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The seamless transition of the seasons mirrors the parks' continuum. While fall soups and stews gently simmer on the stovetop, sundown sets the sky ablaze with rich pinks reminiscent of ripe watermelon, evoking memories of summer's abundance while foreshadowing the deep slumber of winter.

Cooler nights, shorter days and the vibrant colors of autumn have unmistakably arrived. We find ourselves savoring the



delights of this season juxtaposed with holiday decorating and yearend preparations. Through it all, the parks are our constant, offering the opportunity and enjoyment of each season, as we strengthen our connection to nature and its beauty throughout the year.

This edition of the American Ideal celebrates friendships, fostered and nurtured within our parks — friendship of families, couples and individuals whose palpable love of the park is inspiring. The stories presented here share a common theme: the enduring, multi-generational dedication to various park causes, which ensures that our parks grow and evolve while remaining relevant.

We've highlighted many stories over the years about big and small acts of generosity that challenge us to see the familiar through fresh eyes. The wonder lies in the consistent investment and innovation that sustain the parks' essence, allowing new and improved facilities, amenities and programs to merge harmoniously with beloved traditions. These combined offerings become a shared experience with children and grandchildren as the story of Oglebay and Wheeling Park is passed from generation to generation.

So, come join us in celebrating the smoky-sweet breezes of fall, which sway to the parks' grasses, lending rhythm and motion to the last few leaves dancing in the trees. As our relationship with the park adjusts to meet the changing seasons, one thing remains — our unwavering love and support for the parks.

We've had an incredible journey this year, thanks to your steadfast commitment. Parks are about people, and your friendship maintains our momentum, builds on traditions and deepens the importance of public green spaces in our community and world.

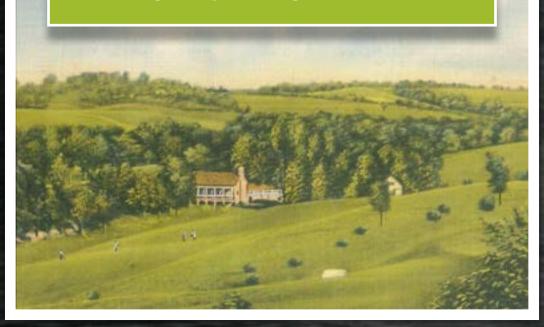
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**Oglebay Through the Years** 





# **Oglebay's Crispin Golf Course**

Front nine began in 1927 before the Wheeling Park Commission agreed to operate Oglebay Park. The complete 18-hole course opened July 4, 1937.



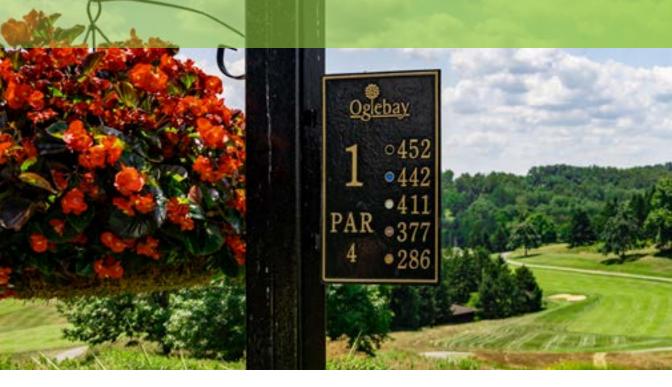
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# KIRBY: International Golf Course Architect & Long-Time Friend of the Park

Ron Kirby, a distinguished golf course architect and a long-time friend of Oglebay, left an indelible mark on the world of golf. Upon his passing at the age of 90 this summer, the Oglebay Foundation learned that Ron and his wife, Sally, who died in 2020, made a generous estate gift to continue the development of Golf Jobs for Juniors Program at Oglebay.

The Golf Jobs for Juniors Program is a professional development program providing financial resources to young people working at Oglebay who are interested in turning their love of golf into their professional career. "Dad's wish had always been to help fund a program to help young people get into the business that he enjoyed so much," Bev McPhee, Ron's daughter said.

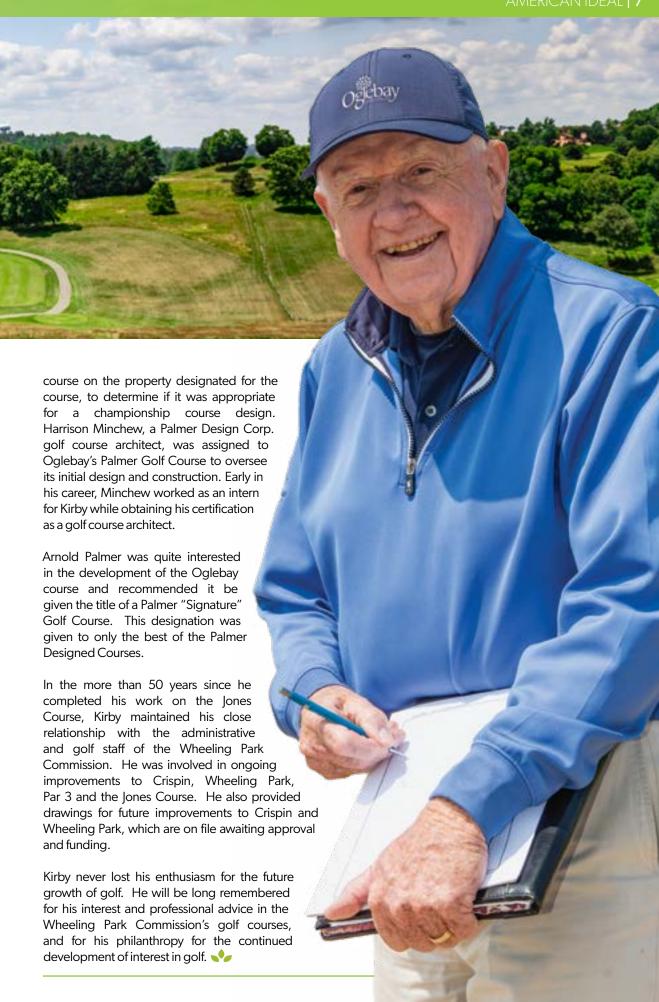
Ron's connection to Oglebay dates to 1967 when he was brought in as the course architect for the Robert Trent Jones, Sr. Designed Course at Oglebay. He was instrumental in finalizing the hole routing plans and worked with park staff involved with building the course.

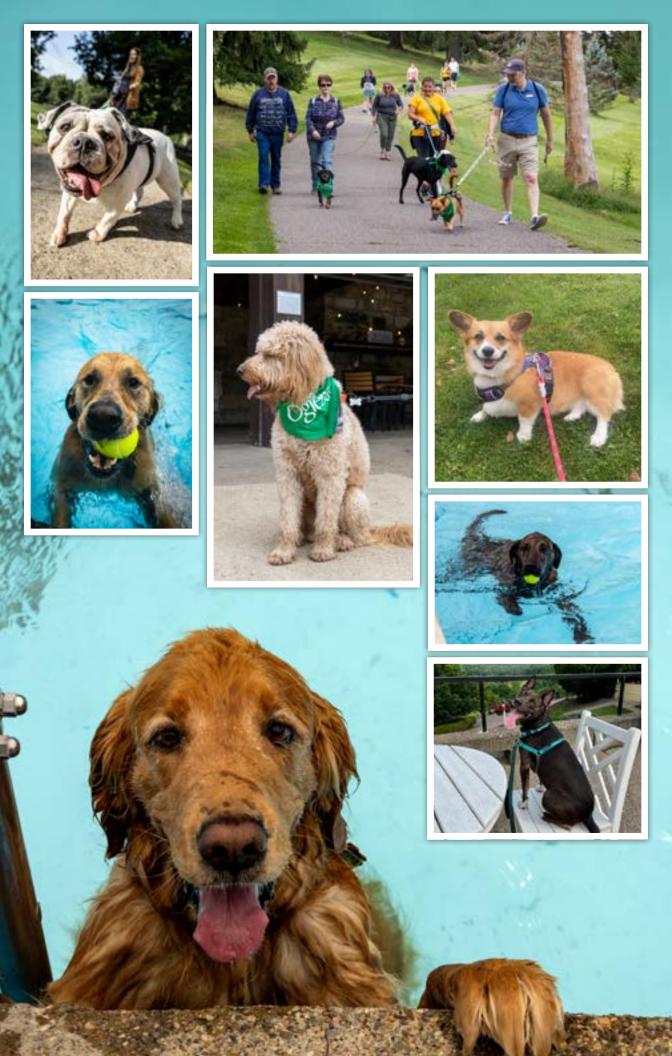
Having worked as a caddy when he was young, Kirby welcomed the opportunity to have his son, Ron Jr., work as a caddy while he finished the Jones Course. Ron Jr., shared, "I learned some valuable life lessons during my summer at Caddy Camp. Work came first, play was second. We would take doubles out for 18-holes and get \$2.50 a bag. Tips were around \$1 to \$2."

After overseeing the initial construction of Oglebay's Jones Course, Kirby created his own golf course architectural firm where he led the construction of more than 125 golf courses around the world and had the opportunity to work with both Gary Player and the Jack Nicklaus Golf Course Design Corp. One of Kirby's major accomplishments was designing the Old Head Golf Links in Kinsale, County Cork, Ireland, which is ranked in the top 100 best courses in the world. Kirby also remodeled the course at Ireland's famous Dromoland Castle, originally designed by Oglebay's landscape architect, Brooks Wigginton.

The Jones Course has hosted multiple national tournaments including the LPGA Championship for 11 years, the W.Va. Open, the National Division III Golf Championships, and multiple times for the W.Va. State High School Golf Championships, dozens of tri-state annual tournaments as well as many local high school, college and university tournaments.

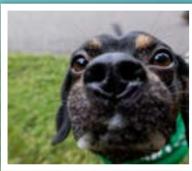
Prior to the design of the Arnold Palmer Signature Golf Couse, Kirby laid out an 18-hole championship



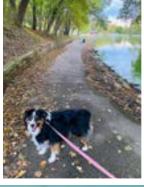






















# WORLD CLEANUP DAY

# **TODAY • TOMORROW • OGLEBAY**

Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023, 20 members of Oglebay's Sustainability Team came together to participate in World Cleanup Day, a global event focused on cleaning up our universal home, our planet. World Cleanup Day, the biggest civil action in history, occurs on the third Saturday of September every year.

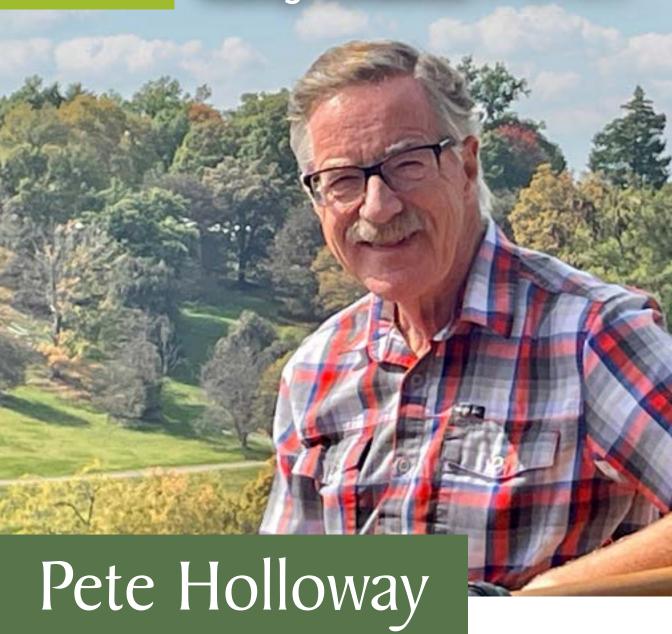
The park team broke out into four groups focusing on collecting trash around: Camp Russel, Schenk Lake, Serpentine Trail and W.Va. Rt. 88 along the Hilltop.

With great pride, only a small amount of trash was collected and, with no surprise, recyclable materials were separated out and disposed of properly.



# PLANS

# Making a Difference IN THE PARKS



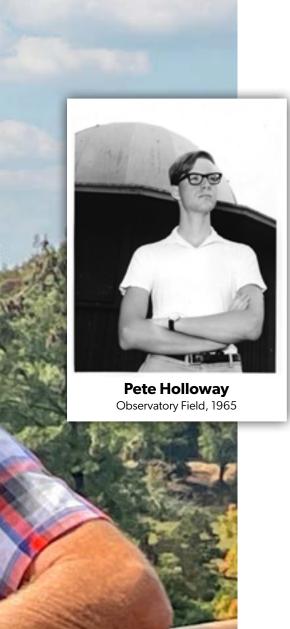
Walker Peterson (Pete) Holloway, Jr., 74, remembers attending Oglebay Institute's summer camps in the mid 1950s and early 1960s, where he benefited from amazing camp counselors, including Joan Schenerlein, Phil Maxwell and Ruth Scherich.

This rich camp experience took full advantage of the outdoor setting offered by Oglebay, and it was the first time he bumped into a relatively young guy in park management named Randy Worls.

Like many people growing up in the area, Pete's first job was at Oglebay. He worked at Par 3 picking up trash and mopping floors under the watchful eye of Mickey Donahue.

Lifetime sports eventually became a focal point for Pete, and he has fond memories of great community tennis players such as Jack Wright, Bob Ewing, John Phillips, Jean Loustau, Ogden Nutting, Dot Boll, Anita Whitaker and Julianna Peterson. Pete also remembers the rope tow run by a tractor behind Crispin where he watched Ewing, Nutting, Whitaker, Stuart Bloch and Bill Jones enjoy skiing. "As a kid, it was amazing to see these community leaders actively enjoying sports; it was something I could look up to and emulate," Pete said.

Pete is astounded that the park gave him access to tennis pros like Whitney Powers, Bob Bennett and Fritz Schunck.





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"The longevity of our parks is remarkable. So many of us have this ingrained assumption of Oglebay's immortality. The Park Commissioners have kept the park system afloat through major crises such as the Great Depression, the stock market crashes of 1929 and 1987, World War II and COVID-19. Yet, I was struck by the fragility of the parks in 2022 after the horrible ice storm in March followed by the double derechos in June of that year caused so much damage. So many trees that grew old with me were suddenly gone.

"What makes the difference? When large numbers of people make small gifts. Granting agencies, government support, donors generally make funding decisions based on the level of community support. That's why I give. Oglebay is my touchstone," Pete explained.

Pete's sons, Walker and Murphy, grew up in Oglebay. Pete's expectation is that their children and grandchildren will do the same. To make that happen, Pete has named the Oglebay Foundation as a beneficiary of his estate.

That's making a difference in the parks.



### **IRA ROLLOVER BENEFITS**

An IRA rollover allows people age 70½ and older to reduce their taxable income by making a gift directly from their IRA.

## Benefits of an IRA charitable rollover

- Avoid taxes on transfers of up to \$100,000 from your IRA to the Oglebay Foundation.
- Make a gift that is not subject to the deduction limits on charitable gifts.
- Support an area of Oglebay or Wheeling Park that you love.

## How an IRA charitable rollover gift works

- Contact your IRA plan administrator to make a gift from your IRA to support the Oglebay Foundation.
- Your IRA funds will be directly transferred to the Oglebay Foundation (FEIN: 55-0750128) to ensure the parks you love are here for generations.
- Please note that IRA charitable rollover gifts do not qualify for a charitable deduction.
- Please contact us if you wish for your gift to be used for a specific purpose.

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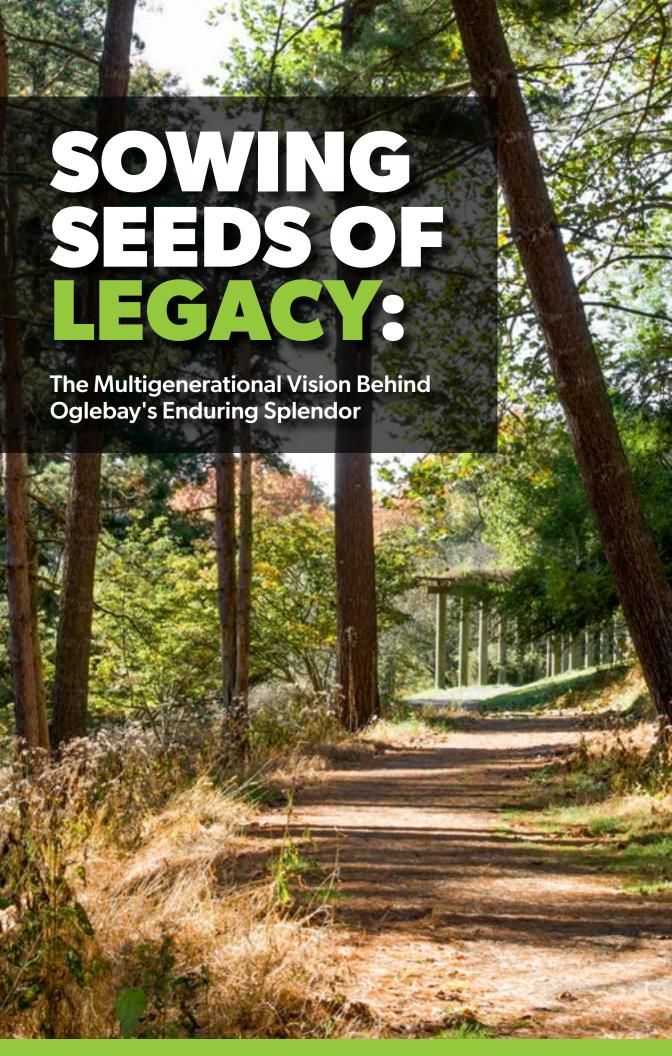














# The Jones Family's Timeless Commitment

Nurturing Oglebay's Green Oasis Across Generations

W.E. Stone believed in the importance of public green spaces. His vision and generosity made Wheeling Park possible, and his example set in motion a multigenerational legacy of park support.

Mr. Stone's leadership gift of \$100,000 in 1924 (the equivalent to nearly \$1.8 million today) ensured that Wheeling Park would remain a place of recreation. His only caveat was that it be governed by a non-partisan, five-person commission, comprising two people selected by Wheeling's city manager and three people named by the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Stone's expansive thinking established the framework for the park system that enriches life in the Ohio Valley today. The Wheeling Park Commission (WPC) was created 98 years ago, and for 94 of them, a member of the Jones family has served on the Park Commission.

J. Sumner Jones, Mr. Stone's nephew, was appointed by the Wheeling Chamber as one of the first five Wheeling Park Commissioners. This original group faced the daunting task of turning a run-down beer garden into a public park. They were limited only by financial constraints and their imaginations. The remarkable outcome was managed through the Great Depression in the shadow of a world war. A master stroke was having the park operate on fees paid for services.

Mr. Jones served as a park commissioner for  $15\frac{1}{2}$  years. During that time, Earl Oglebay's Waddington Farm was gifted to the City of Wheeling in 1926 and accepted in 1928 to become the second park managed by the WPC. Two golf courses were built, pools were added, the White Palace was replaced, trails were cut, the arboretum planned. The foundational structure of both parks was established.

After Mr. Jones' death in 1940, the WPC named the area of pine trees within the arboretum the Jones Pinetum to honor his contributions, service and dedication to both parks.

In August 1940, Wilbur S. (Bill) Jones was appointed a Wheeling Park Commissioner, assuming his father's seat. Bill's service on the WPC lasted 37 years until his death in 1977 and included time as chairman. During his tenure, critical infrastructure and financial undertakings were put in place to secure Wheeling Park and Oglebay's long-term future. Two major accomplishments included building Wilson Lodge and acquiring Jo-Betty Farm, known today as the Speidel Golf Club, home to two championship golf courses. At the time,

the idea of a lodge was controversial, but today, revenue from Wilson Lodge provides 80 percent of the parks' operating budget. Another major initiative was the creation of the Park System Trust Fund in 1945. The donor-supported fund evolved from a crisis solution and a needed offset of seasonal revenue fluctuations to become an ongoing source of support today.

Bill Jones married Mary Calvert Truxtun, "Truxie," in 1933, and they had four children: Calvert, Peggy, Jim and Bill, Jr. Living on a farm adjacent to Oglebay, the family could access the park on horseback or on foot via the Serpentine Drive. The older three children were active riders and participated in many of Oglebay's horse shows. "I always felt lucky to have a park like Oglebay for swimming, riding, tennis, golf and summer concerts. Even our dog William enjoyed Oglebay. He often turned up in the amphitheater just before the evening program or in the horseshow ring as jumps were being set up. We tried to make sure he didn't see us," Calvert remembers.

Peggy, Jim and Bill all worked at Oglebay as teenagers during the summer. Peggy worked as a day camp counselor and lifeguard. Jim was a sports camp counselor and worked on the roads and grounds crew. Bill worked at Schenk Lake and in maintenance for Oglebay Day Camp, which he says meant "cleaning a lot of toilets." During the winter months, the whole family skied on the old Crispin hill served by a rope tow donated by Bill, Sr. Depending on the season, he often spent his lunch hour in his business suit on the ski slope or the driving range. Through play, work and service, the family developed a long-term love of the parks.

As her children moved away, Truxie Jones was the key to sustaining the family connection to Oglebay. Trips to visit her by children,



Rope tow at Crispin circa 1950

grandchildren and great-grandchildren included stays at the cottages, visits to the Good Zoo and dinners at the Lodge. Family reunions and wedding receptions also were held at Oglebay. Truxie made an anonymous lead gift toward the construction of the Palmer Golf Course. An avid golfer, she was a long-time fan of Arnie and was thrilled to meet him when the course was dedicated. Upon her death in 2008, Truxie created a charitable lead trust that provided unrestricted income to the Oglebay Foundation for 15 years.

In 1979, Bill, Jr., was appointed as a Wheeling Park Commissioner. In his 41½ years of service on the Commission, Bill and his colleagues oversaw lean times but also made significant investments and changes including: expansion and renovation of the Lodge, addition of the West Spa, creation of the Festival of Lights, increased amenities like the splash pad, the Garden Bistro and improvements to the J.B. Chambers Memorial Ice Rink.

During Bill's tenure, a major achievement was the establishment of the Oglebay Foundation and the expansion of its board to engage other members of the community. Bill's personal interests focus on funding projects that may be less appealing to the community at large but have a major impact on park operations, especially guests' first impressions. "My dream is that Oglebay will become the default resort option for our feeder markets in Pittsburgh, Columbus and Cleveland. Signage, paving and landscaping are critical first



impressions for visitors." Focusing on these first impressions, Bill has directed recent donations to improve wayfinding with new entrance signs that reinforce the Oglebay brand.

In 2020, Jim Jones died after a long illness. Because it was during the COVID-19 pandemic, the family was unable to get together to celebrate his remarkable life. Looking for a way to honor their brother, Bill asked Oglebay Foundation President and CEO Eriks Janelsins for ideas. Eriks reminded the family that Jim was named for their grandfather and suggested the family honor both by refurbishing and rededicating the Jones Pinetum.

"Rededicating the pinetum seemed like such a lovely way to recognize two people who loved and affected Oglebay in their own ways, while fitting the environmental interests of the entire family," Bill said.

With the whole family's support, the fourth and fifth generations have donated funds to make the refurbished Jones Pinetum a reality. This multigenerational contribution to our parks continues with a commitment to sculpting landscapes of joy and tranquility, creating an enduring legacy for the sixth generation and beyond.





Jones Family Celebrating Truxie's 90th Birthday - 2001

Standing from left: Bill Jones, Joyce Jefferson, Penny Jones, Jim Jones, Dick Palmer, Calvert Armbrecht, Ted Armbrecht, and seated, Truxie Jones and Peggy Palmer.





































# STAMP FAMILY CONTINUES A TRADITION OF INNOVATION

In 1948, two significant enhancements were made at Wheeling Park — both representing an innovation at the time. While carried out independently, they shared the common goal of bringing families together.

The Schwertfeger Memorial Shelter, financed by Lena Schwertfeger on her 99th birthday in memory of her husband, Frederick Carl Schwertfeger, was the first group picnic facility established in Wheeling Park. It is fully equipped with restroom facilities and a food preparation area and has remained in constant use since its opening.

Following that, Arthur Clarence (A.C.) Stifel, Sr., funded the construction of the Stifel Playground. He was among the 170 community leaders who contributed financially to secure Wheeling Park in 1924. Stifel was appointed to serve in the founding class of the Wheeling Park Commission (WPC) on Feb. 11, 1925. The Stifels made extensive renovations to the playground again in 1966.

The Schwertfeger Shelter occupies a prominent position overlooking the Stifel Playground. Both spaces were designed to invigorate Wheeling Park, and together, they continue to attract thousands of visitors annually, making them among the most utilized areas within the WPC system.

In a twist of fate, descendants of these visionary families are none other than Fred and Joan Stamp, a Wheeling-based husband-and-wife team.

The Stamps have been long time friends of the parks and have generously supported them with their talents, financial contributions and time. Joan Corson Stamp, raised in Washington, D.C., spent many holidays and summer vacations with her Stifel grandparents, who resided across the street from Wheeling Park. Her volunteer leadership in the community led to her appointment to the WPC in 2013, and she currently serves as its vice chair. She also serves on the board of the Oglebay Foundation.

Fred Stamp, a retired federal judge and the greatgrandson of Lena Schwertfeger, has been a lifelong resident of Wheeling. Fred has fond memories of using both Oglebay and Wheeling parks as a child. Wheeling Park — close to Fred's childhood home on National Road in the Dimmeydale neighborhood — became a central part of his upbringing. It was where he learned to swim and had his early experiences with tennis and golf. Fred expressed his enthusiasm at the recent decision by the WPC to improve Wheeling Park, saying, "I was personally delighted when the Wheeling Park Commission decided to focus more attention on Wheeling Park."

"Not only did Joan and I grow up using the parks, but our children, Andy and Elizabeth, did too. The opportunity to continue being part of the improvements to Wheeling Park is an honor," he added.

The couple fondly recalls various aspects of Wheeling Park, such as the band concerts hosted by the musicians' union, which served as a precursor to today's Funfest Fridays. The aviary, with its peacocks and zoological cages including a monkey habitat, was also a major attraction.

Continuing in the footsteps of their ancestors, the Stamps are keen on supporting innovative initiatives that keep the parks' appeal fresh. Their interest in strategic projects has been influenced by their experiences at other resorts and conference centers.

Joan expressed her commitment to helping the parks evolve to meet the needs of the next generation of park visitors. She emphasized the importance of growth and adaptation, saying, "If we don't stay current with guest expectations, the parks will suffer. We have to grow and evolve to stay competitive."

It's worth noting that there was a time when Wilson Lodge did not have a Fitness Center and Movement Studio, which the Stamps generously helped fund in 2016. Additionally, the couple assisted in the financing of technological upgrades in all meeting and event spaces to ensure that the Lodge could continue to attract large business groups.

This year, Joan and Fred helped to fund Wheeling Park's Café 1925, an indoor/outdoor coffee shop situated on the corner of the White Palace overlooking Good Lake. They are also making significant contributions to support the places where it all began by matching federal funds to make major renovations to Schwertfeger Shelter and the Stifel Playground this fall.

Joan shared, "We have strong teams doing amazing things for our parks. Together, park operations and the Oglebay Foundation are making great things happen. Their shared efforts ensure both Oglebay and Wheeling Park will remain strong for many years to come."







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Fountain of Lights

Zoo Animal Friends

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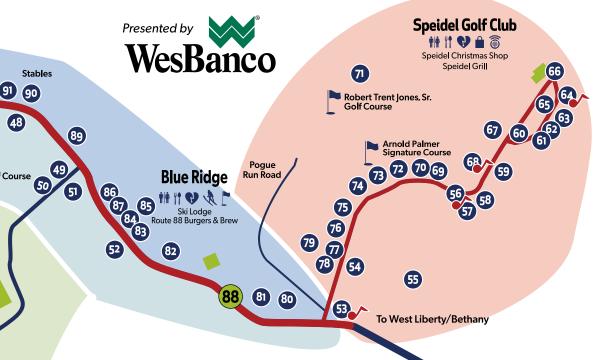
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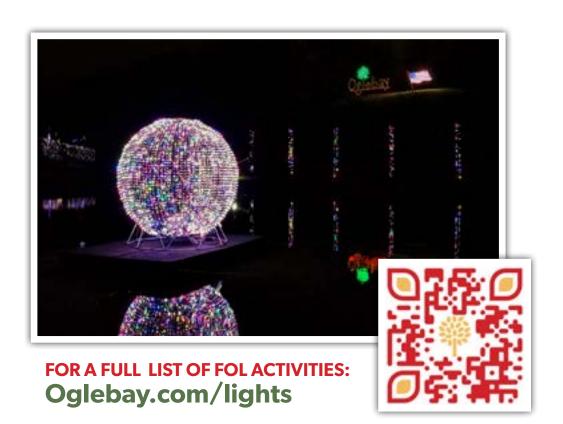
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# G. Ogden Nutting

Oct. 21, 1935 — Aug. 25, 2023

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In gratitude for their generosity & steadfast support.

Gary E. West

Jan. 12, 1937 — Sept. 3, 2023

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