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**Buchanan Park Association Sponsors
Community Visioning Sessions
for City of Lancaster Planning Bureau**
Association and City Seek community input to develop park plan

Lancaster — Coinciding with the 100th anniversary of Buchanan Park, the Buchanan Park Association will sponsor a series of “visioning sessions” for the City of Lancaster’s Planning Bureau to help develop a community plan for Buchanan Park. **The first community visioning session will be held on December 15th from 7:00 to 9:00 PM in the Auditorium at Lancaster Regional Medical Center on the 200 block of College Avenue in the City of Lancaster.** Attendees can enter through the Main Lobby Entrance on College Avenue and follow signs to the Auditorium.

The new park association’s Executive Committee, elected in July, decided to offer these sessions to help the community express their ideas for the park’s use and to draw greater community support for a common park plan. The visioning sessions will be led by City of Lancaster Planning Bureau’s Paula Jackson. Jackson will shepherd the session attendees through a process of acquiring, refining, and distilling ideas and suggestions into a collective community plan. The Plan will be used as a guide for the City of Lancaster and the Park Association to follow for Buchanan Park’s future.

“We’re fortunate for the past 100 years to have had this gem in our community. The park’s neighbors as well as many community organizations work hard to ensure it remains a great place for children, families, and individuals. But wonderful parks like Buchanan don’t just happen by themselves. It takes information, involvement, and inclusion from those who use the park to develop a plan for the park’s future,” said Association President, Patrick Hopkins.

Board Vice President John Walker adds, “It’s all about being *In the Park. Informed, Involved, Included.* The Buchanan Park Association wants to make sure that there is community input in establishing a collective park vision for the next five, ten, or hundred years.”

The Buchanan Park Association Executive Committee members are Patrick Hopkins, President; James Bubb, Vice President; John Walker, Vice President; Nicole Sturla, Secretary; and Lanie Gould, Treasurer. The Association was formed in 1991 to raise funds for a new park playground and now works to provide community input and information to the city on maintenance needs and the park’s use. The Buchanan Park Association goal is to help the City of Lancaster ensure that the park remains an attractive and active community gathering place for everyone.

For more information about the Buchanan Park Association and being “*In the Park. Informed. Involved. Included.*” visit the association’s website: www.buchananparkassociation.org and become a member.