

# 7 VOCABULARY WORDS

It's helpful to know some of the important words that are used in Garfield Park. These are some of our favorites.

**Garfield Park** The oldest city park in Indianapolis. The land was purchased by the city in 1873 and would be called Southern Park for 8 years before being renamed for US President, James Garfield.

**Conservation Movement** A time period (1880-1909) when cities like Indianapolis began making policy decisions and city planning around the concept of developing parks and transportation systems. Families volunteer to participate in conservation projects in Garfield Park like tree planting and clean ups.

**Andrew O'Conner** The sculptor who crafted the famous bronze statue of General Henry Ware Lawton that now stands tall in Garfield Park.

**Trolley** A Streetcar system with a city-wide route that ran along Shelby Street bringing visitors to Garfield Park in the early 1900's, when very few families owned automobiles. You can see the Trolley Waiting Station still located in the Park today.

**Conservatory** A room with a glass roof and walls and used as a greenhouse. The Conservatory at Garfield Park has had many makeovers and uses over the years since its original construction in 1908 and now stands as a permanent rainforest theme.

• **Art-deco** A style of building construction and decorating that is characterized by rich colors, bold geometry, and decadent detail work, very popular in the US in the 1920's, 30's and 40's.

• **Difference-maker** A person who has an impact or effect. Garfield Park has benefitted from many Difference-makers over the years. You have met many of them during your tour of Historic Garfield Park. You can be a Difference-maker too!

• **Pagoda** A unique, tower-like building with many tiers built in traditions originating in Asia. The Pagoda Shelter built in Garfield Park in 1903 helped to usher in an exciting period of social and entertainment events.

• **Amphitheater** A round or oval building, typically unroofed, with a central place for the presentation of dramatic, musical, or sporting events, including a sloping, semicircular seating gallery. The MacAllister Center for the Performing Arts located in Garfield Park is the only permanent performing arts amphitheater in Indianapolis.

• **Monument** A statue or other structure made to keep alive the memory of a person or event. There are several monuments located in Garfield Park to memorialize a range of historical events and Difference-makers.

**Historic Preservation** An endeavor that seeks to protect, conserve, and protect building, objects, landscapes, or other artifacts of historical significance. The Friends of Garfield Park has created this Historic Tour of Garfield Park as a method of preserving the local history and significance of Garfield Park for future generations.

**Gramophone** An old fashioned term for a record player or phonograph. The historic site markers located throughout Garfield Park feature a reproduction of the acoustical horn designed to amplify the sound from the old players. Today, we insert cell phones into the horns and allow the gramophone to amplify our audio files so the entire group can enjoy the Garfield Park stories.

**Horticulture** The art or practice of

- garden cultivation and management. Many people volunteer year-round at the Garfield Park Conservatory to help maintain and manage the amazing rainforest plantings, the Sunken Garden, and the Children's Garden. Come and dig in the dirt with us!

- **City Planning** The planning and control of the construction, growth, and development of a city or town. Landscape Architect, George Edward Kessler was hired by the City of Indianapolis in 1908 to develop a system of parks and boulevards. Garfield Park is considered to be one of his jewels.

- **Home Front** The civilian population and activities of a nation whose armed forces are engaged in war abroad.

- **Legacy** Something that is handed down or remains from a previous generation or time.

