

Dear Friends of Pauline,

Our dear friend Pauline Wessels was passionate about many things during her long life, but it could be argued that her greatest passion was nature. Pauline shared her love of nature with anyone who ever had the pleasure of her acquaintance. As children my sisters and I planted trees with Mrs. Wessels and faithfully recorded their growth. She taught us to look for the first blooms on her pussy willow tree each spring. And on her back porch we enjoyed regular visits from the robins and squirrels she befriended.

Pauline's love of nature reached beyond her back yard to include the parks in Quincy. During her life she donated funds for playground equipment at Madison Park, the park she played in as a child.

Following Pauline's example and in honor of her life, we are establishing a fund in her memory through the Quincy Parks Foundation. I've included a brochure from the Foundation. The Foundation is structured as a separate entity from the Quincy Park District to allow the greatest possible security and growth potential for gifts in support of Quincy Parks.

As you may know, Bob and Anne Mays were dear friends of Pauline's. The development of Bob Mays Park, 50 acres adjacent to 18<sup>th</sup> and Koch's Lane, gives us a unique opportunity to acknowledge that friendship and continue Pauline's legacy. If Pauline were here today, she would no doubt support the Park. Thus the Pauline Wessels Memorial Fund is outlined as follows:

- Funds are to be used solely in Bob Mays Park
- Pauline's family has donated \$5,000 to initiate the fund, \$4,000 of which will remain in the endowed fund to ensure its growth and continuity
- Funds raised beyond \$4,000 will be used during the first year of development of Bob Mays Park for the creation of the Pauline Wessels Memorial Alle, a tree-lined walking path
- The Alle will consist of a minimum of 20 trees (10 on each side of the path). The placement of the Alle and types of trees will be chosen by the Pauline Wessels Memorial Committee in conjunction with the Quincy Parks Foundation and Quincy Park District
- Future plans for the Alle include the addition of a minimum of 2 trees per year (each tree cost \$200) and benches, also chosen by the Committee in conjunction with the Park District
- A plaque in memory of Pauline and approved by the Committee will be placed at the Alle

Please help us honor Pauline's memory by making a donation to the Pauline Wessels Memorial Fund.

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Pauline Wessels Memorial  
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It is my hope that we will be able to keep Pauline's memory alive and share her love of nature with future generations as we watch the trees grow.

Sincerely,

Maggie Schuering Strong