

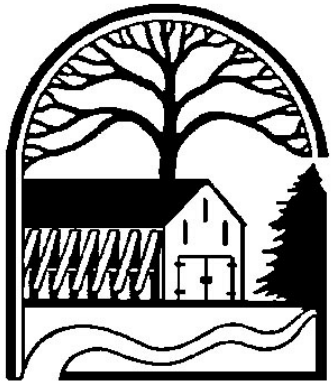
Account Balances - As of 6/25/2007

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Account	6/25/2007 Balance
Bank Accounts	
Fidelity Investments	86,126.10
Small Business Checking	18,584.22
Webster CDs	22,032.36
Webster MM Savings	0.00
Windsor Federal	0.00
TOTAL Bank Accounts	126,742.68
Cash Accounts	
USPS Postage - Permit	269.37
TOTAL Cash Accounts	269.37
OVERALL TOTAL	127,012.05



FRIENDS OF NORTHWEST PARK, INC.

The Friends of Northwest Park is a volunteer, not-for-profit corporation formed in 1981 to play a leading role in development of a nature center at Northwest Park. The Friends' original mission of supporting development of the Nature Center has expanded to include support for Northwest Park as a whole.

The Friends' fundraising efforts have received broad based community support from individuals, civic groups, foundations, businesses and corporations. In partnership with the Town of Windsor, the Friends support Park and Nature Center programs, operations and development. Raising over \$600,000 since its incorporation, the Friends have purchased all equipment and furnishings in the Nature Center and financially supported a wide variety of Park programs. Just a few of the Friends' contributions include:

- ↗All Nature Center furnishings, including air conditioning, carpeting, all furniture and cabinets, kitchen appliances, science equipment, computers, lighting, etc.
- ↗Financial support for exhibits
- ↗Funding for spring and fall environment interns
- ↗Financial support for environmental education research and programming.
- ↗Annual financial support for the Youth Conservation Corps.
- ↗Funding for environmental education programs through grants to schools from the Libby & Gordon Taylor Scholarship Fund, maintained and managed by the Friends.

The Friends' annual community events include the annual Country Fair, the March Pancake Breakfast which culminates maple sugaring season. Volunteers are always welcome.

The Board of Trustees meets regularly and the Friend's general membership meet for their annual meeting in late fall.. Committees, all of which need volunteers, include: Finance, membership, newsletter, program & publicity, nominating, Country Fair and Pancake Breakfast.

Northwest Park is a 473 acre multi-recreational facility operated by the Town of Windsor. The Park features a modern Nature Center with live animals, exhibits, environmental education programming, and a nature gift shop. The Park includes 12 miles of trails, animal barn, picnic facilities, soccer and playing fields, a maple sugar house, warming shed, self-guided nature trails, including a Braille trail for visually challenged, community gardens, Tobacco Cultural Museum and Archive.

The Nature Center offers programs for all ages throughout the year, including nature walks, animal demonstrations, summer nature camp, nature clubs and programs on owls, bluebirds, pond study, reptiles and amphibians, mammals, endangered species, tracking, signs of the seasons and much more.

Admission to the Nature Center and Park is free. Ample parking is available.

MEMBERSHIP

Your membership in the Friends of Northwest Park is a statement of your support for Northwest Park and the Nature Center. For those Friends who are to become active on committees, we invite participation at all levels. Project involvement is certainly not required in your membership, but is available and encouraged.

In addition to having the satisfaction of supporting an outstanding Park and Nature Center, membership dues entitle you to the following benefits:

- ↗A subscription to *Northwest Passage*, a journal produced by the Friends and Park staff, which includes current program information, educational articles and news about the Friends, volunteers, special events and Park activities.
- ↗10% discount at the Nature Center store. (Present card at time of purchase.)
- ↗Discounts on Friends' sponsored events
- ↗Invitation to complimentary "Members Only" programs and social events at Northwest Park.
- ↗Invitation to Friends' sponsored field trips.
- ↗Friends of Northwest Park decal.
- ↗Consecutive Patron and Benefactor memberships totaling \$500 qualify as a Life membership.

Become a part of the tradition and future of the Friends and of Northwest Park. Membership dues are an important source of financial support for the work of the Friends. The membership and fiscal year of the Friends is July 1 to June 30. Memberships are renewed during July.

Please join the Friends by completing the membership information form in the next panel or on-line at www.northwestpark.org.

Northwest Park phone: 860-285-1886

Friends website: www.northwestpark.org

FRIENDS OF NORTHWEST PARK, INC.

Please accept my membership at the indicated level of support:

- Senior\$ 10
- Individual\$ 15
- Family\$ 20
- Contributing\$ 35
- Sustaining\$ 50
- Sponsor\$ 75
- Patron\$ 100
- Benefactor\$ 250
- Life\$ 500
- Corporate\$1000

Please make your check payable to Friends of Northwest Park, Inc. Contributions are tax-deductible.

Name: _____

Company _____

Street: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone (W): _____

Phone (H): _____

Email: _____

INTEREST INVENTORY

- Office / Record keeping
- Baking / Refreshments
- Clean Up Days
- Coffeehouses
- Country Fair
- Maintenance / Carpentry
- Membership Committee
- Newsletter
- Northwest Park Store
- Pancake Breakfast
- Photography
- Publicity
- Special Events
- Sunday Ambassadors
- Trail Work
- Volunteer Coordination

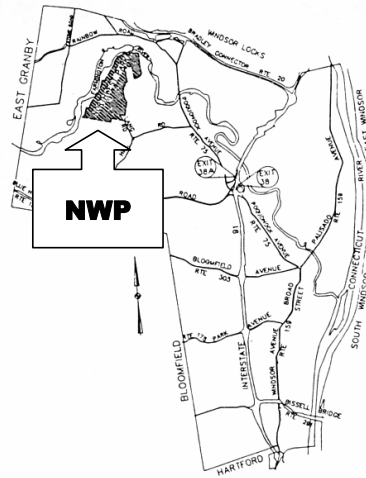
Please mail your check and completed interest card to:

**Friends of Northwest Park, Inc.
P. O. Box 773
Windsor, CT 06095**

MISSION

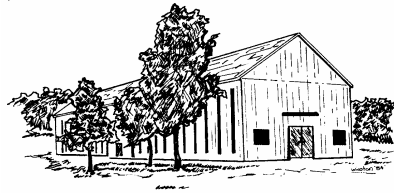
In order to provide a better understanding of and appreciation for nature and the environment for the benefit of people of all ages and abilities, this corporation shall cooperate with the Town of Windsor to:

- Preserve the natural setting of Northwest Park as a sanctuary for animals and people;
- Expand the capability of the Nature Center to provide environmental information;
- Sustain interest and membership in the Friends;
- Actively solicit funds and other gifts for the betterment of Northwest Park and the Nature Center.
- Encourage community participation in the Park's and Nature Center's activities and development;
- Maintain a dedicated and involved Board of Trustees.



DIRECTIONS:

- From I-91 north take Exit 38
- From I-91 south take Exit 38A
- Turn right off exit onto Poquonock Avenue
- Turn left onto Prospect Hill Road
- Turn right onto Lang Road
- Turn left into NWP Parking lot



THE FRIENDS OF NORTHWEST PARK




MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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Crafters!! You're Invited...

Knitters! Crocheters! Beaders! Weavers!
Quilters! Embroiderers and Cross Stitchers!
Do you do handwork of any kind? Get it ready
for entry into the Arts and Crafts competition
at the Northwest Park Country Fair!
Item must have been made within the last two
years.
Look for Fair Booklets for entry forms in
September!

Northwest Park Country Fair



September 29th
Northwest Park
Windsor, CT
10:00am - 4:00pm

Sponsored by
The Friends of Northwest Park
www.northwestpark.org
Contact: crafters@northwestpark.org

Friends of Northwest Park Funding Support						
2005 and earlier						
Project	Compost Area Upgrade		(Return)			
Item				Date	Item	Funding
Purchased		Company		Purchased	Cost	Balance
						800
Project	Compost Area Education		(Return)			
Item				Date	Item	Funding
Purchased		Company		Purchased	Cost	Balance
						250
Project	Chicken Coop Upgrade		(Return)			
Item				Date	Item	Funding
Purchased		Company		Purchased	Cost	Balance
						200
Project	Four Heated Buckets		(Completed: Detail Unknown)			
Item				Date	Item	Funding
Purchased		Company		Purchased	Cost	Balance
	To be discussed with Brad Nicholson					?
Project	Animal Pen Signs (Animal Names)		(Return)			
Item				Date	Item	Funding
Purchased		Company		Purchased	Cost	Balance
						900
Project	Weather Station		(Completed)			
Item				Date	Item	Funding
Purchased		Company		Purchased	Cost	Balance
						4250
	Dell Dimension 3000 computer package	Dell		1/25/2005	1459	2791
	6161C Davis Vantage Pro Weather	Ambient Weather		12/14/2004	1102.9	1688.1
	Weather Board & Weather Monitor	Carolina Biological		12/14/2004	112.9	1575.2
	Plug Unit	Radio Shack		12/28/2005	3.7	1571.5
	Display Case Work and materials	Semenuk Landscaping		1/24/2006	385	1190.2
	Carpeted Backing	Semenuk Landscaping		1/24/2006	284.75	1286.75
	Bucket work on odometer	Grimshaw Tree Service		1/21/2006	233	957.2
	CD and weather book	Parker reimbursed		2/6/2006	17.48	1269.27
	Light	Lowe's		3/14/2006	25.48	931.72



Request for Additional Funding FY 08

Introduction: Northwest Park respectfully requests additional funding in the amount of \$4,445 for signs and audio systems for use on the new Sensory Saunter Trail and \$1,200 for the construction of a two-bin composting system for new organic gardening demonstration area. The total amount of funding requested is \$5,645.

SENSORY SAUNTER TRAIL

Overview: Sensory Saunter Trail is a ¼ mile loop with an emphasis on using the senses. This trail is designed for people with special needs such as, the physically, mentally, visually, and hearing challenged. This trail will also provide a nature walk area for very young children. This trail provides easy access due to its closeness to the Nature Center, especially for those in wheelchairs. This trail will include: (1) native grasses, wildflowers, shrubs and trees important as wildlife habitat, (2) a guide rope for the visually challenged, (3) one trail head introductory sign and three sensory stations; i.e., touching, smelling and listening, (4) two MP3 audio systems with headsets for use by the visually challenged and (5) a hard packed surface (stone dust) for wheelchair use.

Other Support Funding: The Natural Resources and Conservation Service (NRCS) provided \$6,300 in funding for land clearing plant (shrubs, trees, and grasses) purchases. The Town of Windsor provided \$7,000 of In-Kind expenses (labor costs: \$3,000, diesel fuel use, stone dust and treated posts: \$1,500, and topsoil and stump disposal: \$2,500). Northwest Park also provided all graphic sign design.

A. Sensory Saunter Trail Signs

1. Trail Head: 36" w x 24" h embedded fiberglass

This sign introduces over concept of the new trail system, provides information on MP3 use, and indicates the length and time of walking.

2. Touching Station: 36" w x 24" h embedded fiberglass

This sign suggests ways to enjoy the natural world by using the sense of touch.

3. Smelling Station: 36" w x 24" h embedded fiberglass

This sign suggests ways to enjoy the natural world by using the sense of smell.

4. Listening Station: 36" w x 24" h embedded fiberglass

This sign suggests ways to enjoy the natural world by using the sense of listening.

Cost: (4) 36" w x 24" h embedded fiberglass signs @ \$275 = \$1,100

Note: all signs will include the friends of Northwest Park logo with recognition.

B. Stands

(4) Low profile brushed aluminum stands (brown) @ \$440 = \$1,760

C. Shipping of Signs and Stands

10% of total (estimated) = \$285

D. Installation

The installation of these signs/stands will be contracted out.

(4) signs/stands installation charge @ \$75 each = \$300

E. Braille Plates

(4) Aluminum 36" w x 4' h self-adhesive Braille plates @ \$100 each = \$400

F. Audio System

(2) MP3 Players and headsets @ \$300 each = \$600

COMPOSTING SYSTEM

This is a double bin system for the rotation of composted materials from one bin to the next. The bin will be situated at the new Organic Gardening Demonstration Area.

A. Two-Bin Composting System

Wood and hardware cloth construction. 5.5'l x 3'w. Item to be contracted out.

Cost: \$1,200 for materials and labor.