

BROOKDALE PARK CONSERVANCY M E M B E R S H I P F O R M

YES! I/we want to support the Brookdale Park Conservancy by becoming a member. Enclosed is a ___check ___cash for **\$25 per person** for annual dues. Members are entitled to attend meetings, vote and join BPC committees. THE BPC is a non-profit organization.

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**BROOKDALE
PARK
CONSERVANCY**

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“PUBLIC PARKS ARE THE ONLY PLACES WHERE VAST NUMBERS OF PERSONS ARE BROUGHT CLOSELY TOGETHER, POOR AND RICH, YOUNG AND OLD...EACH INDIVIDUAL ADDING BY HIS MERE PRESENCE TO THE PLEASURE OF ALL OTHERS.”

Frederick Law Olmsted

**BROOKDALE PARK
CONSERVANCY COMMITTEES**

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Park Located in Bloomfield & Montclair
Essex County New Jersey



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ABOUT THE PARK

Brookdale Park, designed by the renowned Olmsted Brothers firm, creators of New York's Central Park, is one of Essex County's largest parks. With 78 acres in Bloomfield and 43 acres in Montclair, Brookdale is a serene oasis in an otherwise densely populated area.

Trails for walking and running, a rose garden with at least 80 varieties of roses, lush groves and extensive lawns, playgrounds, sports fields, track facilities, tennis courts, an archery range and stadium grandstand are some of the attractions that make Brookdale Park a magnet for nature lovers, families, and physical fitness enthusiasts for miles around.

A BRIEF HISTORY

Brookdale Park is located in what once was a gathering place for the Leni Lenape Indians. During the 17th Century, Dutch settlers transformed the area, then called Stonehouse Plains, into farming and grazing land. In the 1800s, when the area got its own post office near the Third River, the neighborhood came to be known as Brookdale.

In 1928, land purchases began for the future park, and were completed by 1931. Although work on the park also began in 1928, the onset of the depression caused a delay in the construction process. As unemployment spread, agencies such as the federal Works Progress Administration (WPA) were organized and subsequently provided most of the funding and labor needed to construct Brookdale Park, which was completed in 1937.

OUR MISSION

PRESERVE the 121-acre Brookdale park by maintaining its trails, infrastructure, ecology and landscaping while respecting the original Olmsted design so this unique Essex County resource can continue to provide natural beauty and lasting value to the residents of northern New Jersey.

PROMOTE the wise use of the park and environmental awareness through activities, educational programs and public service efforts.

MAINTAIN moderate and balanced use of the park for community, family, charity, recreation, sports and other appropriate activities.

PARTNER with the Essex County park system, community groups and allied organizations in support of the above objectives.

WHY BECOME A MEMBER?

- Take an active part in preserving and enriching the park.
- Use your member voting rights to help plan for the park.
- Meet friends and neighbors and help build an enduring community of Brookdale Park supporters.
- Receive invitations to member and benefit events, and electronic updates on park concerts and activities.



Fun at the Corral, 1958

DID YOU KNOW BROOKDALE PARK FEATURES:

- 1 3/4 miles perimeter walking/jogging course plus a quarter-mile synthetic running track
- 11 tennis courts, recently renovated
- Archery field and annual tournaments
- Family playgrounds
- Annual Independence Day fireworks/concert
- Twice-yearly fine arts & crafts festivals
- Summer concerts, including the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra
- Dog Park with large and small enclosures
- Charity bicycling, walking & running events
- Annual cross-country competitions
- A portion of the historic Lenape Trail
- Formal rose garden with at least 80 varieties
- Soccer and softball fields
- A picnic grove

COMING SOON

- Interpretative nature trail
- Plans for tree replacement plantings

