



The Fireplace Pavilion by Jonathan Shetler



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The Official Newsletter
of Stackhouse Park

Gobbling Up Success: Turkey Trot Wrap-Up

This year's Turkey Trot brought together over 100 "turkeys" for a festive morning of fun and fundraising on Thanksgiving Day. A huge shout out to the Johnstown Rotary Club for sponsoring this annual event which raised a whopping \$1600 for The Park.



2023 Turkey Trot

Feathers, beaks, and gobble galore! The Turkey Trot featured a lively turkey costume contest, where participants strutted their stuff in creative and hilarious outfits. The competition was fierce, but in the end, one lucky turkey took home the grand prize, courtesy of the Westmont Interact Club and Westmont Student Council.

Community Collaboration in The Park

On Friday the 13th this October, volunteers from REI, Nulton Diagnostic, and the Outside In School teamed up for a successful park work day. Tasks included Tall Timber Trail maintenance, Story Walk Trail mulching, and Brownstown Trail bridge repair. Thanks to all who participated! Interested in future projects? Contact Andy at 814-242-9758 and contribute to the ongoing story of our park's preservation and enhancement.

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Edited by Amber Sanna



Brownstown Trail Bridge repair



2024 Calendar Fundraiser

Get ready to bring the beauty of Stackhouse Park into your home with our 2024 calendars! Featuring 12 stunning photos by Board Member Tyler Smay, these calendars are yours for a \$20 donation, all benefiting Stackhouse Park. Grab yours at the Stackhouse Park Ranger Station or The Write Cup at 134 Gazebo Park in Downtown Johnstown. Please reach out on our social media pages if you are interested in shipping.

Hike with a Board Member Recap

As we reflect on the adventures of 2023, our Hike with a Board Member series stands out as a highlight. From the brisk First Day Hike to the heartwarming Valentine's Day these family-friendly treks left lasting memories.

We embraced unique experiences, from nature journaling hikes to ending with a post-hike snack at Millhouse Cafe's Neighbor Night.

New Year, New Adventures!

Thanks to the positive response, we are excited to offer more guided hikes in 2024, kicking off once again with the First Day Hike led by Mike Zibura. Join us as we Partner with the American Hiking Society and America's State Parks. Meet us at the Ranger Station at 10:00 am on January 1st, and let's make the First Day Hike a memorable start to the year! For more information about First Day Hikes and how to prepare for one visit: www.americanhiking.org/first-day-hikes

2024 Stackhouse Park Board

- Lauren Lazzari, Chair/Park Programming (Southmont)
- Tyler Smay, Vice Chair (Lower Yoder)
- Amber Sanna, Secretary, Newsletter
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- Tom Hindman
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- Denise Urban
- Mike Zibura

Board Member Spotlight

Andrew Stephenson

"Stackhouse connects my current neighborhood in Brownstown with my childhood neighborhood in Westmont. I have a lot of memories from the park as a kid and now I get to make memories in Stackhouse with my kids. Blessed to have Stackhouse in my backyard."

Denise Urban

"I was born and raised in Johnstown. I had a 30 year career in banking, which included working at the Pentagon branch of Navy Federal Credit Union as a commercial lender. When I retired, I returned to Johnstown and opened Studio U, an art studio across from the Luzerne Street entrance to the park. During this time I took an interest in The Park after watching people and their dogs entering Stackhouse, as well as teachers and students from Westmont Elementary School. I recently embarked on a new venture and opened The Write Cup Coffee Shop in downtown Johnstown."

Tyler Smay

"I spent SO much of my childhood in Stackhouse with no idea about how it was maintained. I volunteer so that other kids can find their love of the outdoors and nature like I did."

With Additional Support From:

- Richard Todd, Park Ranger
- Raymond Cairns, Assistant to the Park Ranger
- Jared Campagna, City of Johnstown
- Kayla Schwerer, Consulting
- Mark Voelker, Associate Member
- John Kriak, Board Member Emeritus
- Charles Voytko, Board Member Emeritus



UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

1 First Day Hike;
10a Hike with a Board Member; Mike Zibura

20 Trail Maintenance
9-11a



FEBRUARY

Trail Maintenance **17**
9-11a

MARCH

TBD StoryWalk changes to
"Little Owl's Day" by Divya Srinivasan

9 NatureWorks Event at BottleWorks
10a-2p

16 Trail Maintenance
9-11a

30 Bunny Hop
10-11a



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Photo by Tyler Smay

Winter Tales at Johnstown Storywalk

Winter brings a magical touch to the Johnstown Storywalk as we delight in the snowy wonders of "Best in Snow" by April Pulley Sayre. In march, the story will be updated to "Little Owl's Day" by Divya Srinivasan, followed by "Tidy" by Emily Gravett in April.

In December, our drop-in storytime event at The Park was a heartwarming affair. Ms. Kristen, from the Cambria County Library, captivated young minds with "Best in Snow," accompanied by free hot cocoa and a creative bird feeder craft. The joy of literature and community spirit warmed up the winter chill. Stay tuned for more literary adventures at Johnstown Storywalk.

Stackhouse Park Bunny Hop

Join us for the Stackhouse Park Bunny Hop on March 30th from 10-11 am! It's an egg-citing event for the whole family. Let the little ones enjoy a hopping good time with egg hunts divided by age. From tiny tots to bigger bunnies, there's fun for everyone. Don't miss out on the egg-stravaganza!

2024 Membership Drive

Did you know that while Stackhouse Park is a gem owned by the City of Johnstown, Inc., it survives and thrives solely through the tax deductible support of amazing individuals like you? Every dollar keeps the park running. Become a Park Member now and unlock your benefits.

To become a member, visit:

cfalleghenies.org/fund/stackhouse-park-fund

Planned Giving

Do you love Stackhouse Park? Consider leaving a planned gift in your will. The park works with the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies to ensure your gift will support the park forever. Call 814-536-7741 to learn more.

Renew Your Membership or Join Us!

Powell Stackhouse Park, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Each year, we seek your support for the continued operation of Powell Stackhouse Park. The Park is owned by the City of Johnstown, but the City provides no financial support for maintenance, operations, or programming. Our expenses are underwritten by those who support us each year with their 100% tax deductible donations.

Membership comes with a free subscription to Chatter; admission to the Annual Member Picnic and Jamboree, and an adorable sticker to show off your love for The Park.

Please select your membership pledge(s):

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