

AGENDA

Committee will meet outside in Western Grove Park

On Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 4:00 pm

In case of rain, the meeting will be at
The Village Hall

* Call Meeting to order

*Reminder of meeting change to Wednesdays:

May meeting: Wednesday May 11 at 4:00 pm

June meeting: Wednesday, June 8 at 4:00 pm

(All meetings will be in Western Grove Park weather allowing or at the Village Hall in the event of inclement weather.)

1. At April's Board of Managers' meeting, it was voted to remove the ailing boxwood from the location between Grafton Street and Magnolia Parkway. That said, the boxwood stand near the Circle has been pruned and dead wood taken out. As well, the boxwood between the brick pathway from Grafton to Magnolia Parkway has been given a thorough weeding/pruning/mulching and the area looks much better. I believe they are almost 100 years old. Question: Propagation Workshop for Parks and Green Spaces Members to see if we can start a new generation of small boxwood shrubs? What do you think about the idea?
1. Honeysuckle shrubs/trees in large triangle park and Buffer.

Honeysuckle is on the Invasive List, but the vines have been allowed to grow for so long they are now trees. They have created for themselves over time a homestead along Kirkside Drive in the Big Triangle Park where the bus stops. The same is true in Laurel Park on its western edge near Lenox.

The Positive side of this is that they provide a privacy buffer for residents along Laurel Parkway and along the western edge of the large triangle Park.

The negative side is that they are invasive and Mont. Co. is trying to get rid of them in the parks where they can.

QUESTIONS: If we cut them out, what goes in the empty spots?

Who would like to take on a study of this?

1. **Laurel Park:** We have not been active in Laurel Park because Mont. County has a plan to replace water mains in the Village that cross the north side of the park. The County has put this project on hold due to budget shortfalls.
 2. **Hesketh Street Right of Way:** This area has had a thorough weeding by the landscape company hired last year by the Village.
 3. **Buffer:** Ellen Sands will report on this. The Montgomery County engineer has made recommendations to help stem the runoff on the brick walkways. This water runoff continues to be an issue that will be worked on this year. We think that a groundcover planted where no grass is growing would help stop the water flow and discourage people from taking shortcuts to get to the walkway.
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1. **Entrance to Village at Montgomery Street:** The Village planted ferns in the fall. They have survived the winter well. We hope this stand of ferns will spread and consolidate to keep out weeds and will be a welcoming landscape for walkers going in and out of the Village.
 1. **Western Grove Park:** Chevy Chase Village and Montgomery County share the maintenance responsibility for this welcoming and well-used park. It is a special treat to see how it is being used by grown-ups as well as children.
 1. **BENCHES:** They are being used more than ever. Stone foot pads will be installed where their use

is making a muddy mess. We hope the use by residents will continue and the stone will keep their feet dry.

1. **The False Cypress Right of Way** in front of the Village Hall Two memorial chairs given by one family and a memorial double bench given by another family is getting much use.

We hope that other residents will want to honor a friend or memorialize a family member by donating a bench or chair in one of our parks.

Photographs of the benches in the parks are available on request. All benches will be power washed every 2 years or as needed.

1. Old Business
2. New Business
3. Meeting adjourned