



### MOSES HAS HIS DAY

WPC is working with the City on improvements to the area surrounding the King Fountain. The Conservancy will take on needed repairs to the masonry walls below the elaborate bronze pump house doors, and will reset the historic door. Historically appropriate light fixtures will be installed to better illuminate the area. The possibility of spotlighting the Moses statue is also being explored. The City will continue regrading the bedding areas.



### HELP KEEP WASHINGTON PARK BEAUTIFUL!

Throughout the year, the WPC runs clean-ups and other events that give Conservancy members and friends the chance to lend a hand in keeping the park clean and beautiful. We invite you to come, get your hands dirty, and learn a thing or two you didn't know about Washington Park!



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### DID YOU KNOW?

#### EARLY MORNING BICYCLES

Bicycles were much in vogue in the 1880s. The Park Commissioners allowed cycling "every morning except Sunday until 9am" beginning on April 10, 1882. In July they set a speed limit of 6 mph. The riding time was extended to 10 am in October. All this prompted a grateful letter from the Albany Bicycle Club, who assured the Commissioners that members would "strive by careful riding and conforming to their rules, to merit their continued approbation."



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### SEPTEMBER SPLENDOR

Join us at the Washington Park Lakehouse in September for our annual fundraiser! Guests at last year's event enjoyed an amazing wine selection from Mark Brogna at Capital Wine, scrumptious food by Susan Quillio of Spoonful Catering and music from Swamp Baby. Along with the botanical-themed auction, this party is a perfect end to the Park's beautiful summer season.

## RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Your support will help the Conservancy restore, preserve, and maintain Washington Park for leisure, recreation, and the appreciation of nature for all of Albany's residents and visitors.

Please fill out and return the enclosed membership form so that you can continue to be involved.

**AND PLEASE CONSIDER THE CONSERVANCY IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING.**

**Check out our Facebook page for the latest happenings while our website is renovated!**

# 2015



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**A LAKE HOUSE AND  
PLAYHOUSE**

Together, Park Playhouse and WPC are identifying needed improvements to the Lake House and its immediate surroundings that will benefit park users, provide additional amenities, and encourage greater year-round use of the facility. These efforts will make the area better suited to theatrical events, while protecting the building's stunning architectural character. WPC's 2006 Reuse Study will serve as a basis for ongoing discussion, and the two groups will work with the City to identify grants and funding opportunities to make future improvements possible.

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**TULIPS FOR SALE!**

When Washington Park's renowned tulips are past their peak, WPC volunteers, together with City Gardener Jessica Morgan and her staff, dig up the bulbs and organize a bulb sale in the weeks following Tulip Fest. Come help us dig and then come back to purchase some of these beautiful bulbs!

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT  
PLAYING "SNAP THE WHIP"**

Child control was a Victorian obsession that was written into the Park rules. In December 1875, eager children interfered with skaters on the frozen lake and the Park Commissioners declared "The playing of boisterous games of any kind, such as "Head-on," "Tag," "Prisoner's base," "Shinney," "Snap the whip," "All hands around," or any games involving a temporary obstruction of the ice, or the inconvenience of the skating public, will not be permitted."



**OLDEST TREES  
CAMPAIGN**

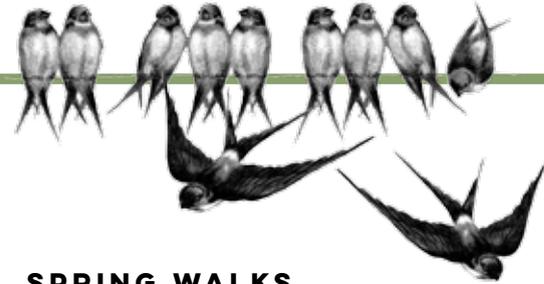
In 2015 WPC will launch a new initiative – the Oldest Tree Campaign. The Conservancy will work with City Forester Tom Pfeiffer to identify the park's most venerable inhabitants, its ancient trees, and will work to provide needed funds for preventative care and maintenance that will help keep our landmark trees healthy for as long as possible.



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**SPRING WALKS**

2014's Fall Walks were a great success! Now we look forward to spring. On Saturday, April 25th, Washington Park Conservancy will join the Audubon Society of the Capital Region and Historic Albany Foundation for a special "Birding and History Walk" of Washington Park and the surrounding neighborhoods. Reservations required. To reserve, contact Nicki at [info@historic-albany.org](mailto:info@historic-albany.org) or 518.465.0876, ext. 10.



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**OUR HISTORIC  
BRIDGE**

In the summer of 2014, WPC had new finials fabricated to match and replace missing elements on the 1875 bridge, the oldest structure in the park. This summer the iron bridge will be fully stripped of accumulated layers of paint and will be repainted its original color. This enormous project, along with the 2013 work on the stone abutments, paid for by the City of Albany, will constitute the most comprehensive restoration the bridge has received in its 140-year history.

