







Dear Friends,

Oglebay's landscape and its seasonal wonders attract a constant stream of friends and visitors, providing them with unique and shared experiences. Whether they visit daily, weekly or by chance, all our guests comment on how much they enjoy observing changes created by Mother Nature and her helpers.

In our article **Transitions**, we reflect on the development of the Hilltop's gardens over the years as we say goodbye to a dear friend and colleague of 41 years.

In **Getting in the "Spirits,"** we welcome Wheeling Park Commission President & CEO Bob Peckenpaugh and his wife, Jennifer, with an introduction to the Wheeling Feeling. They look forward to becoming active members of the Wheeling community. (Check out their downtown trolley tour on our Facebook page.)

Thanks to our generous donors there are many improvements happening in the park right now. We highlight Wilson Lodge **Updates** and the Burton Estate House in **A Family Affair**. In Introducing the Game to the Next Generation we highlight the generosity of the Oglebay Men's Golf Club and its contributions to the sport. Zoo, trail and garden updates will be highlighted in our next issue.

Writing this newsletter is its own adventure. Each story uncovers some new piece of information or history. Who knew that Glassworks Grill had a lighted disco dance floor back in the day?

Summer at Oglebay is just getting underway. Come find your inspiration in the current seasonal transition. We'd love to hear your story and share your love of Oglebay with our readers. Stop by anytime; the door is always open.



THEN&NOW

Oglebay Through The Years

WHEELING PARK'S DOUGHBOY RETURNS!



On Memorial Day, May 31, 2021, at 2 p.m., American Legion Post 1 will conduct a rededication ceremony to mark the 90th anniversary of the monument's installation, and to celebrate its restoration and return to Wheeling Park.

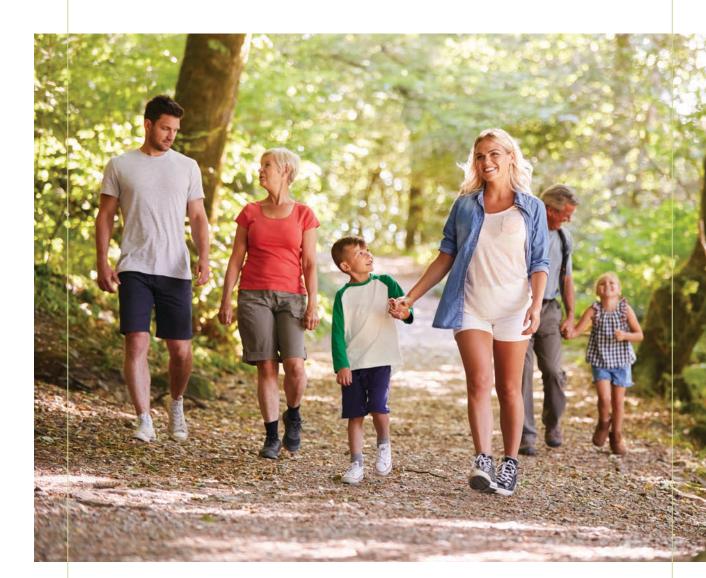
A group of dedicated volunteers formed a restoration committee to raise funds to repair weather-related damage and to replace the statue's missing rifle. Chaired by Sean Duffy, the committee's members include Margaret Brennan, Kevin Duffin, Nat Goudy, John Hargleroad, Bob Joseph, Erin Rothenbuehler and Wheeling City Councilman Ty Thorngate. The generosity of numerous individuals



and foundations made the project possible.

Venus Bronze Works of Detroit, Michigan, did the restoration. Savage Construction replaced the monument's concrete pad, added a new stone wall and created a walkway for wheelchair accessibility. Other enhancements include plantings by Top-Notch Landscaping and cleaning of the granite pedestal by Gallagher Monuments. Lights have also been installed to illuminate the monument.

For more on the Wheeling Doughboy see www.ArchivingWheeling.org.





"Our family has always enjoyed the parks, and we feel it's important to include the Oglebay Foundation in our estate plans."





Many families have been gathering at Oglebay over generations to reconnect and to celebrate special occasions. The park's cottages provide families an incredible level of flexibility to keep these traditions alive. An Oglebay cottage can accommodate new inlaws, a new generation of children while offering a setting to prepare and serve Grandma's award-winning corn bread alongside Dad's famous barbeque. This home away from home is an ideal environment to strengthen family connections, while creating new memories that will become family lore. Coming to Oglebay is truly a family affair.

With the completion of cottage renovations at Waddington, and work underway at Speidel Cottages One, Three and Six, by summer's end Oglebay will have completed updates on 65 percent of the property's 54 cottages.

Courtney Burton and his wife Marguerite Rankin Burton, grandson and granddaughter in-law of Earl and Sallie Oglebay, donated funds for the







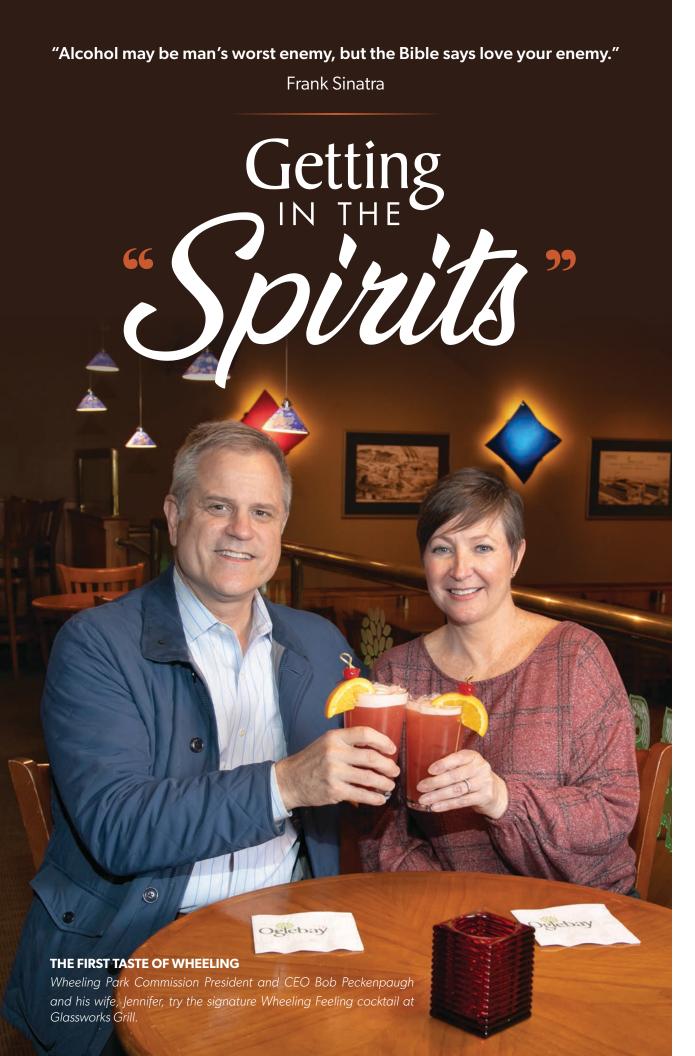
construction of Waddington Cottage in 1974. Thanks to a 2020 gift from the Burton Charitable Trust the historic five-bedroom cottage has been refreshed and updated, now appropriately renamed Burton Estate House. While close to everything Oglebay has to offer, Burton is in a remarkably private setting. With a dining room table that comfortably accommodates 12, there is plenty of room for an extended family.

Giving opportunities to celebrate the importance of family abound across the park. To explore ways you can honor your family and ensure Oglebay continues for generations, please contact the Foundation office at 304-243-4166 or via email at foundation@oglebay.com.

The bond we share with our families is rooted in both time and place and Oglebay plays an important role in that treasured connection. What better way to celebrate your family than by leaving a legacy?







Glassworks (now Glassworks Grill) was the first licensed bar at Oglebay. When opened in 1980, the bar included a lighted dance floor, DJ booth and mirrored ceiling. A signature drink was created by combining several brandies and fruit juices. The fancy cocktail was dubbed the "Wheeling Feeling."

Wheeling Park President and CEO Bob Peckenpaugh and his wife, Jennifer, moved to Wheeling at the end of January 2021. They got their first taste of the Wheeling Feeling in April.

WHEELING FEELING

COCKTAIL

THE RECIPE

¾ oz. Brandy

3/4 oz. Wild Cherry Brandy

¾ oz. Blackberry Brandy

3/4 oz. Apricot Brandy

Equal parts:

Cranberry Juice Pineapple Juice Orange Juice





MEET MAXWELL

Maxwell Lacey Garita, 25, is the Assistant Head Wrestling Coach at West Liberty University. An international athlete, he's training for the 2024 Olympics. Maxwell tends bar at Glassworks Grill three days a week.



Flashback 1980 - The Glassworks



he gardens of Oglebay provide spectacular displays reflecting the four season opportunities the park offers. The transition from one season to the next, including electric flowers during Festival of Lights, is seamless thanks to the Horticulture Team who prepare, plan, schedule and toil in our gardens throughout the year.

Led by Chris Schenkel, Director of Horticulture, and Ryan Wilson, Grounds Manager, the team continues to find ways to delight visitors with new displays each year. Schenkel quips that a fear of failure has been a strong motivator – after all, what pressure could there be keeping up with an everchanging industry, the whims of Mother Nature, the challenges brought by our deer

population while meeting the expectations of park leadership, guests and visitors?

Schenkel joined the Oglebay team on July 21, 1980, as a member of the Grounds Maintenance Team. Through the 41 intervening years, he was promoted to Supervisor in September 1980, to Assistant Director in April 1988 and to Director of Horticulture in 1998. Much has changed along the way.

In his early years, the "garden plantings" were basic, limited to the Wheeling Park Commission and Par 3 signs on Rt. 88, entrances to Wilson Lodge, Good Zoo, Crispin Center, Speidel and around the Oglebay pool. Following the seasons, the routine consisted of spring bulbs, summer begonias and fall chrysanthemums. In between, Schenkel and the grounds crew mowed lawns, cleaned up around the park, and removed snow and ice.

Within Schenkel's first year, the park began a multi-phased irrigation project that would encompass the Hilltop, the formal garden, the amphitheater and the terraced gardens below what is now the Garden Bistro. Concurrently the Greenhouses – still the original wood and glass structures Earl and Sallie Oglebay had installed around 1905 – began to be renovated. By 1989 these two projects coalesced into the Hilltop Gardens and redbrick pathways we see today.

Visitors believe the iconic redbrick paths have always been a part of the Oglebay experience. They in fact transformed the Hilltop, tying together the historic structures from the Mansion to the Farm Manager's Residence (now the Main Office and Farmhouse Sweets & Treats). The red brick replaced a pink gravel path, flower beds were carved out to provide visual interest, texture and color, and two fountains anchor the experience.



(L-R) Chris Schenkel, Director of Horticulture and Ryan Wilson, Grounds Manager



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Chris Schenkel





Schenkel is quick to point out this massive undertaking took an incredible team. When asked about his achievements, Schenkel modestly shares, "My job has been to make the park look good. A group came up with a 'look' for the gardens and I was tasked with implementing that vision – produce and procure plants, map out flower beds, etc." The best part of the job, "I spend 90 percent of my time outside, moving about. I was never confined, never tied to a desk."

"I played a small part improving the park during my tenure. The stretch from the Main Office to the Mansion, that's our closest tie to the Oglebay Family, the least changed space over the years. I'm just part of the continuum, part of a team that spans generations working the soil, planting gardens, making the most of what we have."

Along the way, Schenkel met a young man who showed promise and interest in the job. Ryan Wilson started working the grounds of Wheeling Park on July 15, 2007, while still in high school. He worked part-time throughout his college years, transferring to Oglebay in April of 2014 after graduation. Wilson was promoted to Garden Supervisor in July of 2015 and 18 months later he was promoted to Grounds Manager.



TRANSITIONS | The Gardens of Oglebay

Wilson shared, "Chris introduced me to the industry. He took me to conventions where I met growers. He encouraged me to get professional certifications and attend professional schools." Schenkel asked him to do some garden plans and in 2018 Wilson was independently designing all the gardens along the Hilltop. "What I appreciate about Chris is that he never cuts corners. He leads by example, sees the task before him through to completion. He's allowed me to run the crews and grow the team's area of responsibility to include the Lodge grounds, landscaping around Schenk Lake and the playground area, and new flower beds."

Schenkel announced his retirement earlier this year. He has been "sentinel" at the

park's entrance, living in the gatehouse with his wife, Buffy, for the last 29 years. Being on the scene, Schenkel has addressed everything from felled trees, power outages, car accidents and snow removal. Wilson offered, "Chris' background owning and operating greenhouses and his knowledge of the industry kept pace during our transition to contract growing. Thanks to him the park has solid plans for the gardens and relationships with established growers. It is amazing how one person's commitment to the park has positioned us so strongly for the future."

Wilson was promoted to Director of Horticulture in May 2021.























PLANS

Making a Difference IN THE PARKS

Charitable planned gifts offer a tremendous opportunity for you to provide valuable financial support, receive a benefit in return, and leave a lasting legacy.

Wheeling Park was created through 170 leadership gifts made in December of 1924, and 97 years later the community continues to benefit from the visionary philanthropy of civic leaders who purchased Wheeling Park and created the Wheeling Park Commission.

Through a bequest, Earl Oglebay left a legacy of 750 majestic acres, gardens, historic farm buildings, a tradition of quality hospitality, and a vision for a future of first class recreational opportunities that has grown into the park we all know today.

You don't have to be rich to leave a legacy. There are several giving strategies that can be used to fund the things you love.

An estate gift is one of many ways you can make a difference in the parks. At the Oglebay Foundation, Randy Worls and Eriks Janelsins can guide you or your financial advisor on the giving vehicle that makes the most sense for your circumstances.

Some of the ways you can make a gift include:

- Retirement Account Beneficiary
- Life Insurance
- Charitable Remainder Trusts
- Life Estates
- Bequest

Knowing how to leverage the options available to you can make the difference in what you decide to fund. Knowing that your gift will continue to impact this community long into the future may be the greatest gift of all.

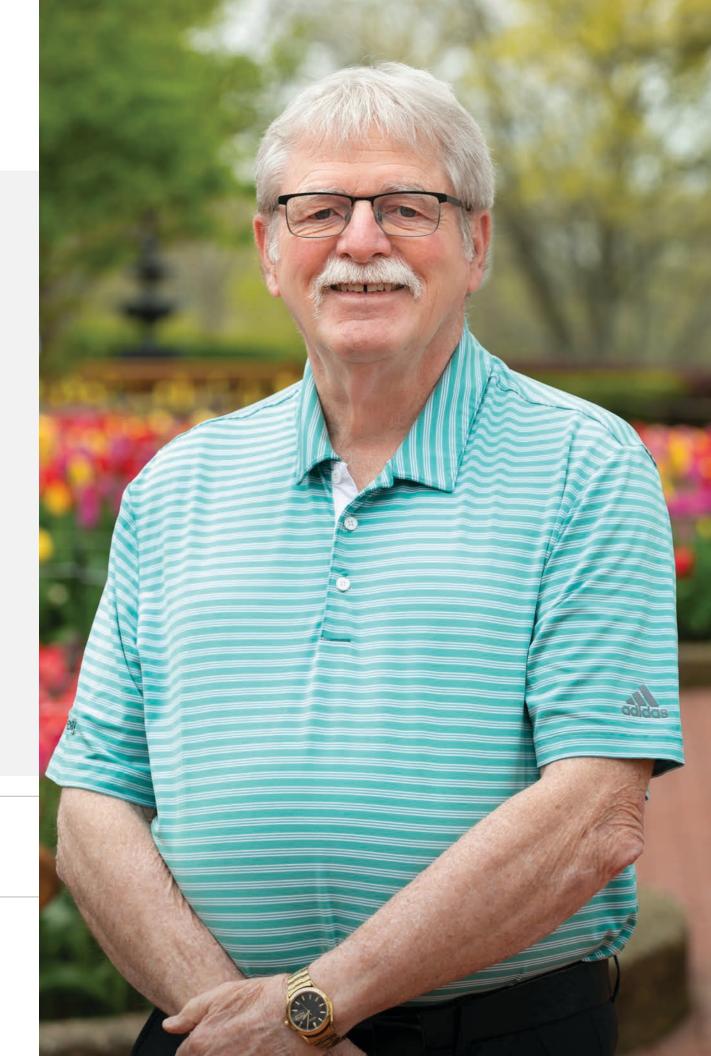
Carl Nix has spent his life pursuing golf and tennis. "Back when I was in high school, it cost 75 cents a round to play golf at Wheeling Park. I would play with a couple of buddies four to five times a week." After serving in the Air Force he returned to the area and found that all his buddies had taken up tennis, so Carl did too.

Carl spent the first part of his professional life teaching, mostly in the St. Clairsville school district. His love of sports, playing tennis tournaments like the WV Open at Oglebay, came in handy when coaching students. After 14 years of teaching and coaching, Carl entered the real estate business in 1990. Since his firm was sponsoring golf scrambles, Carl returned to the game of golf and continues to enjoy playing at Speidel and Crispin.

Realizing the important role sports has played throughout his life, Carl decided to fund youth tennis and golf activities at Oglebay and Wheeling Park with an IRA Charitable Rollover. Carl has also included the Foundation in his estate to support the lifetime sports that have shaped his life.

For more information on ways your estate can shape the parks you love, go to oglebaygiving.org or contact the Foundation at 304-243-4166.





Introducing the Game

to the Next Generation



Oglebay's golf program has a long history. In fact, golf has been in the forefront of the park since its inception. The Crispin Course was being mapped out before the city accepted Waddington Farm, opening on July 4, 1930. The first foursome to play the then-nine-hole course were Fritzi Stifel and her mother, Mrs. A. W. Stifel, two of the state's best amateur women golfers. They were joined by Bob Biery, who designed the course, and J.R. McConaghie, who was a park staff member. Sam Snead met with the Oglebay caddies at the park's Caddy Camp in 1949. Arnold Palmer first played Crispin in 1963. Robert Trent lones, Sr., designed the first of the park's championship courses in 1965, completed in

1970. Palmer returned to Oglebay to design and construct our second championship course, which opened in 2000. Oglebay hosted the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III Men's Golf Championship this May.

With such a big investment in the sport, classes, clinics and youth programs play a vital role ensuring the next generation takes up the game of a lifetime. To foster the golf community in the Ohio Valley while also adding new golfers, Oglebay offers programs like Get Golf Ready, a five-lesson series to introduce adult players to the game. The series offers basics on everything from navigating the course, driving carts and basic game instruction.

The First Tee, a national program designed to get kids introduced to the game, is also offered. Young players learn the rules of









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the game, and the heritage of character, sportsmanship and integrity the game requires of its players.

Oglebay's golf community has produced many champions and currently the community is thriving, thanks in part to the Oglebay Park Men's Golf Club, established in 1939. The club hosts 2-3 monthly tournaments from April through October annually. The Men's Club "Exists for the betterment of golf," according to club president, George Melnik. Dues and tournament proceeds are invested back into improving the golf experience at Oglebay. The club contributes to Junior Golf

Programs and course improvements such as new ball washers. In 2020 the club purchased a Ventrac 4500Z mower specifically for the Crispin Course.

Melnik is part of the history of golf at Oglebay and Wheeling Park as well. He started playing in the early 1970s. His first job was as the Wheeling Park Golf Starter. He worked his way through the ranks of Wheeling Park and Oglebay before working as an engineer for the phone company for 18 years. Melnik, who retired in December 2016, said, "The best job I ever had was cutting grass on the Bloch Memorial Golf Course."









Sam Snead with Oglebay Caddies at Caddy Camp - 1949



CLIMBING WALL



Adjacent to the Aerial Challenge Course and the historic Oglebay Silo, Oglebay's new Climbing Wall is included in our Activity Wrist Band or \$10 per climb. With its proximity to the Mini Golf Course and all the Schenk Lake activities, the entire family can enjoy a day in the center of the park you love. The Climbing Wall is open daily 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. and uses a self belay harness system for everyone's safety.

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FLASHBACK (***)
FRIDAYS // FRIDAYS OF FUN

Starting May 28th enjoy live music, beer garden, food trucks, an inflatable fun zone, face painting, local vendors, games, and much more every Friday night from 5-9 p.m.

Live Concert

Schedule

May 28	Zane Run
June 4	Sarah Hayes Band
June 11	Daniel Welsh Band
June 18	Ron Retzer Trio
June 25	Curtis Johnson Quartet

July 2 7 South
July 9 Pocket Change

July 16 Eli and the Mojo Kings

July 23 Bill Gordy & The Musical Mercenaries

July 30 Steel Casa
Aug 6 MSM
Aug 13 Easy Street

Aug 20 Taylor Joe & the Copper Creek Band





Supporting Heroes

An impressive show of American Flags is displayed on the Oglebay Mansion lawn four times each year. "Flags for Heroes," spearheaded by the Ohio County Virtual Lions Club, is a fundraiser benefitting area children and recognizes our heroes including the military, first responders, mentors, community leaders, and past and present personal heroes.

Flags are displayed to commemorate Memorial Day, Independence Day, September 11th, and Veterans Day. 🛂

For more information or to celebrate the heroes in your life go to: ohiocountyvirtuallions.club/ flagsforheroes.

OGLEBAY 2021 FIREWORKS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 30



Memorial Day **Fireworks**

JULY



SATURDAY





Celebrating America A Salute to Patriotism Fireworks

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER



Labor Day **Fireworks**

SATURDAY OCTOBER



Oglebayfest Fireworks

THURSDAY NOVEMBER



Light Up Night **Fireworks**





Thanks to our generous donors, Wilson Lodge is ready for your next meeting or event. With new decor and upgraded technology, your business meeting will be seamless and your next social gathering will have you dancing the night away!

Glessner Auditorium, Glessner registration, the West Ballrooms and our conference rooms have all been refreshed. The West Ballroom updates were funded by Gary West to honor his wife, Flip, and their daughters, KimBerly West Baker and Lori West Sholota.

Technology improvements in all the event spaces were funded by Judge and Mrs. Frederick P. Stamp, Jr. ••













2021Sunday Funday Concert Series

ENTERTAINMENT LINEUP



MAY

30 Eli and the Mojo Kings (Variety Featuring Brass)

JUNE

- 6 Billy the Kid & the Regulators (Blues)
- 13 Blended Reality (Country/Rock)
- 20 Hoard and Jones (Classic Rock Variety)
- 27 Crandall Creek (Bluegrass)

JULY

- 4 The Rumors (Cover Band)
- 11 Tongue 'N Cheek (80s Rock)
- 18 Hard Day's Night (Beatles Tribute)
- 25 Gage Joseph Band (Country/Rock)

AUGUST

- 1 Michael Cleveland (Grammy-winning Bluegrass)
- 8 Matt Barranti (Blues)
- 15 Joseph Sisters (Country Variety)
- 22 Damn The Torpedoes (Tom Petty Tribute)
- 29 Move Makers (Variety/Dance)



SEPTEMBER

5 Wheeling Symphony Orchestra

Music starts at 7 p.m.

*Musical acts may be subject to change without notice.





WE WANT TO **KNOW!**

"Staff has been amazing thus far. Mansion and glass blowing tours were very nice. The property is in great condition."

Brian, April 11



"Oglebay is the perfect place for my friends and I to get together."

Chantel, March 17

WHAT MAKES #OglebayProud?

"Had a wonderful time seeing the flowers today and going to the Zoo! Always a great time here."

Alexis, April 10

"We went hiking and enjoyed the Ski Hill while we were there. The facilities were amazing and we hope to enjoy other options in different seasons."

Stephanie, February 28

"Hiking trails were amazing. Even with over a foot of snow, the trails were well marked and we were able to get in several hikes. It was peaceful (many times our only companions were deer)!"

Mary Jo, February 24

We're so glad to hear from you via email, social media, or in person. Whatever form of communication works for you, works for us! Let us know how we're doing and what we can do for you! foundation@oglebay.com • 304-243-4166





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