

Friends of Station Square

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Autumn in the Square

For many people, the fall weather is the nicest with its warm days and cool nights after the heat and humidity of summer. The flowers in Station Square seem to perk up, and with the addition of seasonal mums the colors are extended through late fall. This is also the time of the year when FOSS assesses all the plantings on the embankments and around the Square's perimeter in preparation for next season. What was successful? What needs attention? As stewards of the Square, these are the questions to ponder. One bright spot last spring was the planting of pansies in the area near the mailbox in the Square, a challenging area with its deep tree roots. These charming annuals that tolerate the last cold days of winter and signal the coming spring weather with their pretty little faces did very well. A highlight of the Square's garden are the glorious and sturdy peonies against the short embankment retaining wall that return faithfully in late May. The show stopping display of salvia spikes, vinca blossoms, lantana non-pareils and alyssum flowers in the center beds have thrived as did the shrubs and trees in spite of intense heat. The secret sauce? Plenty of water, provided by a combination of an aging sprinkler system and hand watering. As these beds are put to rest for the winter, we acknowledge and are grateful for the collaborative effort it takes to bring this community garden to all who pass through the Square. We thank you for your continued financial support.



Photo: Wendy Bachman

WSTC Supports FOSS

Thanks again to the entertainment committee of the West Side Tennis Club for choosing FOSS to be the

beneficiary of the tips from their Guest Bartender night. We received almost \$900, which went straight towards our watering costs. This was such a lovely neighborly gesture.

Concerts Resume at Forest Hills Stadium

EEEEATSCON, held in October 2019, was the last event at Forest Hills Stadium prior to the Covid shutdown. Food lovers gathered together to share bites from prestigious vendors curated from all over the country. It would be a long wait for crowds to reassemble at the venue. Concert goers reunited in July 2021 for live outdoor music by Brandi Carlisle. The season concluded in October. A significant number of visitors to FH Stadium enter via Station Square, which is closed to vehicle traffic before, during and after performances. The Square helps to create the mood for people to spend time outside, serving as a transition space from public transportation to the Stadium. The space is well suited for this purpose.

Revamped FOSS Website

FOSS launched an updated website this summer: friendsofstationsquare.org. The new site includes stunning year round photos of the Square and archives of our newsletter. While an updated website may not be newsworthy, the redo of our site speaks to the strength of our community. Suzanne Parker, a former long term resident of Forest Hills Gardens and FOSS Board member, continues to volunteer her graphic design services to FOSS despite having moved away from the neighborhood four years ago. Suzanne is busy creating her own art, serving on the board of a museum upstate

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FOSS's New Homepage

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and enjoying a grandchild nearby.

What keeps her connected to Friends of Station Square? Suzanne replied, "You can take the girl out of the Gardens, but not the Gardens out of the girl. I am proud to have been one of the founders of FOSS, and gratified that it has survived and thrived for almost 30 years. The neighborhood and my friends there will always be dear to me."




Friends of Station Square Annual Meeting

Wednesday, December 1st
7:30 PM
Via ZOOM

To participate, email us at:
FriendsofStationSquare@gmail.com
By November 29th
for login details




Please help us to continue taking care of our Square. Your support is what makes it happen.

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Planting _____ Mailings _____ Future benefits/fundraising _____ Other _____

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Phone: _____ Email: _____

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**Friends of Station Square
14 Station Square
Forest Hills, NY 11375**

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