



Good evening,

Friends of Collier Parks and Recreation is a 501(c)(3) organization committed to increase public awareness of the recreational opportunities within Collier Township. This increased awareness is accomplished by promoting and improving the many Parks and Trails of Collier Township. "Friends" is passionately involved in this goal and has had various fundraisers throughout 2021 such as basket sales at Collier Fest, a Pasta Dinner, Mums flower sale, 50/50 sales, and others, to improve our Parks and Trails. Investing in our parks and trails not only makes them more vibrant and welcoming, it also attracts quality development, increases property value, enhances Collier's image and livability.

Over the years "Friends" has made great strides throughout Collier Township such as replacing the worn-out brick pavers, at the Veterans Memorial, with new long lasting granite pathway commemorative pavers, providing funds for the Meadow Discovery Path, Molly's Dog Park, Purple Martin bird houses, Memorial Benches, a new Electronic sign at the Community Center, planting trees along the Discovery Path and the planting of wildflowers along the Meadow Path.

I would be remiss not to point out that these accomplishments could not have been achieved by "Friends" without the help of current and past members such as Gail Neustadt, Kathy Rulong, Barb Riedl, Lynn Heckman, Pam Handlovitch, Tildon Bennett, Mike Fantona, Elizabeth Quinn, Vivonic Yablonsky, Karyn Brookes, Bill Wenger, Peggy Molluca & Rose Gantner.

Although many projects and improvements have been completed, there remains considerably more work to be accomplished. The current "Friends" members; Anna Ewing, Susan Linner, Kyle Linner, Marilyn Townsend, Dave Brown, Sarah Brown, Sadie Sterner Rostivo, Mary Ann Cupples Wisniowski, Deb Zymroz and myself Dan Styche, are currently raising funds for ongoing projects and improvements such as providing public rest rooms along the Panhandle Trail, installing a water station at Molly's Dog Park and restoring the Veterans Memorial Gazebo to its original splendor.

"Friends" is committed to continually maintaining and improving the Parks and Trails of Collier Township. Although commitment is important, none of the past or current projects could have been or will be accomplished without the generous donations from our residents and businesses. Without their donations nothing could have been or will be accomplished.

I would like to profoundly thank all who have and those who continue to donate to Friends of Collier Parks and Recreation. Thank you all and keep donating!!!

Thank You,

Daniel A. Styche  
President, Friends of Collier Parks and Recreation