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MISSION STATEMENT

Friends of Baker Park, Inc., is a non-profit, volunteer-staffed community service organization dedicated to fostering community involvement with the Frederick City Government in the preservation, restoration, use and maintenance of Baker Park.

2008 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Jim Gugel, President
- Charlotte Meierhoefer, Treasurer
- Kathy Fay, Secretary
- Nancy Cline, Director
- Emily Dorr, Director
- Denise Gouin, Director
- Jennifer Grove, Director
- Dawn Irwin, Director
- Patty Kettlestrings, Director
- Richard Lind, Director
- Aubrie Nagy, Director

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What the Friends Are Working On

Since the Friends of Baker Park was founded in 1991 it has been able to attract very dedicated Board members and other volunteers who have donated their time and energies to improving Baker Park. Described below are the activities, projects, and programs that the Friends of Baker Park have undertaken during the past five years. All of these have been directly managed and coordinated by our Board members. For our members this summary also provides an accounting for how our funding has been spent for Baker Park.

Donations Program

The administration of our Donations Program is managed by the Friends of Baker Park, including the acceptance of donations, ordering the items from the vendor, and coordinating the installation with the City of Frederick. This program has contributed the following improvements to Baker Park:

- 57 benches and 7 trash receptacles with a total value of approximately \$ 119,250.
- Four trees have been planted in the Park.
- Replacement of picnic pavilions by the Fleming Avenue playground.
- The Friends of Baker Park itself has contributed funds for 3 benches and 6 trash receptacles as well as 3 picnic pavilions.



Picnic Pavilion Replacement

Starting in 2008, we initiated a program with the goal to replace all of the older pavilions at the Fleming Ave. picnic area and by the tennis courts. We are overseeing and coordinating the construction with a local contractor and the City of Frederick. To date, the Friends of Baker Park has funded the replacement of three picnic pavilions and the reconstruction of the picnic table in the larger pavilion at a cost of approximately \$ 11,150.

Landscaping Projects

We have sponsored eight projects to replant and clean up existing planting beds with a total of 75 people volunteering over 15 hours of labor. We have purchased approximately \$1,780 worth of shrubs, perennials, and bulbs for these projects.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday May 6 • 7:00 pm
Talley Recreation Center
(Old Armory),
3rd Floor Meeting Room

Program Speakers:

Park Updates – Roelkey Myers, City
Department of Parks and Recreation
Band Shell Project – Chris Judd, Rotary
Club of Carroll Creek
Interactive Fountain Idea – Marvin and
Lisa Ausherman

This will be a joint meeting with the
Friends of Waterford Park. We will each
go through some business items including
elections to our respective Boards
following the program presentations.
Refreshments will be provided.

Message from The President

Please join us for our General Membership Meeting on May 6 where we will hear from Roelkey Myers of the City's Department of Parks and Recreation about the status of park projects. We will also have an update on the Band Shell renovation project.

With the Board of Director elections/relections to be held at the General Membership meeting in May, I will be stepping down as President. It has certainly been an honor to serve as the President of the Friends of Baker Park over these past five years, and I hope that I have helped further our mission to maintain and enhance Baker Park. I welcome Kathy Fay, who has been nominated as the next President, and believe her experience on the Board since 2004 will maintain continuity of the Board's mission.

There is still much to be done for Baker Park and I would continue to encourage our members to participate, whether it is by maintaining your membership, recruiting friends and neighbors to join or by helping with any hands on projects.

Jim Gugel
President



Friend's of Waterford Park Spring Update **COME ENJOY OUR PROGRESS**

We have had a great winter in the park. FWP volunteers, aka “worker bees”, began working in the woods during the winter months of 2007. A sunny weekend afternoon in January or February usually found between 4 and 8 of us ready to enjoy the brisk weather. The first winter we cleared about 600 feet of understory, removing dead honeysuckle and cutting back the grape that strangles the mature trees in the park if left to flourish. In 2008 and 2009, the tradition of winter work continued. We now have a crew of younger men and women in the park regularly who think nothing of working hard for two or three hours. We have three men who are quite adept with chainsaws, so we make quite a difference each time we work.

What do we do with all of the wood we clear? We pile some of it into 5-6 ft. mounds that become homes for rabbits and fox and provide shelter for birds. We coordinate with the City when we anticipate making huge piles; the City brings a truck and hauls the brush away. There are 9.5 acres of woods in Waterford and Rock Creek Parks; in three years we have cleared about 2/3rds of the understory.

After we clear an area, we replant with native trees and shrubs. On April 6th, in cooperation with the MD Dept. of Natural Resources, the City of Frederick and the MD Conservation Corps, 220 trees and shrubs were planted in Waterford Park, focusing on the Rock Creek streambank area. The City provided 5 piles of mulch so we can

protect the new plants. We will also continue to care for the trees planted along Carroll Creek in 2006, mulching and fencing individual trees to protect them from deer rub.

The parks received a generous donation from Ruppert Nurseries last fall. The nursery donated eight 20-ft. sugar maples. City arborist Tom Rippeon suggested appropriate sites for the trees and dug the huge holes necessary for these trees. Ruppert's crew planted, mulched and staked the trees.

I hope you have the chance to come to Waterford and Rock Creek Parks to see the changes and enjoy a walk along Rock Creek. FWP thanks FOBP for continuing as our fiscal agent.

New Donation Program **PICNIC PAVILIONS**

In 2008, Friends of Baker Park recognized the need to replace and repair the picnic pavilions throughout the park and most notably the pavilions off of Flemming Avenue by the play ground. The original picnic shelters will be replaced with new versions of similar size as well as some that are twice as large to accommodate larger groups. To date two new pavilions have been completed along with new picnic benches. The first person to donate a pavilion was Kevin Sayers. Friends of Baker Park has donated the other new pavilion. Construction has begun on two other pavilions donated by the Friends of Baker Park. If you are interested in donating a pavilion, please contact Denise Gouin at 301-694-3149.



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Bandshell Renovation

The Friends of Baker Park have contributed \$3,500 towards this project, which has been managed through the Rotary Club of Carroll Creek.

Holiday Decorating

With greens contributed by the City we have been decorating the lamp posts in Room 1 each holiday season.

Goose Control

For the past 4-5 years we have coordinated goose control on Culler Lake and now along Carroll Creek with a local business called Goose Vamoose. Since 2006 we have paid in excess of \$1,900 for goose control in the Park.

Be a “Baker Park Bandshell Buddy”

For the 2009 Season, our beloved Baker Park Bandshell will be showing off it's beautiful new makeover. The Rotary Club of Carroll Creek and the City of Frederick are making our shining star shine again with improved lighting, updated sound system and dressing rooms for performers. The new stone façade will complement other structures in the Park.

The donations of The Friends of Baker Park will be seen in bricks on the pathway, an etched glass window depicting our Blue Heron who lives in the creek, and landscaping. We still need your support. Consider becoming a “Bandshell Buddy.”

THREE WAYS TO BECOME A BUDDY:

1. Sending a donation in any amount to the:
 - The Rotary Club of Carroll Creek Fund to Support the Bandshell Project
 - The Community Foundation of Frederick County
 - 312 E. Church Street
 - Frederick, MD 21701
2. Donate online at www.cffredco.org and note for RCCC Fund
3. Use the enclosed form to donate a brick paver.

All donations are tax deductible and are greatly appreciated!!



WELCOME **New Members**

Our Fall 2008 Membership Drive was very successful. We received 20 new memberships and are happy to welcome back a few "lapsed" members that rejoined our organization. Thank you for wanting to be part of FOBP!

Robert & Linda Broadrup

O.J. Keller

Roelky Myers

Dan & Margaret Hindman

Allan & Wendy Levy

Grayson E. Rippeon

Eric & Karen French

Don MacKenzie

Ellen Roehl

Jonathan & Lucy Gilbert

Connie Martin

Bryan Smith

Gregg & Kathleen Horner

Beverly & Steve McCardle

Brian Strickland

Dorothy Hutchinson

Tom Meacham

Darryl & Judy Stup

Chris Judd

Joyce Meeks

Gary & Karen Varner

If you need to update your contact information, please feel free to contact Patty Kettlestrings at jpkstrings@comcast.net or complete the enclosed membership form and drop it in the mail to P.O. Box 4146 Frederick, Maryland 21705-4146.

Friends of Baker Park Needs Your Help to Recruit New Members!

If you know of someone that loves Baker Park as much as we do, please encourage them to join our organization. Pass along the membership form below. You can also have them check out our recently updated web site at www.friendsofbakerpark.org or contact Patty Kettlestrings at jpkstrings@comcast.net or 301-694-7226 for additional information.

Membership Form

Yes, I wish to become a member of the Friends of Baker Park. I have enclosed payment for the membership category indicated below.

Individual \$10 Family \$25 Business \$50 Life \$350

Name Date

Address

City State Zip

Telephone

Email Address

Membership Status

New Renewal

I am also interested in the following:

Donation program for benches, trees, and trash receptacles

I would be interested in serving on the Board of Directors

I would appreciate a call back so I can ask a question about:

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Donation Program

We would like to express our appreciation to the most recent donors and honorees:

- 6ft bench contributed by The Dorr Family
- 8ft bench in honor of Sanford Blum purchased by Ron and Edie Foland
- Picnic pavilion in honor of Mark Crocker Sayers, purchased by her many friends and family
- 3 picnic pavilions donated by Friends of Baker Park

Board of Director Elections

We have following slate of Board members up for reelection this year. They will be elected/reelected for two year terms unless otherwise noted. Noted below is the slate of current Board members who are up for reelection:

Kathy Fay, President
Charlotte Meierhoefer, Vice – President/President Elect
Emily Dorr, Director
Patty Kettlestrings, Director
Jim Gugel, Past President (one year)

