



Quarterly Newsletter

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Park Happenings

We had to cancel a few volunteer sessions due to heat this summer, but we also canceled a few due to rain.

Thankfully, regular rain has cut down on both our watering time and the cost of bringing in our vendor's 500-gallon tank.



The worker bees have been busy all the same — weeding, mulching, weed whacking, and tackling nuisance & invasive species in the meadow and the woods. We replaced several tree signs as well as the large butterfly sign at the meadow's edge. There are several more that will likely need to be replaced soon.



On Saturday, October 10th, the Frederick County Forestry Board will be in the park for a brief tree/bench dedication ceremony. Immediately following the ceremony, they will be helping us plant 18 trees provided by the city along the old sewer line.

If you'd like to join us, please let us know
at info@friendsofwaterfordpark.com.
We'll be sure to send additional details and any updates.

Meadow Updates





This year, the city hired a vendor to help with management of the meadow. Their crew came out in May to remove cheatgrass from several large patches and reseed the bare ground with native grasses. Two follow-up visits in June and August focused on cutting back regrowth and spot-treating with herbicide, targeting thistle, johnsongrass, cheatgrass, and other non-native plants.

Our worker bees put in several sessions of their own this season, cutting seed heads and hand-pulling bindweed, nightshade, ragweed, and others — their steady persistence and dedication are a big part of why the meadow persists.





Member Remembrances

It's with heavy hearts that we share the recent passing of two members of our Friends of Waterford Park community: Ann Andrex and Phil Berkheimer. Both supported this park generously, and their absence will be felt.

In the days since, we've been moved by the response from our community — outreach and donations made in their honor. That generosity reflects exactly the kind of community they helped build here, and we're grateful for it.

Community Notes

The next Rock Creek Trail workshop will be held at the Independent Hose Company on October 7 at 5:30 pm. The plan is to review progress on the feasibility

study and provide feedback. Feel free to reach out to Ginny Brace (ginnybrace@gmail.com) for more information.

