

Dear Neighbor,

Hi! We are Anna Delligatti and Jessica Homa and we would like to introduce ourselves as the new Presidents of the Friends of Volta Park. We are both parents who visit Volta Park regularly, going with kids and dogs, and we have enjoyed many (many) hours on the grounds and play space.

We count ourselves lucky to have access to this serene, beautiful and well-kept oasis in the middle of Georgetown, but it wasn't always so. By 1995, Volta Park had fallen on hard times: the park had grown dirty and dangerous, the run-down pool was closed, and the recreation center was boarded up. A group of concerned neighbors came together to save their park. Led by John Richardson, they formed the Friends of Volta Park and quickly got to work by cleaning up rubbish, planting flowers and pruning trees. Our families have benefitted greatly from the early work of the Friends of Volta Park.

Today, the Friends of Volta Park continues to be responsible for all landscape maintenance of the park's grounds and gardens. To date, we have enhanced the park through perimeter plantings and landscaping; cared for existing trees; planted new trees, shrubs, ground cover and gardens, with an accompanying irrigation system; redone the children's playground; installed iron picket fencing; installed benches, tables and historic markers; and renewed the baseball diamond. To finance these projects, we raise private funds from the Georgetown neighborhood and local foundations. We hold a fundraiser (Auction and Cocktail Party), a community field day (Volta Park Day), and Breakfast with Santa to cover annual upkeep costs. This year we will be adding a Fall Social event as well.

Please mark your calendars for the following 2018 Friends of Volta Park events:

June 15: Friends of Volta Park Auction and Cocktail Party, Georgetown Visitation

June 16: Volta Park Day, Volta Park

September/October: Fall Social

December 2: Breakfast with Santa, Volta Park

Our goal is to maintain Volta Park as a beautiful space we can all enjoy. We hope that you will assist in making this effort a continued success. We invite you to attend all of this year's events, and we also accept online donations at www.voltapark.org. As a 501(c)(3), all donations are tax deductible. The Friends of Volta Park has a proud tradition of leading the way for park partner organizations, in terms of funding and community participation. We hope we can count on you to sustain Volta Park for 2018 and the future.

Lastly, we welcome you to contact us at FOVP2018@gmail.com with any comments and/or concerns.

All the best,

Handwritten signatures of Anna Delligatti and Jessica Homa. The signature for Anna Delligatti is on the left, and the signature for Jessica Homa is on the right.

Anna & Jess