Park Bench Donation Program

In 2011, the Mayor and Council established the Park Bench Donation Program, which lets Families and Organizations remember a loved one or honor someone’s special achievement with a beautiful park bench engraved with a name or an appropriate sentiment.

The program also proclaims that Memorial Benches would replace the planting of memorial trees in Westwood, as benches are more stable, sturdy, not prone to disease, damage or removal, and create a benefit for all residents and visitors.

The Program currently features 42 Memorial and Recognition Benches installed in Veteran’s Park, Voorhis Park, Westvale Park, Fireman’s Park, and the Westwood Bird Sanctuary.

New Program Feature

You may now purchase a "Plaque Only" on an existing Park Bench (not including Veteran’s Park) for a $250 fee, which includes the installation of the plaque. Include text for your plaque as well as the park and site of the bench you prefer on the donation form on the reverse side of this brochure.

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Here are some samples of language that you may select for your customized plaque:

In Loving Memory of
Dorothy von Bieberstein
9/3/1922 to 3/26/2012
Always in Our Hearts

In Recognition of the 50th Birthday
Of Ronnie Schablon
Given with love on January 2011

Ernest F. Sessions
In Appreciation For Your Service
Boy Scout Troop 350

Your donations may be eligible for charitable receipts for income tax purposes. Please contact your tax advisor.

Designed by Irene A. Molina
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The Borough of Westwood is pleased to offer our Park Bench Donation Program to remember a loved one or to honor someone’s special achievement. Your bench will enhance the aesthetic value of our community for all to enjoy while preserving the legacy of a family member or friend.

The Borough has selected two attractive benches for our parks:

**For Veteran’s Park:** The Victor Stanley solid black cast iron bench. These are available as memorial benches only. (In Memory of . . . , etc.) This bench has an armrest in the middle. (not pictured)

**For Brookside, Hegeman, McKinley, Voorhis, Westvale, and All Other Parks:** The Wabash Valley brown plastic coated steel bench. These benches can be memorial or commemorative by friends, family, organizations, or private companies. This bench has an armrest in the middle. (not pictured)

All of the benches are durable and easy to maintain. Donations may be eligible for charitable receipts for income tax purposes. Please consult your tax advisor.

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**Program Guidelines**

1. The donations per bench:
   - **Victor Stanley for Veteran’s Park:** $1,800
     - memorial benches only.
   - **Wabash Valley for all other parks:** $1,000
     - memorial and/or recognition benches.

   The price includes the cost of the bench, installation, and engraving of 4 lines of type.

2. All of the space allotted for Memorial Benches in the Bandstand portion of Veteran’s Park have been allocated. **We are now taking orders for Veteran’s Park benches being placed near the Garden of Service Monument in the park with 3 sites left.** Park benches will be ordered in groups of three, when possible, to be cost effective. Donors will be notified of the date of installation.

3. If you purchase an existing bench, a portion of your donation will be placed in our trust fund and used for the maintenance of damaged benches.

4. The Borough of Westwood has the responsibility for the care and maintenance of the park bench once installed and assumes the responsibility for vandalism of the bench. Maintenance will be performed by the Borough, as needed.

5. The Borough respectfully requests that no flowers, wreath, pictures, etc. will be placed at the benches.

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**How To Make A Donation**

1. Complete the “Park Bench Donation Form” found to the right. Be sure to print your information clearly. You should attach an additional sheet of paper, if necessary.

2. Attach your check (in full) payable to “Borough of Westwood” and return to:
   - **Borough of Westwood**
   - **Park Bench Donation Program**
   - **101 Washington Avenue**
   - **Westwood, NJ 07675**

3. A proof will be sent to you to verify engraving.

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**Bench Style** (check one)

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◆ Bench location:

Amount enclosed: $_______

Payments in full only. No partial payments please.

**Donor’s Name:**

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

NOTE: You will be contacted regarding your desired location on a design site map that identifies bench locations.