



*A new picnic table will be a welcome addition to Carlisle Center Park.*

### **The Friends of Center Park (FOCP) is writing with some exciting news!**

We hope you will support us in our goal to raise \$2,000 for a picnic table for this spring and a portion of the \$10,000 needed for a tool shed. As the shed will take several years of fundraising, we have a 2025 goal of \$5,000.

The Historical Commission has approved the addition of a picnic table to Center Park. After years of watching diners balance sandwiches on their knees, the FOCP hope soon to be able to offer a table providing comfortable seating and a gathering spot for class demonstrations. We also hope to install the supply shed which was approved by the Historical Commission last year. With these enhancements, the park will be well-placed to offer more community events and provide beauty throughout the year.

The public continues to make good use of Center Park. In September the Cultural Council held a gathering and awards ceremony, and in October, over 600 Trick or Treaters visited our Halloween Spooky Trail. This year the FOCP and Massachusetts Master Gardeners have introduced native plants such as a Yellowwood Tree, attractive in all seasons, and perennial flowers that will welcome birds and bees to the gardens for many years to come. We use sustainable methods such as composting to provide a healthy environment.

Your past support allowed Center Park to grow into a beautiful community space. Your continued generosity will help make it even better. We hope you will consider making a larger contribution this year so we can achieve our near term \$5,000 goal. If each giver raises their contribution to \$250 we will be well on our way to raising the \$12,000 we will eventually need to complete both capital projects. Those who give at the \$250 level before Feb 14 2026 can have their names added to a plaque that will be on the picnic table. A gift of \$500 or more gives the donor a business name or short message of their choosing.

Thank you for your support, we hope to hear from you soon. Let's get started!

Sincerely,

The Friends of Center Park (FOCP) a 501(c)(3) charitable organization  
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*For more information on the picnic table and shed and a quick PayPal donation button, see <https://www.centerparkcarlislema.org/>*

