

**FAIRMOUNT PARK**

**CONSERVANCY**

# **MEDIA ADVISORY**

## **Fairmount Park Conservancy**

### **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Centennial Celebration**

**WHAT:** **Fairmount Park Conservancy 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Centennial Celebration**

A reception and dinner honoring leading park supporters for their generosity and dedication to Philadelphia's parks.

**WHO:** **John Gattuso**, Board President, Fairmount Park Conservancy  
**Kathryn Ott Lovell**, Commissioner, Philadelphia Parks & Recreation  
**Tim Clair**, Interim Executive Director, Fairmount Park Conservancy  
**Scott Franzke**, Play-by-Play Announcer of the Philadelphia Phillies, Emcee  
**2019 Honorees:**

Centennial Award for Corporate Stewardship: **Michael C. Carbone**,  
Regional President, Metro PA/NJ Market, TD Bank

Centennial Award for Civic Leadership: **David Montgomery**, Chairman &  
Former President, Philadelphia Phillies

John Binswanger Park Champion: **Michael Burch**, Publisher, *The  
Parkside Journal*

**Cindy & John Affleck**, Centennial Celebration Co-Chair

**Emily Bittenbender**, Centennial Celebration Co-Chair

**Laura & William Buck**, Centennial Celebration Co-Chair

**Chris Matthews**, Honorary Co-Chair, Host of *Hardball* on MSNBC

**WHERE:** Fairmount Park Horticultural Center, 100 N. Horticultural Drive, Philadelphia

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 2, 2019  
Reception and Silent Auction at 6 pm  
Dinner and Awards Program at 8 pm

**DETAILS:** The Centennial Awards are named after the historic 1876 Centennial Exhibition, which was hosted within Fairmount Park and welcomed more than ten million people, establishing Fairmount Park as an international destination. The Awards are presented annually to a Corporate Stewardship honoree and a Civic Leadership honoree.

The John Binswanger Park Champion Award was established in 2012 in honor of Fairmount Park Conservancy Founder and Chairman, John Binswanger. The award recognizes individuals who reflect Fairmount Park Conservancy's purpose to "champion" Philadelphia's Parks and who demonstrate leadership, generosity, and commitment to transform parks into extraordinary places for safe and healthy recreation. "Park Champions" serve

as role models for our city's youth and share in Fairmount Park Conservancy's belief that parks can be catalysts for positive change in communities and that better parks make better neighborhoods and ultimately a great city.

**About Fairmount Park Conservancy**

**Fairmount Park Conservancy** exists to champion Philadelphia's parks. We lead capital projects and historic preservation efforts, foster neighborhood park stewardship, attract and leverage investments, and develop innovative programs throughout the 10,200 acres that include Fairmount Park and 200 neighborhood parks around the city. For more information, please visit [myphillypark.org](http://myphillypark.org), join us at [facebook.com/fairmountparkconservancy](https://facebook.com/fairmountparkconservancy), and follow us on Instagram and Twitter @myphillypark.

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