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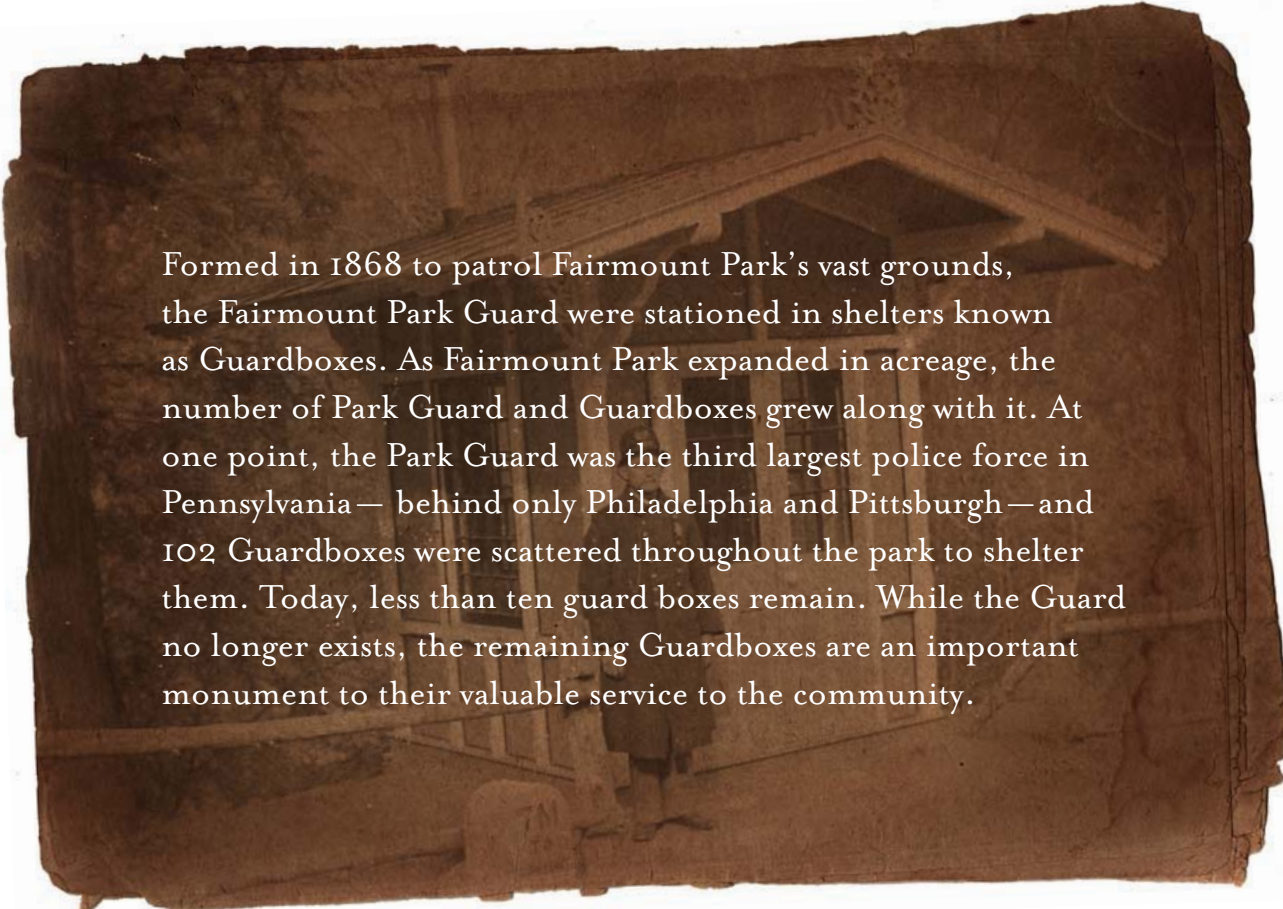
In the late 1800's, there were over 100 Guardboxes throughout the Fairmount Park system. Currently, less than ten Guardboxes remain, and most are in critical need of repair. These small Victorian structures are monuments not just to the architectural styles of Philadelphia's past, but to the 98 years (1868–1972) of dedicated and excellent service that the Fairmount Park Guards gave to our city. **Today, we ask for your financial support to restore the Guardbox at Lincoln Drive and Wissahickon Avenue.**

The Lincoln Drive Guardbox is located within Saylor Grove, a recently restored wetland park. Using the principle of adaptive reuse, we will restore this historic relic into an interpretive area to educate park users on the importance of the Park Guard and Guardboxes to Fairmount Park's history. Our goal is to raise \$30,000 to cover restoration, long-term maintenance, and interpretation of this small but important structure.

With your help, we can preserve the Lincoln Drive Guardbox for the education and enjoyment of future generations. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Trust today. All donations over \$500.00 will be recognized by signage on the Guardbox site during the restoration period.

Sincerely,

Philip Price, Jr.
Trust Board Member



Formed in 1868 to patrol Fairmount Park's vast grounds, the Fairmount Park Guard were stationed in shelters known as Guardboxes. As Fairmount Park expanded in acreage, the number of Park Guard and Guardboxes grew along with it. At one point, the Park Guard was the third largest police force in Pennsylvania— behind only Philadelphia and Pittsburgh— and 102 Guardboxes were scattered throughout the park to shelter them. Today, less than ten guard boxes remain. While the Guard no longer exists, the remaining Guardboxes are an important monument to their valuable service to the community.