

How Does a Non-Profit Organization Endure for 80 Years . . . Through Good Times and Bad, and Continue to Thrive? It's Simple: **VOLUNTEERS!**

We are so fortunate to have the Preserves to visit while parks and other outside areas are closed. This abbreviated version of Landmarks is dedicated to those who have contributed their time and efforts to helping the Conservancy be a sustainable organization. Here are some recent examples:



Conservancy member and Cubmaster Mark Saylor took the initiative to organize a hugely successful trash clean up day with Cub Pack 81.



Preserve Manager Tim Magee dealing with huge fallen Tulip poplar trees across a trail in Cedar Hollow Preserve. Unusually strong winds brought down these 100 year old trees in April 2019.

Greg Sprissler, Bruce Schcock and Steve Schock teamed up with Preserve Manager Tim Magee and OLC VP Ray to restore the bridge over Cedar Hollow Run at its confluence with Valley Creek. Greg has also waged war on invasive shrubs and vines, particularly in Lorimer Preserve.



Steve and Bruce Schock rerouted the trail into Cedar Hollow Preserve from the St. Peters parking lot to make it safer, and also took down many invasive *Ailanthus* trees, hosts to the Spotted Lanternfly.



Eagle Scout candidate John Riley from troop Paoli 1 made a major contribution to the appearance of the Gatehouse and Lorimer Preserve. John's project was to restore the badly dilapidated 100-yard fence that borders the driveway leading to the Gatehouse and farm.



. . . And the heart of our volunteers: The Vine Day Crusaders! Those who are willing to take a couple hours every few months to help keep the Preserves healthy! Here are some of the great team that made a big impact in the Lorimer Preserve on a warm and showery December day.

If you can't volunteer your time, please volunteer your financial contribution . . . Even as we are "socially distant":

- *Trail and meadows still have to be maintained*
- *Trail Maps have to be replenished*
- * We are planning a Fall tree planting in the Valley Preserves*

Although the Annual Meeting Has Been Cancelled . . .

We are reaching out to Members virtually: meeting materials will be posted on the Conservancy website, with a link to a survey (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OLC_Member_Outreach) asking for your votes and input. This is a great opportunity to provide feedback about the direction of the Conservancy!

Our 80th Anniversary!

Huge thanks to those who have given OLC a gift to honor this milestone!

Two Exciting Events Have Been Planned for This Spring . . .

. . . Dependent on Regulations at the Time



Birding Blitz Series

OLC is teaming up with Bird Guide Mike Coulter to offer a series of 4 birding events at our five Preserves. The first one is **June 13th 7:30 am** at the Lorimer parking lot. No experience necessary—all levels of birders welcome.

BioBlitz:

Citizen Science Guided Walks
June 13 2020, 9:00 am-12 noon
(following the Bird Blitz)

Free Event, Rain or shine!
Come join us for the first BioBlitz at the Lorimer Preserve! Help our experts observe and record flora and fauna species observed during our themed one-hour walks around the Preserves Preserve.



**Check the website for event details,
and any changes to these programs.**

Practice Safety In the Preserves

While parks and other areas are currently closed, our community is extremely fortunate to have access to open space so close by. However, it is critical to use the Preserves safely—follow all government guidelines. In addition, when in the Preserves:

- High traffic makes it especially important to keep dogs on leashes
- Don't go in the woods when it's windy: many large and healthy trees with saturated roots may be vulnerable to wind gusts
- If the parking lot is busy come back (note that we've opened up extra space in Cedar Hollow Preserve south of the main lot.)

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