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Naming of Mayor Brantz Park after Boone's Former Mayor Dr. Rennie Brantz

During the October 19th, 2021 Boone Town Council meeting, the Boone Town Council voted unanimously to rename the lawn of the Jones House the "Mayor Brantz Park" in honor of Boone's former mayor, Dr. Rennie Brantz.

Dr. Brantz served on the Boone Town Council for over 10 years, and was elected Mayor of Boone in 2015. Dr. Brantz moved to Boone in 1974 after accepting a position at Appalachian State University in the History department. As a founder and director of the freshman seminar program, as well as the founder and coordinator for the Center for Judaic, Holocaust and Peace Studies, Dr. Brantz has become an integral part of the Boone community as a whole.

After retiring as mayor in 2021, Dr. Brantz continued to serve diligently as a member of the Historic Preservation Commission until mid-2022 due to health concerns. In honor of Dr. Brantz's service to the Town of Boone, the lawn at the Jones House has been officially renamed as "Mayor Brantz Park".

"Mayor Brantz spent a lot of time at the Jones House, serving on the Jones House Advisory Board, playing guitar in the old-time jam, attending concerts, and serving treats at holiday events, and he had the vision for creating a Cultural Resources department. Mayor Brantz has had a huge impact on the Jones House Cultural Center and activities, and this is a fitting honor for his years of service." - Mark Freed, Director of Cultural Resources

For more information, please contact the Jones House at (828) 268-6280. While the end of 2022 is nearing, make sure to check out the events happening at the Jones House at Mayor Brantz Park in the new year at www.joneshouse.org/events