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letter from the president

Have you ever had a dream come true?

How many times have you hoped and planned and imagined—and had the reality be even better? Each project the Conservancy has accomplished has exceeded our dreams. And the public has responded to love and care for the Park in profound ways.

While these dream projects feel like miracles that appeared “poof” from the mists, it did not happen overnight. For instance, we spent eight years planning the Commons. The first Monday it was open to the public, I walked down to the Tsuru Family Terrace, and there was a group of frontline healthcare workers in scrubs taking a break. I told them we had been thinking about providing a place of refuge for them throughout the many years of planning—and here they were!

We launched our *Play Your Park* campaign just as COVID started, the market dropped and the price of oil went negative. All circumstances that would have allowed many dreams to die. But we were buoyed during these last four years by board chair Kristy Bradshaw who served an extended term to rally the campaign committee, board and community with her vision, determination and huge heart.

The renewal of Hermann Park truly is a miracle of community involvement. We had more than 1,000 donors to the *Play Your Park* campaign. Overall, the Conservancy has received over 45,000 gifts of \$100 or less from 151 zip codes out of Houston’s 178. So not only do people come from across the City to enjoy the Park together, they also rally to support it.

I am humbled by this outpouring of support from the community in both financial support and volunteer time. In the Commons, volunteers devoted 5,000 hours to helping our small but mighty team plant 40,000 plants. Volunteers are also here nearly every day helping our teams maintain the Park with additional support from our friends at the Houston Parks and Recreation Department.



Hurricane Beryl recently crashed through Hermann Park—but the Park has shown its resilience through 100+ years of weather-related events and will continue to heal with your help. I have always loved the staff photo from Hurricane Ike 16 years ago on the next page. We lost power in our office, and our entire staff of five was helping to clean the “green snow” out of the Japanese Garden.

I continue to be so proud of our growing staff who continue to put their heart into their work in the Park every day.

Much has changed in the Park over these last 21 years, and with each project from the Jones Reflection Pool to the McGovern Centennial Gardens to the Commons, I kept thinking “This project has transformed the Park. We can’t possibly do anything to match it.” And yet, the Park continues to improve and respond to the needs of all Houstonians.

This is my final column as president of the Conservancy, and I will miss the daily interaction with my many friends among the Conservancy board and community of donors and volunteers. Together we have created nothing short of a miracle. Now the Conservancy team is lovingly caring for everything we have built or planted, and it is a testament to them that the gardens and natural areas look prettier every year. Working with this remarkable team for the last 21 years REALLY has been the dream come true.

Doreen

DONORS

The names listed below and on the following pages include donors who made gifts or pledges of \$100 or more between March 1 and June 30, 2024, as well as all *Kite Festival*, *Evening in the Park*, *Urban Green Gardens & Goblets* donors, and George Hermann Society members.

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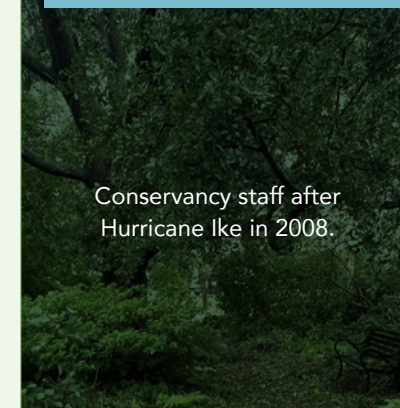
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Conservancy staff after Hurricane Ike in 2008.



After years of hard work and dedication, the Conservancy team gathered on a quiet morning in the Commons to enjoy time together and share in this tremendous accomplishment for the team and the organization.

Welcome Cara Lambright



Hermann Park Conservancy is pleased to announce Cara Lambright as its new president and chief executive officer, effective August 1. She succeeds Doreen Stoller, who is stepping down from her full-time role with the Conservancy after her 21-year tenure.

“Having spent many cherished hours at Hermann Park with my children, I am honored to lead this iconic Houston landmark and its amazing team into its next chapter. I look forward to building upon the foundation of success laid by Doreen and ensuring that Hermann Park continues to thrive as a beloved destination for all Houstonians.”

The Conservancy community looks forward to welcoming her!

Commons Celebrations Commence!

After nearly eight years in the making, on Saturday, April 13, 2024, the Conservancy and the City of Houston celebrated the opening of the Commons. The 26-acre southwest corner of the Park underwent two years of construction to revitalize the underutilized area into a beautiful variety of amenities that also enhances connectivity in the Park. These amenities include interactive play gardens, scenic picnic spots, promenading pathways, beautiful natural areas and more. The Commons was one of the major projects of the *Play Your Park* campaign, which also included the McWilliams Dog Park and a public art initiative. The \$55.5 million capital campaign developed from the Conservancy's mission to improve and maintain Hermann Park for today's visitors and those to come.

The Conservancy thanks all who made this vision come to life—Marlon Blackwell Architects, Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates, Forney Construction and the many subcontractors including Landscape Art and MONSTRUM, donors, board members, Conservancy staff and volunteers. It is through their efforts that the Commons can offer the visitors a revitalized space to connect with the Park, their loved ones and their community.

Daniel Ortiz



The Commons officially opens to the public with its ribbon cutting ceremony, which included Conservancy president Doreen Stoller, Buddy Carruth, *Play Your Park* campaign co-chairs Stephanie Tsuru and Cece Fowler, Frank Tsuru, Sheila Lewis, Tommy Lott, Sherry Lott, Houston Parks and Recreation Department director Kenneth Allen, Mayor John Whitmire, Council Member Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, Council Member Martha Castex-Tatum, Mindy Hildebrand and Council Member Sallie Alcorn (pictured left to right).

Johnny Than



The **McNair Foundation Swing Hill** offers a range of swing options for different ages and capabilities to take flight!



Molly Childs



The **Lott Family Carousel** provides delightful and unique animal choices, ensuring you always ride in style!



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There is plenty of fun to be had for families as they explore the **Space Adventure** play area.



The Bayou area of the **Water Play Gardens** provides a collaborative experience for children as they use water dynamics to hydrate their playtime.



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Young children, and their young-at-heart parents, step into the jungle to enjoy the **H-E-B Gorilla Forest**.

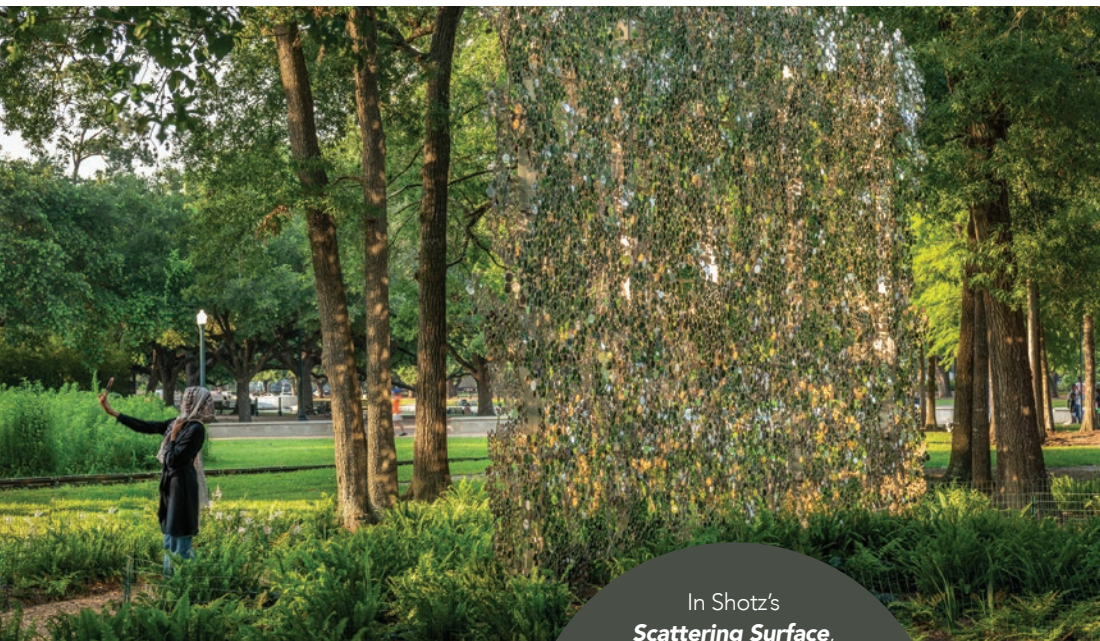
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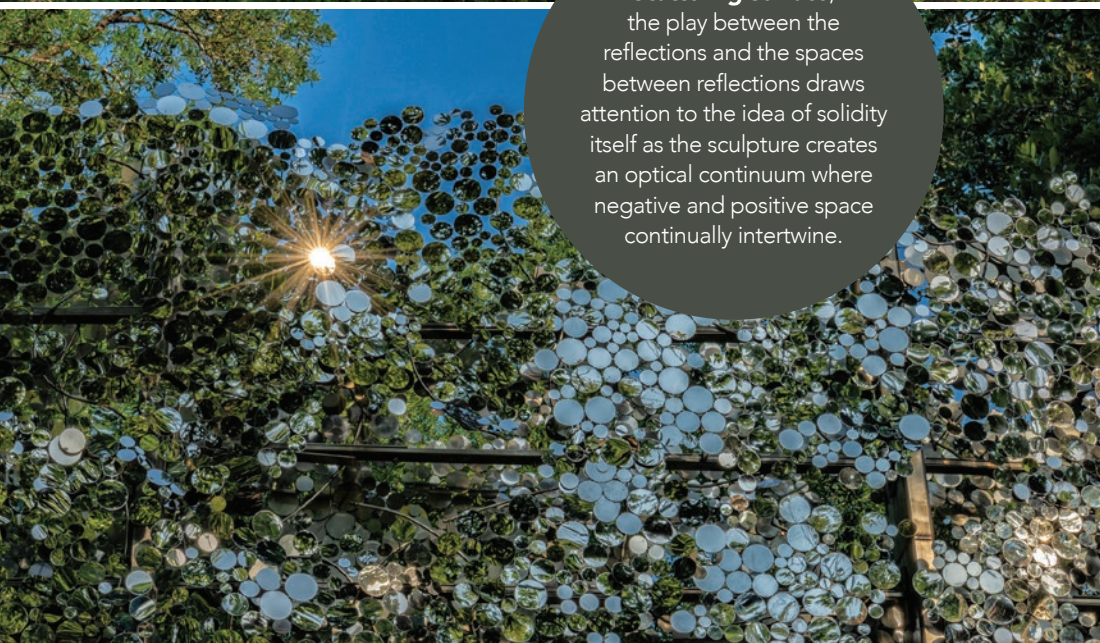
Art in the Park

As part of several high-profile initiatives to commemorate Hermann Park's centennial in 2014, the Conservancy launched *Art in the Park*—a series of contemporary art installations displayed over the Park's 445 acres. Upon the enthusiastic reception of that program, the Conservancy saw a need for art to be a continuous part of visitors' experience in the Park. This vision led to the launch of the *Fund for Public Art* in 2017 to fund an ongoing *Art in the Park* initiative.

Kicking off the revival of *Art in the Park*, the Conservancy commissioned two installations to coincide with the opening of the Commons. The first to make its debut was *Scattering Surface* from Brooklyn-based artist Alyson Shotz. Installed in April of this year, the 16-foot high sculpture resides in the Christopher Sarofim Public Art Grove, which is the natural area adjacent to McGovern Lake and the Japanese Garden, across the pedestrian island from the newly-opened Commons. The piece is composed of thousands of welded stainless steel circles which reflect light and scatter the visible surroundings into tiny pieces.



In Shotz's *Scattering Surface*, the play between the reflections and the spaces between reflections draws attention to the idea of solidity itself as the sculpture creates an optical continuum where negative and positive space continually intertwine.



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Evening in the Park

All gifts in honor of Cece Fowler and Stephanie Tsuru, honorees, H-E-B, corporate honoree, and chairs Jay Jones and Terry Wayne Jones, and Shawn Stephens and Jim Jordan

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Art in the Park continued

Suber's *Canopy* symbolizes the physical and spiritual, while also representing a multigenerational conversation in how burgeoning generations sprout from the foundation of their ancestors in a continuous cycle.



Canopy, by Houstonian Anthony Suber, then made its debut in June. A metal and glass structure in the form of a monstera plant, *Canopy's* open shape encourages the viewer to engage and sit underneath the canopy it creates. Suber's piece is on view in the Commons, located on Bob and Elsa's Memorial Art Grove, adjacent to the Japanese Garden's west entrance.

To learn more about the *Art in the Park* program, including the Shotz and Suber installations currently on display until 2026, or to make a gift to support the program, visit hermannpark.org/artinthepark.

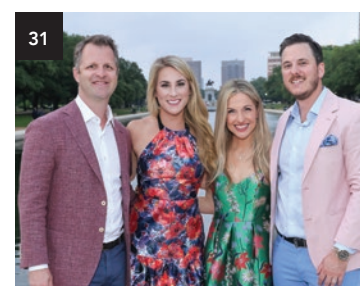
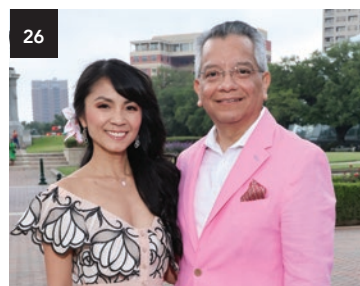
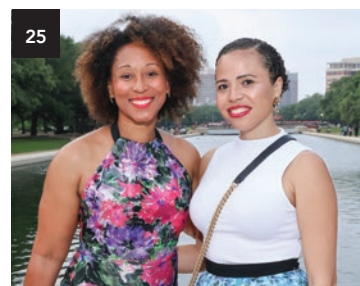
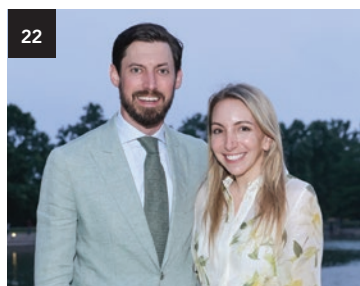
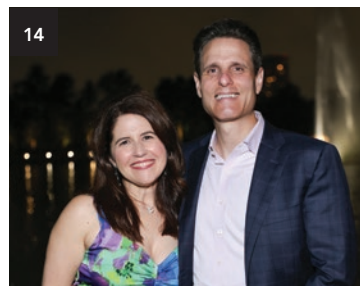
Evening in the Park 2024

On Friday, April 26, approximately 500 Hermann Park supporters gathered at Molly Ann Smith Plaza in the heart of Hermann Park for *Evening in the Park*, the Conservancy's annual gala. This year's event honored *Play Your Park* campaign co-chairs Cece Fowler and Stephanie Tsuru for their leadership throughout the campaign and dedication to the Park. H-E-B was the event's corporate honoree in appreciation for the organization's longstanding support of the Park. Co-chairs Jay Jones and Terry Wayne Jones and Shawn Stephens and Jim Jordan coordinated the lovely evening that not only celebrated the gala's honorees but also the significance of Hermann Park, which was regarded by the honorees as a place for people from all walks of life to gather and a destination for community building.

Culminating a year that saw the debut of the McWilliams Dog Park and the revitalization of the southwest corner of the Park with the Commons, this gala was as anticipated as ever. The gratitude for the debut of the campaign's long-awaited projects, as well as the plans of more to come, led to the Conservancy surpassing its goal for the evening by raising \$700,000 for the stewardship and improvement of this beloved century-plus-old Park.

The Conservancy deeply appreciates everyone that supported this year's gala and joined us to celebrate the wonderful accomplishments achieved this year.

Photos by Priscilla Dickson



1 Co-Chairs Jay Jones and Terry Wayne Jones **2** Co-Chairs Jim Jordan and Shawn Stephens **3** Mack Fowler and Honoree Cece Fowler with Honoree Stephanie Tsuru and Frank Tsuru **4** Dan Piette and Conservancy President Doreen Stoller **5** Marcus and Heidi Smith **6** Phoebe and Bobby Tudor **7** Roslyn Bazzelle Mitchell and Derrick Mitchell **8** Ann Kennedy and Geoffrey Walker **9** Paula and Reginald DesRoches **10** Cody and Mary Rebecca Dick, Kaitlyn and Michael Scheurich **11** Hallie Vanderhider and Bobby Dees **12** Kevin Bonebrake and Winnie Scheuer **13** Alvin Abraham and Nick Nagurski **14** Lisa Helfman and Lee Haverman **15** Allison and Troy Thacker **16** Janet Clark and Evelyn Fujimoto **17** Kristy and Chris Bradshaw **18** Laura and Brad McWilliams **19** Nicola and Richard Toubia **20** Mary and Paul Nugent with Marley Lott **21** Tai and Corey Quarles **22** Jeffrey and Alexandra Butt **23** Claudia Kreisle and Julia Maloy **24** Eddie and Chinhui Allen with Claire and Joe Greenberg **25** Layla Lumpkin and Morgan Hollins **26** Van Ngo and David Ruiz **27** Sanford and Susie Criner **28** Consul General of Japan in Houston Zentarō Naganuma, Patsy Brown, Jaewon and Robert Gondo **29** Danny and Isabel David **30** Camille Connelly, Amanda Boffone, Daniella Hernandez and Julie Longoria Chen **31** Travis and Kathryn Boeker, Katherine Whaley and Chris Whadley

Urban Green Gardens & Goblets

Urban Green kicked off the summer on Saturday, June 8, with their inaugural *Gardens & Goblets* event. A delightful garden affair, the fundraiser showcased a cocktail and mocktail competition between leading restaurants and bars from across Houston who each created their own innovative concoctions in hopes of being crowned a winner. Once the votes of the VIP judges and the crowd were counted, Zanti and Wild were named the cocktail winners with Grand Prize and Guard & Grace receiving the honor of best mocktails.

With the support of the 11 bars and restaurants who participated in the *Gardens & Goblets* event, plus the food and raffle donors, Urban Green sold 195 tickets and raised more than \$11,000 for the care and improvement of Hermann Park. The Conservancy thanks all who supported the event, making it a phenomenal fundraising success!

Urban Green is a membership and networking group within the Conservancy of young professionals dedicated to the organization's mission to improve and maintain Hermann Park. To become an Urban Green member and join in on future events, visit hermannpark.org/urbangreen to learn more about the benefits and sign up!

J. Vince Photography



Evening in the Park, continued

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- Laura and John Brickey
- Pamela and David Brown

Urban Green Gardens & Goblets

attendees enjoyed a sunshine-filled day in the McGovern Centennial Gardens where they sipped on those refreshing beverages, snacked on bites from Tacodeli and Insomnia Cookies, and enjoyed the lovely surroundings with music and yard games.

- McKinzie Chambers
- Margaret Culbertson
- Jane and Gus Eifler
- Kevin Ford
- Harriet and Truett Latimer
- Diane and William Lee
- Mei Leebron
- Ed Smith
- Ann G. Trammell
- Lynda Underwood
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Urban Green

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- Holly Beery
- Rex Birgisson
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- Brandon Borne
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- Erin Chavez
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- Brenda Fabian
- Eric Ford
- Lynn Frostman
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- Lisa Gonzalez
- Tracy Haynes
- Rod Howard
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- Gabriela Snow
- Ashley Spector
- Sam Tekie
- Jordan Trevino
- Sarine Trochakerian and Sameer Thadani
- Billy Van Buren
- Autumn Vara
- Christina Vega
- Gabrielle and Charles Young
- Rachel Zuckman

Kite Festival 2024

The community-favorite *Kite Festival*, presented by Kirkland & Ellis, reached new levels this year with a remarkable attendance of more than 15,000 on Sunday, April 7. In addition to painting the sky a multitude of colors with their kites, visitors enjoyed a variety of family-friendly activities and offerings including stilt walkers and inflatables in the Kids Zone, presented by Equinor, and playful opportunities hosted by the 40-plus community partners involved.

The Conservancy thanks all of the sponsors, supporters and attendees for making this a *Kite Festival* to remember!

Photography by Molly Childs



Hurricane Beryl Recovery

Hurricane Beryl made landfall on July 8, bringing heavy rainfall, strong winds and widespread flooding to Houston. The storm caused substantial damage across the City, with the tree canopy and pathways taking the biggest hit within the Park. However, through immediate response efforts by Conservancy staff and the City of Houston and ongoing recovery initiatives, the Park is on a path to restoration!

In the first few weeks following the storm, more than 1,800 staff hours and 700 volunteer hours were dedicated to clean-up efforts throughout the Park. Fortunately, most Park structures were spared including those at the Commons. But with the loss of more than 145 trees in the Park, the Conservancy now focuses on the restoration of the shaded canopy that is a signature of Hermann Park. Each tree is a vital part of the Park's living canopy—from the grand live oaks that provide shade along the trails to the loblolly pines that provide a home for native Texas wildlife.

If you would like to contribute to the Conservancy's tree recovery and maintenance efforts, please visit hermannpark.org/berylrecovery. Your generosity will go towards tree replacement as well as the resources needed to care for the trees still standing. However you can support Hermann Park—whether by making a donation, taking a ride on the Hermann Park Railroad or stopping by for a picnic—we are grateful for your support!



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Urban Green, continued

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Hurricane Beryl severely impacted the Park, leaving many fallen trees, plant debris and flooding in its wake. The Conservancy is incredibly grateful to all the volunteers who have assisted in clean-up across the Park, from the Marvin Taylor Trail to the Heart of the Park to the Commons.



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Sunday, November 16 Run in the Park
Lace up your shoes for the 21st annual Run in the Park! Whether you are a runner or a walker, join us on Saturday, November 16, for this popular community event that features a 5K, 10K and 1K kids' run on the Park's shaded trails. After crossing the finish line, participants will be greeted by a post-race party with music, bites, refreshments and more at Molly Ann Smith Plaza. Check out hermannpark.org/calendar for more event information and the link to sign up!

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