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April, 2023 renewal mailing

To our members:

What a strange winter! Fortunately the mild weather allowed the worker bees to have 20 sessions by mid-March (over 80 hours of work). We pulled small honeysuckle shrubs, pulled and cut wineberry and pulled ground-hugging honeysuckle and ivy vines. As we worked along the creek and in the woods about 20-30 feet from the paved path, we used red tape to mark things that cannot be effectively pulled (multiflora rose, oriental bittersweet and grape) as well as any bush honeysuckle too large for us to tackle. Chris Mourlas, certified applicator, will be in the park several times this year to treat various invasives at the proper times. This spring Bartlett Tree Experts is applying fungicide to hawthorn and serviceberry to prevent rust. Because there are many cedars in the park and surrounding areas, we have to treat to get any berries. Bartlett will also treat the ash trees in late May or early June. Originally we had hoped these treatments could stop in 2023, but research is ongoing as to best practice. We keep the distributions from our fund at the Community Foundation in reserve to pay for ash borer prevention treatments.

We also performed our yearly task of getting the meadow ready for the mowers by picking up trash and cutting the latest walnut, mulberry and locust sprouts. The turtle area was cut back and is ready for the warm-season native grasses to grow. They do not emerge until late April or May; these grasses love the hot summer weather. The birdhouses are clean, ready for bluebirds and swallows (we hope). Kathy and Rachel remove sparrow nests on a regular basis.

We will again hire MC Lawncare to tend to the planted beds and refresh mulch as needed around trees. Worker bees will join in the weeding as always. At this time we have no plans for additional tree or shrub planting this spring. We will take stock of the park as fall approaches and see if there are any areas where plants would be beneficial.

The attached sheet shows some of our late winter efforts and includes two photos of fall migrating birds. Thanks to Jerry Warner and Susan Stokes for photos.

The worker bees and Board are the working part of a large team of supporters – you, the members. Because of you, this group is entering its 18th year in good shape. We have several new members and 2 new dedicated workers. Thank you for your ongoing support. If you donate through the Community Foundation or Paypal instead of mailing the membership form to us, please let us know if you want to be on the worker bee email list. Here's hoping for a beautiful and productive 2023.

Lanternfly alert: if you see one, report it to:
<https://extension.umd.edu/resource/spotted-lanternfly-management-residents>.

Ginny Brace, president Rachel Zigler, vice-president Kathy Soria, secretary
Pat Lloyd, treasurer Dan Yates, director Kathy Fay, liason to Friends Of Baker Park



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MEMBERSHIP AND DONATION FORM

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Names of member/donor(s): _____

Mailing address: _____

Email of member(s) (for occasional updates of activities) _____

Phone number of member(s) optional: _____

Would you like to be on our "Worker Bee" e-mail list to receive notifications when we have work sessions in the park? _____

Dues: \$ _____ (\$10 single; \$25 household)

I / we would like to support the Friends of Waterford Park with a donation.

☐ \$25.00 ☐ \$50.00 ☐ \$75.00 ☐ \$100.00 ☐ Other _____

Amount: \$ _____ dues + \$ _____ donation = TOTAL \$ _____

We now have three ways to join/renew/donate. You can now pay online via PayPal! You can make use of either your PayPal account or you can use a credit card as well.

Three options

JOIN/RENEW/DONATE OPTION 1: Pay by check

Check payable to: Friends of Waterford Park, Inc.

Mail form/check to: Pat Lloyd, Treas., 2501 Shelley Circle Unit 2A, Frederick, MD 21702

JOIN/RENEW/DONATE OPTION 2: Pay online:

<https://www.friendsofwaterfordpark.org/join-renew-donate>.

DONATE OPTION: You may send a donation by check to our fund at the Community Foundation, but please send dues and THIS form to Pat so we can update our membership information. The Foundation will send you an acknowledgement. Write "FWP Fund" in the memo line. Mail check to Community Foundation of Frederick County, 312 East Church Street, Frederick, MD 21702

If you have questions or concerns about anything related to FWP, please contact Ginny Brace at info@friendsofwaterfordpark.org or call 301-682-6135.

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Spring 2023



Witch hazel provides bees
with winter food on
warm days



Park wildlife



Joe cuts walnut sprouts before
March meadow mowing.



Deb, Brad, Susan and Kay next to the pile of
invasives we pulled



Deb Portney learned to use the weed wrench

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The MLK Service Day trash pick-up team having fun after their cleanup duties.



For some cleanup Allen hauled the pulled invasives to Lesley's truck.



Work on north side of Carroll Creek bridge



We tie red tape to plants for the invasives control applicator to address



Nashville Warbler



Tennessee Warbler



Hazelnut in winter



Lesley has been working in the park for years.