor.



People of the Park - Gale Aronson

Gale Aronson may look familiar to many of you as she is out walking the boulevard most mornings picking up trash thrown from cars. She is a stalwart when it comes to protecting and preserving the boulevard we all hold dear. Gale has been involved with Blackstone Parks Conservancy for over 15 years. She is the creator of and continues to organize, manage and maintain the beloved Concerts on the Boulevard over the summer. We are indebted to her for her time, energy and continued focus on the boulevard. Next time you see her (which will be tomorrow morning!) walking and picking up trash please give her and her normal walking/trash collecting companion Carol Delaney a huge thank you - without friends of the park like Gale we wouldn't have such a clean and beautiful space.

Thank you Gale!



Summer Event Wrap Up

We had incredible events in our parks this summer. From our Concert Series on the Boulevard, to our Park Keeping in Blackstone Park, to our RiverRide on the Seekonk River and Fishing on the Seekonk River, just to name a few. We would like to thank our many supporters and friends who help us make these events happen: Bottles, Save The Bay, Urban Wildlife Refuge, Hispanic Access Foundation, East Coast Greenway and the Partnership for Providence Parks.

Upcoming Park events

Park Keeping:

Wednesday, November 15th, 5:30-6:30pm
Meet near the kiosk in the center section, by Parkside Road and East Orchard Avenue, Providence. Join us for fence fixing, lining trails with logs and general park clean-up. Open to all

Not So Spooky Trail Walk:

Saturday, October 28th, 5:30pm
Join us for a woodland trail walk through the park at night. Bring a flash light, sturdy shoes and costumes are encouraged. This event is for those 10 and under, their families, as well as those young at heart.

Meet at the Blackstone field across from the Narragansett Boat Club, 2 River Road (aka River Drive) Providence.

Please stay tuned to blackstoneparksconservancy.org for more events throughout the fall and winter.

Eastside Marketplace Friendship Fund

The Eastside Marketplace Friendship Fund is a receipt/rebate program available to charitable organizations and non-profit groups, and is one way Eastside Marketplace gives back to the community. We collect register receipts, total them and return them to the store. Eastside Marketplace then makes a donation to the Conservancy equal to 1% of the total.

Simply send us your Eastside Marketplace receipts to:

Blackstone Parks Conservancy
PO Box 603141, Providence, RI 02906

It's that easy and it helps us a lot - We would be grateful for your help.

Thank you!

To all of you: For attending our events, cleaning our parks, sending in your EastSide Market receipts and for your membership and donations. We continue to be able to accomplish our mission thanks to all of you!

Staying in touch with Blackstone Parks Conservancy

We want to make sure you receive all our news, event information and more so we are asking you to do a little homework.

Please take a moment and add our email (blackstoneparks@gmail.com) to your address book. That way we won't get caught in any pesky spam filters or promotions folders.

Thanks so much for staying in touch!