Celebrate
The Power Of Parks

ANNUAL AWARDS RECEPTION ♦ THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2016

Westchester Parks Foundation engages the public to advocate for and invest in the preservation, conservation, use, and enjoyment of the 18,000 acres of parks, trails, and open spaces within the Westchester County Parks system.
The Westchester Parks Foundation Staff and Board Members wish to

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DEAR FRIENDS:

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to Westchester Parks Foundation's Annual Gala, “Celebrate the Power of Parks”. We also welcome you to Winter Wonderland! One of our signature programs.

This evening is all about recognizing the many individuals and organizations that support us throughout the year, and without whom Westchester Parks Foundation (WPF) could not be successful. For nearly 40 years, WPF has relied on the unwavering support of individuals, such as yourself, to ensure that Westchester’s 50 parks, hiking and biking trails, golf courses, pools, beaches and other outstanding recreational services are available throughout the year.

Through your generous support, Westchester Parks Foundation is able to support the children of Camp Morty, over 1,500 volunteers each year, and run beloved community programs such as Bicycle Sundays, Winter Wonderland, and more.

Tonight, as we honor Thompson & Bender for their visionary work with our organization, and the Westchester Knicks and Eastern Land Management, for their commitment to the environmental stewardship of Westchester County’s Parks. Due to our past and present honorees, others will be inspired to lead with distinction and enhance our beloved parks for generations of enthusiasts.

We continue into 2017 and beyond, Westchester Parks Foundation is focused on building upon our past accomplishments by supporting and advocating for Westchester County’s Parks as a vital public resource that is essential to the economic, environmental and cultural strength of Westchester County.

The success of tonight’s gala would not be possible without the passionate dedication our Gala Co-Chairs, Christopher L. Cawley and Linda J. Carrington.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the staff of Westchester Parks Foundation, we hope you enjoy the evening as you take in the remarkable beauty of Kensico Dam Plaza, the jewel of the Westchester Park system, and the exciting sights and sounds of Winter Wonderland.

Warm regards,

Joanne Fernandez
Chairperson
Westchester Parks Foundation

P.S. Thank you for your ongoing investment and passionate belief in our mission. We look forward to seeing you again at one of our beloved Westchester County Parks! Keep in touch with us by going to www.thewpf.org.
Thompson & Bender is being recognized for its dedication to Westchester parks, in particular its unwavering promotion of the programs and initiatives of the Foundation, and their vision in crafting its revitalized brand this year. Thompson & Bender is an advertising, marketing and public relations agency that delivers full-service, award-winning creative campaigns to its clients.
The Westchester Knicks are the exclusive NBA Development League affiliate of the New York Knickerbockers, a charter member of the NBA and one of the most iconic names in professional sports. The NBA D-League is the official minor league of the NBA, providing hardcore basketball fans with access to NBA prospects being groomed to impact the next level through high-level competition and comprehensive training and instruction.

The Dub Knicks play all 25 home games at the Westchester County Center in White Plains; only ten minutes from the Knicks Practice Facility in Greenburgh. The regular season runs November – April with playoffs culminating at the end of April.
The Company, founded in 1976 by Bruce Moore, Sr., has been providing landscape management services to the commercial and institutional real estate market since 1978. During this period of time the company has evolved to be one of the preferred service providers in Southern CT and Westchester County, NY. A complete line of exterior site services is provided to a wide range of clients including owner-managed properties, shopping centers, municipalities, and real estate management companies. As the business environment has become more efficient due to technology and best practices, all businesses have been challenged with the objective of providing greater value with less resources. This has allowed the successful companies to inspire creativity and institute a “lean” operating structure.

Like many family businesses, Bruce Moore Jr. has been involved with the business from a very young age. He worked in the field in many capacities during the summer months, and during his high school years worked after school in the office as a data entry clerk. Bruce has always been fascinated with the business operations and the landscape industry. Upon graduation from college in 2005, he became a full time employee and is presently Vice President of Operations. The company continues to be an industry leader as documented by the numerous industry and business accomplishments. The company is currently listed as one of the top 50 snow service contractors in the US and obtained distinction with earning a place on the Inc. 5000 Fastest Growing Companies in 2010 and 2011.
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Westchester Parks Foundation thanks tonight’s honorees and everyone that supports us throughout the year. For this year’s Gala, “Celebrate the Power of Parks”, in lieu of an award we will plant a tree on behalf of each honoree. We are committed to the beauty and sustainability of Westchester’s county parks, and feel that these planted trees befit our mission to invest in the preservation, conservation, use, and enjoyment of our parks.

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In Loving Memory

Joseph E. Curtis

Joe Curtis was an outstanding public servant and community leader. He served as both a local administrator and national standard-bearer in the field of Parks, Recreation and Conservation. His innovative ideas continue to energize and inform the field to this day. In 2011, the City of New Rochelle, where he had served as Commissioner of Health and Human Services, renamed Five Island Park, "Joe Curtis Park", in his honor.

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To Thompson Bender and Evening Honorees,

Thank you for your tireless efforts on behalf of Westchester Parks and the greater Westchester Community. Your impact is not only widespread but importantly will be felt for generations to come.

Special Congratulations and Heartfelt Gratitude to Elizabeth Bracken and Geoff Thompson for their wisdom, professionalism and friendship.

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The Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation is pleased to join with Westchester Parks Foundation to “Celebrate the Power of Parks” at their 2016 gala. The festive setting of Westchester’s Winter Wonderland at our Kensico Dam Plaza is an excellent representation of how PRC’s partnership with the Foundation helps to power our great parks and enhance our programs. And by partnering with tonight’s honorees, Thompson & Bender, the Westchester Knicks and Eastern Land Management, the Foundation adds great value to the parks for our three million annual visitors.

WPF has been a steadfast supporter since its formation in 1977 as the “small but mighty” Friends of Westchester County Parks. And today, as a full-fledged non-profit foundation, WPF demonstrates its commitment to excellence in parks, recreation and conservation in everything they do, from organizing volunteer stewardship initiatives, sponsoring large-scale recreation and entertainment events like Westchester’s Winter Wonderland and our spectacular July 3 Music and Fireworks program here at Kensico, to providing funding for professional development for PRC staff. We have many reasons to celebrate the Foundation’s growth and successes.

Through these winter months the Parks department will be preparing for a very busy and active spring and summer season at Playland, the golf courses, pools, beaches, campgrounds and children’s camps. Several key facilities will benefit from a $110 million capital improvement plan proposed by County Executive Robert P. Astorino for the parks. The plan incorporates improvements to Glen Island Park, Blue Mountain Reservation, the Westchester County Center and the North and South County Trailways, But perhaps the most exciting part of the proposal includes the restoration of the reflecting pool and cascading fountains here at Kensico Dam Plaza, along with the installation of an ice skating complex, making Kensico a true year-round destination.

You don’t have to wait for spring to enjoy the parks – we’re open all year and our parks become havens for winter activities when the snow flies. Go to parks.westchestergov.com for fantastic snow-day ideas!
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Your efforts and your generosity have helped to make this evening a tremendous success.

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