# SCONNELL VALLACE

### **Cromwell Valley Park Council**

January 13, 2025

Google Meet Link: <a href="https://meet.google.com/vcg-jose-swf">https://meet.google.com/vcg-jose-swf</a>

Or dial: (US) +1 929-277-6755 PIN: 967 299 480#

#### 1. WELCOME FROM PRESIDENT, ABE YOFFE

- a. Call to Order & Adoption of the Agenda; Establish Quorum
- b. Viewing of "The Modern Pioneers" documentary by Emily New

#### 2. GOVERNANCE

- a. Approval of December 2025 Minutes Rachel Allshouse
- b. Treasurer's Report Mia Walsh
  - i. Review Profit & Loss Statements and Budget vs. Actuals
- c. Background Checks- Abe Yoffe

#### 3. MANAGEMENT

- a. Park Staff Report Kirk Dreier
- b. Leaseholder's Report Talmar Kate Joyce
- c. Friends of Sherwood Report Mia Walsh
- d. Standing Committees
  - i. Governance Carl Gold
  - ii. Finance Rick Childs
  - iii. Fundraising Mia Walsh
    - 1. Membership Kim Shapiro
  - iv. Building and Grounds Rick Childs
  - v. Programs & Events Kelly Emerson
    - 1. PPI's and upcoming events requiring approval
    - 2. 2025 "calendar" of events
  - vi. Communications Mia Walsh
  - vii. Volunteers Pat Novak
    - 1. Night Out with Nature 2025 dates/leaders
  - viii. History & Culture Stacey Cruise
    - 1. Documentary Viewing

#### 4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. 2025 Meeting Calendar (vote to approve) Rachel Allshouse
- b. Preparing for Annual Meeting
  - i. Nominating Committee / Elections
  - ii. Committee Reports

#### 5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) & Addendum -Abe Yoffe
- b. County Grant Request re: footbridges over streams Abe Yoffe
- c. Sewer Project -Gunpowder Interceptor Relief Sewer Line, Soil Borings, and Test Holes -Mia Walsh
- d. Capital Projects Abe Yoffe
- e. Sherwood-Eck Trail Guide & Hike Through History Mia Walsh / Deb Lee
- f. Weed Warrior Pilot Program -Mia Walsh
- g. Hike Through History Deb Lee
- h. Rec & Parks Transition Grant Mia Walsh
- i. Website Refresh Mia Walsh



January 13, 2025

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Submitted by: Mia Walsh

#### • FINAL YEAR END 2024

- **o** We are at 220.5% of budget for donations and 136% for dues. This includes \$8,274 for the 2024 Gator Campaign and \$4,181 for the Honor Garden.
- o Since we run as a cash-basis accounting, the \$8,274 for the Gator purchase was moved to the Restricted Fund on the balance sheet on 12/31/24. The Gator order was placed, but the expense will not be paid until 2025. See below regarding possible adjustment of 2025 Budget and motion.
- **o** As of 12/31/24, \$1,525.69 remained in the Honor Garden funds, and this amount was also moved to the Restricted Fund on the Balance Sheet on 12/31/24. See October Treasurer's Report for full accounting.
- o Balance Sheet Year-End is \$208,377.18 in assets, with \$23,995.15 in restricted funds, including \$4,223.25 remaining in Fort Garrison and \$13,273.78 for the Gator purchase. Our financial position remains strong.

#### P&L by Programs Report – Year End 2024

I am submitting a 2024 P&L By Programs Report this month. There are a few items which require explanation.

- o Summer Camp & Polliwogs: The Council is disputing some of the "Gift and Grants" for staff with the County; meaning that we do not agree with the number of hours we were charged for Polliwogs, Summer Camp etc. We have not yet made our "salary" payment for 2024 camp, so the \$22K surplus showing in this line item may change once the County schedules a meeting to review, which Abe requested in December. We provided very detailed documentation on our position.
- o Primitive Technology: Thank you to Ranger Kirk for selling OLD Prim Tech camp t-shirts and donating the money back to the Council. This shows a \$165 surplus in 2024, though the Council did pay for the shirts in 2023.
- **o** Holiday Open House and Arts in the Park: Both of those figures are from 2023 events, paid or received in early 2024.

#### • GRANT REQUEST FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

**o** An updated Grant Request to Baltimore County was submitted as some of the maintenance costs were not accepted by the County.

#### MOU

o The motion for a PO Box will be rescinded as the MOU provided the Council to continue receiving mail at the Sherwood House. We chose to make the SDAT official 501©(3) corporation as 2200 Cromwell Bridge Road as Marialena (Mia) Walsh is the Resident Agent for the corporation. I have submitted the paperwork (and paid \$75 fee) to change this with the State of Maryland.

#### TAX

• The 2025 Annual Report Filing for Personal Property was filed on 1/7/25.

#### **ACTIVITIES OR ITEMS FOR THE UPCOMING MONTH**

Need to work on the File 990 Tax Report (Jan / Feb). All the financials have been completed.



January 13, 2025

• **GATOR PURCHASE** We did have \$5,000 in our operating budget in 2024 for the Gator Purchase. Since these funds were not used, the expenditure over the \$13,273 in the restricted funds (about \$2.5K) will hit the 2025 P&L. **WE MAY WANT TO VOTE TODAY TO INCREASE THE 2025 BUDGET TO ALLOT FOR THAT EXPENDITURE HITTING 2025**, or just note that we may be over budget for that line item in 2025.

New Motion? Motion to add an additional \$3,000 to Budget line item 212 Council Equipment Purchase to cover the costs which were budgeted in 2024 but not spent for the 2024 Gator.

Alternative: Spend the money, but show the line item as over budget in 2025 once the expense hits our P&L statement. Only \$13,273 is in the restricted fund for the \$16,000 cost of the Gator. (The other \$5K was in the 2024 budget, but was not spent in 2024).



#### Cromwell Valley Park Council, Inc.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MOTION FORM

Date: December 9th, 2024 - UPDATED 12/31/24

#### Motion

Mia Walsh, Treasurer, makes a motion to spend \$15,908.60 (plus any ancillary costs not to exceed \$18,273.78) to purchase a new John Deere Gator (specs below) for the Trails, Building and Grounds and Weed Warriors Committees. Since the budget for Council equipment for \$5,000 was in the 2024 budget (not 2025) and the expense won't appear until 2025, the Board needs to vote to allow the expenditure to take place in 2025. It was voted for and approved at the December 2024 Board meeting.

#### Cost Breakdown:

The quotation for the equipment is located at the end of the motion. To fund the purchase:

Gator Donations YTD through 12/9/24

Item 212 – Council Equipment Purchase

Balance Sheet – Trails Equipment

\$8,273.78 in donations (increased from Dec. vote) **\$5,000.00** in Budget in 2024, not 2025

\$5,000.00 on Balance Sheet Restricted Funds

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE \$18,27

Program or Committee Submitting Request: Mia Walsh, Treasurer

Presenter of Motion: Rick Childs, Building and Grounds

#### Rationale:

The original Gator is 10+ years old and is running into mechanical problems, which require maintenance costs and repairs. A new Gator would provide our ever-growing Trails Committee a vehicle for them to perform their tasks on hand, clearing debris, removing invasive species etc.

**Pros:** Support the hard-working volunteers of the park to enable them to perform their environmental maintenance tasks.

Cons: None. Technically approved in 2024 budget with 2024 funds, but expense occurs in 2025.

**Alternatives Discussed:** Gator PO was signed in December, so we need to move forward with the purchase.

**Budget Change and Line Items:** \$5,000 was in the 2024 budget, but not spent. Need to approve the "out of 2025 budget" expenditures.



January 13, 2025

See the following pages for:

Final 2024
2025

BALANCE SHEET

Final 2024

2025 Annual Report for 2024 Year - Tax

Final 2025 Budget with Website Redesign

Budget vs. Actuals: 2024 Final Budget - FY24 P&L

		-	TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGE
Income				
Receipts				
110 Dues	17,080.44	12,500.00	4,580.44	136.64 %
120 Donations	18,183.31	14,000.00	4,183.31	129.88 %
120a - Project Specific Donations				
126 Goats - Invasive Species Removal	232.18		232.18	
128 Honor Garden	4,181.35		4,181.35	
129 Gator 2024	8,273.78		8,273.78	
Total 120a - Project Specific Donations	12,687.31		12,687.31	
Total 120 Donations	30,870.62	14,000.00	16,870.62	220.50 9
130 Interest Income	18.54	20.00	-1.46	92.70 9
140 Fundraisers		500.00	-500.00	
260 Building & Grounds	2.76		2.76	
310 Building Attendant Income		200.00	-200.00	
351 Animal Expenses Nature Ed.	70.00	250.00	-180.00	28.00
352 Primitive Technology	165.00	600.00	-435.00	27.50
401 Educational Trips	232.00	750.00	-518.00	30.93
402 Internal Public Programs	1,815.30	5,000.00	-3,184.70	36.31
403 Summer Camp	26,672.90	23,000.00	3,672.90	115.97
404 Polliwogs Program	457.82	3,000.00	-2,542.18	15.26
405 Master Naturalists		250.00	-250.00	
407 Night Out With Nature	547.75	500.00	47.75	109.55
501 Fall Festival	3,096.86	2,000.00	1,096.86	154.84
502 Holiday Open House		500.00	-500.00	
504 Art in the Park	324.52	1,500.00	-1,175.48	21.63
Total Receipts	81,354.51	64,570.00	16,784.51	125.99
Total Income	\$81,354.51	\$64,570.00	\$16,784.51	125.99
GROSS PROFIT	\$81,354.51	\$64,570.00	\$16,784.51	125.99
Expenses				
В				
Council Expenses				
210 President's Expenses	567.20	600.00	-32.80	94.53
212 Council Equipment Purchases		5,000.00	-5,000.00	
213 Office Supplies	211.71	400.00	-188.29	52.93
214 Postage	1,032.00	500.00	532.00	206.40
215 Council Equip. Maintenance	2,711.78	3,000.00	-288.22	90.39
216 Contributions to Others		600.00	-600.00	
217 Membership Dues to Outside Organizations	220.00	750.00	-530.00	29.33
218 Insurance	841.49	1,500.00	-658.51	56.10
219 Printer Ink	280.55	1,100.00	-819.45	25.50
230 Finance Committee	1,054.99	1,250.00	-195.01	84.40
231 Membership Subcommittee		500.00	-500.00	

Budget vs. Actuals: 2024 Final Budget - FY24 P&L

		-	TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
250 Communications Committee	3,574.33	2,000.00	1,574.33	178.72 %
251 Newsletter (w/o calendar)	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	100.00 %
252 Meetings	1,151.79	150.00	1,001.79	767.86 %
260 B&G Committee	1,266.91	3,000.00	-1,733.09	42.23 %
261 Trails Subcommittee	1,100.81	3,000.00	-1,899.19	36.69 %
262 Garden Subcommittee	6,405.66	4,000.00	2,405.66	160.14 %
265 Fundraising	1,028.30	1,100.00	-71.70	93.48 %
266 Volunteer Appreciation Event		2,000.00	-2,000.00	
267 Orchard Project		2,500.00	-2,500.00	
Total Council Expenses	23,947.52	35,450.00	-11,502.48	67.55 %
Total B	23,947.52	35,450.00	-11,502.48	67.55 %
С				
Park Staff				
301 Clothing	35.00	1,400.00	-1,365.00	2.50 %
302 Education and Conference	335.00	1,000.00	-665.00	33.50 %
303 Dues, Books & Subscriptions		300.00	-300.00	
304 Equipment		500.00	-500.00	
307 Computer Maintenance & Part	216.06		216.06	
309 Displays/Exhibits	1,595.17	2,500.00	-904.83	63.81 %
310 Gifts and Grants-Bldg Attdt		200.00	-200.00	
312 Drinking Water	187.41	1,000.00	-812.59	18.74 %
330 Children's Garden	1,005.69	1,500.00	-494.31	67.05 %
351 Animal Expenses Nature Ed.	100.00	2,000.00	-1,900.00	5.00 %
352 Primitive Technology		800.00	-800.00	
Total Park Staff	3,474.33	11,200.00	-7,725.67	31.02 %
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D				
Park Programs				
401 Educational Trips	75.00	300.00	-225.00	25.00 %
402 Internal Public Programs	1,117.07	1,500.00	-382.93	74.47 %
403 Summer Camp	4,582.58	12,500.00	-7,917.42	36.66 %
404 Polliwog Program Expense	314.29	800.00	-485.71	39.29 %
405 Master Naturalist Training		250.00	-250.00	
407 Night Out With Nature	688.56	500.00	188.56	137.71 %
409 Credit Card Fees	581.34	1,800.00	-1,218.66	32.30 %
Total Park Programs	7,358.84	17,650.00	-10,291.16	41.69 %
Total D	7,358.84	17,650.00	-10,291.16	41.69 %
E				
Council Sponsored Events				
501 Fall Festival	5,049.73	1,500.00	3,549.73	336.65 %
502 Holiday Open House	81.66	1,200.00	-1,118.34	6.81 %
Total Council Sponsored Events	5,131.39	2,700.00	2,431.39	190.05 %

Budget vs. Actuals: 2024 Final Budget - FY24 P&L

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Total E	5,131.39	2,700.00	2,431.39	190.05 %
F				
Council Hosted Events				
602 Art In The Park - Spring		1,000.00	-1,000.00	
Total Council Hosted Events		1,000.00	-1,000.00	
Total F		1,000.00	-1,000.00	
Total Expenses	\$39,912.08	\$68,000.00	\$ -28,087.92	58.69 %
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$41,442.43	\$ -3,430.00	\$44,872.43	-1,208.23 %
NET INCOME	\$41,442.43	\$ -3,430.00	\$44,872.43	-1,208.23 %

### Profit and Loss January 1-7, 2025

	TOTAL
Income	
Receipts	
110 Dues	145.74
120 Donations	352.42
120a - Project Specific Donations	
129 Gator 2024	97.03
Total 120a - Project Specific Donations	97.03
Total 120 Donations	449.45
Total Receipts	595.19
Total Income	\$595.19
GROSS PROFIT	\$595.19
Expenses	
Total Expenses	
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$595.19
NET INCOME	\$595.19

### **Balance Sheet**

As of December 31, 2024

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Bank of America - Checking	161,753.03
Bank of America Savings	46,262.97
PayPal	242.12
Petty Cash-Treasurer	119.06
Total Bank Accounts	\$208,377.18
Other Current Assets	
Uncategorized Asset	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$0.00
Total Current Assets	\$208,377.18
Other Assets	
Investments - Cert of Dep	0.00
Total Other Assets	\$0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$208,377.18
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Restricted Funds	723.78
Accessible Trail	250.00
Children's Garden	0.00
Deady Funds	112.05
Dog Waste Stations	0.00
Fort Garrison Funds	8,151.98
410 Fort Garrison	-3,928.73
Total Fort Garrison Funds	4,223.25
France-Merrick Lime Kiln Funds	186.11
Friends of Sherwood House	2,294.11
Honor Garden	1,525.69
Koininia (Butterfly) Funds	480.05
Lawnmower Fund	336.33
Merrick Bank Barn	590.00
Trails Equipment - 2025 New Gator	13,273.78
Weed Warrior Funds	0.00
Total Restricted Funds	23,995.15
Retained Earnings	-91,193.22
Unrestricted Balance	234,132.82
Net Income	41,442.43
Total Equity	\$208,377.18
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$208,377.18

#### ANNUAL REPORT

#### MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION

Taxpayer Services - Charter Division P.O. Box 17052, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21297-1052

Type of Business	Dept. ID Prefix	Filing Fee	Type of Business	Dept. ID Prefix	Filing Fee
Domestic Stock Corporation	(D)	\$300	Domestic Limited Liability Company	(W)	\$300
Foreign Stock Corporation	(F)	\$300	Foreign Limited Liability Company	(Z)	\$300
<b>✓</b> Domestic Non-Stock Corporation	(D)	-0-	Domestic Limited Partnership	(M)	\$300
Foreign Non-Stock Corporation	(F)	-0-	Foreign Limited Partnership	(P)	\$300
Foreign Insurance Corporation	(F)	\$300	Domestic Limited Liability Partnership	(A)	\$300
Foreign Interstate Corporation	(F)	-0-	Foreign Limited Liability Partnership	(E)	\$300
SDAT Certified Family Farm	(A,D,M,W)	\$100	Domestic Statutory Trust	(B)	\$300
Real Estate Investment Trust	(D)	\$300	Foreign Statutory Trust	(S)	\$300

#### 2025 Form 1

Due April 15 Date Received by Department

01/07/2025

#### **SECTION I**

Name of Business: CROMWELL VALLEY PARK

COUNCIL, INC.

Mailing Address: MARIALENA WALSH, TREASURER

2200 CROMWELL BRIDGE RD

Address has been changed

PARKVILLE, MD 21234

Department ID Number: D14340244 Federal Employee Identification Number: 562590091

State of Incorporation/Formation: MD Date of Incorporation/Formation: 07/22/2011

NAICS/Federal Principal Business Code: 813000 Email: PRESIDENT@CROMWELLVALLEYPARK.ORG

Nature of Business: N/A

**Trading As Name:** 

Total Gross Sales: \$81,354 Workers affiliated with business:

**Employer Information: Reviewed** 

#### SECTION II

**A. Corporate Officers** 

President: Vice President:

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION

Secretary:

Treasurer:

**ABE YOFFE** 

**IOE RECTOR** 

RACHEL ALLSHOUSE

**MIA WALSH** 

**BALTIMORE MD 21234** 

**PHOENIX MD 21131** 

**PARKVILLE MD 21234** 

**BALTIMORE MD 21234** 

**B.** Directors

**WILLIAM CURTIS** 

**DEB LEE** 

**STACEY CRUISE** 

**CARL GOLD** 

Total Number of Directors: 4

Total Number of Female Directors: 2

700 East Pratt Street, 2nd Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202

Department ID Number: D14340244

2025 Form 1 Annual Report

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<ul><li>A. Is this business a</li><li>1. commercial enterprise or business that is formed ir Maryland; or</li></ul>	n Maryland or does business in	<b>✓</b> YES
<ol><li>a corporation, foundation, school, hospital, or other the earnings inure to the benefit of any private shar interest in the entity?</li></ol>		
B. Is this business a limited liability company (LLC) owned	d by a single member?	YES V NO
C. Is this business a privately held company with at least who are family members?	75% of the company's shareholders	YES NO
<ul> <li>D. Is this business an entity that</li> <li>1. Is this business an entity that (1) has an annual ope less than \$5,000,000 and</li> <li>2. has neither qualified for nor applied for, and does not applied for the content of t</li></ul>	-	YES NO
*A "State benefit" means  1. a State capital grant funding totaling \$1.00 million or more in  2. State tax credits totaling \$1.00 million or in a single fiscal yea  3. the receipt of a State contract with a total value of \$1.00 million (a) resulted from a competitive procurement process and (b)	ar; or lion or more. "State contract" means a contrac	ct that
SECTION IV		
A. Does the business own, lease, or use personal propert licensed vehicles, located in Maryland with a total orig		YES NO
B. Did the entity dispose, sell or transfer ANY of its busin	ess personal property prior to January ´	1? YES NO
SECTION V		
By signing this form below, you declare, under the penalty of the Annotated Code of Maryland, that this Annual Repor statements, has been examined by you and, to the best of Annual Report for the Entity listed in Section I.	rt, including any accompanying forms, scl	hedules, and/or
A. Corporate Officer or Principal of Entity	B. Firm or Individual, other than tax this Annual Report/Personal Prop	
Name: MARIALENA WALSH	Name:	
Mailing Address:	Mailing Address:	
Email: MIA@CROMWELLVALLEYPARK.ORG	Email:	
Phone: 4108251554 Date: 01/07/2025	Phone: Date	): :
MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION  MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION  MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION	700 EAST PRATT STREET, 2ND FLOOR, BA	ALTIMORE, MD 21202

DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION

### **CORPORATE DIVERSITY ADDENDUM**

1. Are you an entity that is required to be in good standing with the State Department of YES NO
Assessments and Taxation ("SDAT"), and meets the following definition:
1. A commercial enterprise or business that is formed in the State or registered with SDAT
to do business in the State; or 2. A corporation, foundation, school, hospital, or other legal entity for which none of the net
earnings inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual holding an interest in the entity?
2. Check the appropriate box if you are any of the following types of entities:
Limited Liability Company (LLC) owned by a single member
Privately held company if at least 75% of the company's shareholders are family members
<b>✓</b> Entity that:
1. has an annual operating budget or annual sales less than \$5,000,000; and 2. has not qualified for or applied for, and does not intend to apply for, a State benefit
None of the above
CORPORATE DIVERSITY ADDENDUM
. Select below the underrepresented communities which are represented on this entity's board or in executive
leadership. Select all that apply.
Alaska Native
Asian-Pacific Islander
Black or African-American
Hispanic or Latino
Native American
Native Hawaiian
One or more of the racial or ethnic groups listed above
None of the above
I. Check the box next to the following Corporate Diversity indicators that pertain to this entity. Note that references to underrepresented communities refer to communities listed in the question above. The examples provided are intended to be representative, not exclusive. Select all that apply.
Entity maintains written workforce diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) policies.
Entity offers DEI training to its workforce.

- Maryland

### **CORPORATE DIVERSITY ADDENDUM**

AFFIDAVIT  UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I declare that I have examined this C my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.  Entity/Business Name: CROMWELL VALLEY PARK COUNCIL, INC.  Federal Employer ID Number (FEIN): 562590091  Entity's representative completing this Affidavit  Name: MARIALENA WALSH	SDAT ID Number: D14340244  Title: MRS.
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AFFIDAVIT	
<ul> <li>Entity measures percentage of contract dollars awarded represented communities, including MBEs.</li> <li>Entity provides support and outreach to underrepresent represent underrepresented communities.</li> </ul>	•
Entity publicizes its procurement opportunities to encou by members of underrepresented communities.	
Entity has a supplier diversity policy that provides busine including businesses owned by members of underreprese Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs).	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Entity collaborates with educational institutions, or is an or predominant student populations or affinity groups fr (e.g., career fairs, scholarships, internships, apprenticesh	om underrepresented communities
Entity provides career advancement training/opportunit underrepresented communities.	ies for employees, including members of
Entity publishes information on its website about its DEI	commitments and efforts.
Entity includes DEI objectives in performance plans of its	managers.
	s on its website.
the entity's DEI efforts.  Entity reports performance of its workforce DEI program	



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As of December 31, 2024

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### Budget Overview: Budget\_FY25\_P&L - FY25 P&L

	TOTAL
Income	
Receipts	
110 Dues	10,000.00
120 Donations	12,500.00
120a - Project Specific Donations	
126 Goats - Invasive Species Removal	1,000.00
Total 120a - Project Specific Donations	1,000.00
Total 120 Donations	13,500.00
130 Interest Income	15.00
407 Night Out With Nature	500.00
501 Fall Festival	2,000.00
Total Receipts	26,015.00
Total Income	\$26,015.00
GROSS PROFIT	\$26,015.00
Expenses	
В	
Council Expenses	
210 President's Expenses	500.00
212 Council Equipment Purchases	2,500.00
213 Office Supplies	200.00
214 Postage	1,400.00
215 Council Equip. Maintenance	2,000.00
217 Membership Dues to Outside Organizations	250.00
218 Insurance	2,100.00
230 Finance Committee	1,000.00
250 Communications Committee	5,500.00
251 Newsletter (w/o calendar)	4,000.00
252 Meetings	400.00
260 B&G Committee	2,000.00
261 Trails Subcommittee	2,000.00
262 Garden Subcommittee	4,000.00
263 Habitat Restoration	500.00
265 Fundraising	1,750.00
266 Volunteer Appreciation Event	2,000.00
267 Orchard Project	750.00
Total Council Expenses	32,850.00
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Park Programs	
407 Night Out With Nature	500.00
409 Credit Card Fees	100.00
Total Park Programs	600.00
Total D	600.00

### Budget Overview: Budget\_FY25\_P&L - FY25 P&L

	TOTAL
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Council Sponsored Events	
501 Fall Festival	2,000.00
Total Council Sponsored Events	2,000.00
Total E	2,000.00
Total Expenses	\$35,450.00
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$ -9,435.00
NET INCOME	\$ -9,435.00



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### **BACKGROUND CHECK INFORMATION AS OF 1/3/25**

POSITION	NAME	<b>Expiration Date</b>	
EXECUTIVE BOARD			
President	Abe Yoffe	12/6/25	
Vice President	Joe Rector	11/5/25	
Treasurer	Mia Walsh	5/7/25	
Secretary	Rachel Allshouse	3/5/25	
Director	Bill Curtis	8/12/25	
Director	Carl Gold	8/4/25	
Director	Deb Standeven Lee	1/8/26	
Director	Stacey Cruise	2/12/25	
COMMITTEES CHAIRS			
Finance			
Buildings/Grounds/Trails	Rick Childs	11/17/25	
Programs	Kelly Emerson		
Volunteers	Pat Novak	6/2/25	
Communications	Mia Walsh	5/7/25	
Fundraising	Mia Walsh	5/7/25	
Governance	Carl Gold	8/4/25	
LEASEHOLDER			
Talmar	Kate Joyce	12/25/25	



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#### PARK STAFF BOARD REPORT

Submitted by: Kirk Dreier

#### LEASEHOLDER'S REPORT

Submitted by: Kate Joyce - Talmar

#### FRIENDS OF SHERWOOD REPORT

Submitted by: Mia Walsh

No updates.

#### **ACTIVITIES OR ITEMS FOR THE UPCOMING MONTH**

Someone to contact Halten Garden Club to see if they will be keeping the Sherwood Herb Garden weed-free moving forward. If not, how do we get Property Management to take care of it?

COMMITTEE REPORT: GOVERNANCE Chair: Carl Gold

COMMITTEE REPORT: FINANCE
Chair: Rick Childs

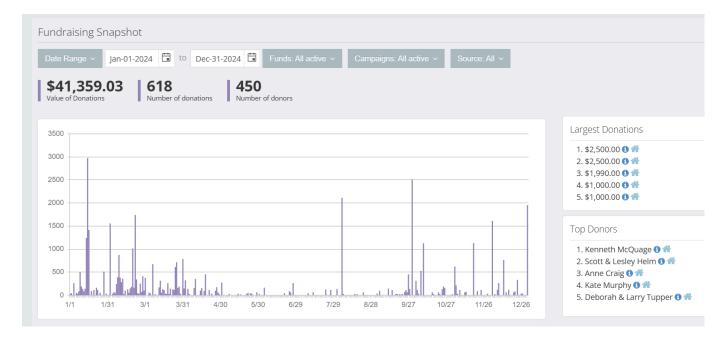


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# COMMITTEE REPORT: FUNDRAISING Chair: Mia Walsh

#### 1. YEAR END DONATIONS

• We had 188 households give \$50 or more in 2024 out of a total of 450 donors.



o As you recall, a significant amount of our memberships each year are through the Summer Camp Registration and they are not recorded in our donation database, but only as a cumulative line item in our P&L statement.

#### 2. REMITTANCE ENVELOPES

**o** New remittance envelopes have arrived. I will put some at Sherwood so you can have copies for the meeting on Monday. We should put some of these out in the kiosks.

#### **ACTIVITIES OR ITEMS FOR THE UPCOMING MONTH**

January – February is a busy time of year for fundraising:

- Mail out New Year Cards with cumulative receipts equaling \$50 or more.
- Compile donation information for Annual Report
- Create annual report document for January / early February newsletter mailing

**Order plaques for Adirondack chairs in the Honor Garden**. Order Dr. Lake's and Phil Tupper's name plates for Adirondack chairs. Additional Native Plant signage?



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#### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Submitted By: Kim Shapiro

COMMITTEE REPORT: BUILDING & GROUNDS
Chair: Rick Childs

**COMMITTEE REPORT: PROGRAMS & EVENTS** 

Chair: Kelly Emerson



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# COMMITTEE REPORT: COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR: Mia Walsh

- 1. We received the final credit for the disputed charge for Constant Contact's \$1,400 charge (last year, the cost was \$390!). Bank of America sent a letter confirming that the charge has been removed.
- 2. We revamped the existing logo to include the word Council for now. If we choose to move forward with a totally different logo, we can add this to our list.
- 3. Have been working with Jenna Fava Design on some of the items for the revamp of the website. Once we have some graphics to show, I will bring to the Board for approval.
- 4. Thank you to Bill Curtis for some great footage on the Critter Cams of bucks, fox and coyotes! Check out Facebook and Instagram when you get a chance.
- 5. Summer Camp worked with Breena to message out to prior campers via CampBrain email system. Also updated website and Facebook. Thank you to Pat for putting them up as events.
- 6. Finally recorded the Hike Through History missing pieces for the QR Code project and book.
- 7. Should we post the County's Cromwell Valley Park Enhancement project on the social media and newsletter sites? May spark some criticism or comments.

#### **ACTIVITIES OR ITEMS FOR THE UPCOMING MONTH**

- 1. Start working on Annual Report
- 2. Run donation reports in order to get ready to mail year-end cards, year-end donation receipts.
- 3. Mia received information from Dr. Heidi Schrieber-Pan with the documents from the Hike through History. She will work with Deb Lee to obtain the QR codes for each location. She will also work to update the photographs and to make this a color brochure, rather than a black and white one.

#### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION:**

Bill Curtis - Critter Cam videos!

Pat Novak – adding events to Facebook site

Kim Shapiro – for her continued work on the eblasts through CampBrain

Dave Schroeder - for his work on the first guarter 2025 newsletter.



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### **COMMITTEE REPORT: VOLUNTEERS**

**CHAIR:** Pat Novak

#### Total CVPC Volunteer Hours for December 2024: 217.5

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LAST	FIRST	MONTH	HOURS	Brief description of volunteer time spent/activities
Novak	Pat	Decemb er	2	NOWN
Cruise	Stacey	Decemb er	17	Attended a Park event, attended documentary presentation, prepared planning documents for History&Culture/NOWN collaboration, wrote 3rd Children's Garden (final) article, & Black History article for the Council newsletter, sent numerous emails, completed the evaluation form for Emily New's documentary project and spent time at the park with grandchildren.
Gold	Carl R.	Decemb er	22	MOU work, guided hikes, research and write newsletter material, History committee research review deed records
Walsh	Mia	Decemb er	31.5	Giving Tuesday Preparation; MOU Meeting; MOU Addendum; Giving Tuesday Receipts; Board Reports; Board Motions for Gator Purchase; Website, Jenna Fava Design; Summer Camp; Donations and Memberships, Social Media, Website, Summer Camp, MOU, Addendum, Assets, Deposits, Checks, Year End Donations
Reed	Ray	Decemb er	6	Trail Maintenance
Allshouse	Rachel	Decemb er	10	CVPC meeting, email, minutes
Yoffe	Abe	Decemb er	16	Board meeting, holiday cards, MOU
Rector	Joe	Decemb er	2	Admin/site visit
Lee	Deb	Decemb er	4	CVPC meeting, Hike Through History
Emerson	Kelly	Decemb er	8	Council Meeting, prep, emails, document review, scanning
Rick	Childs	Decemb er	99	14 volunteers



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# COMMITTEE REPORT: HISTORY AND CULTURE CHAIR: Stacey Cruise

#### **Recognition of Wayne Harman's Dedication:**

- o Carl Gold authored an article for the Council's upcoming newsletter celebrating Wayne Harman's pivotal role in establishing Cromwell Valley Park.
- The piece highlights Harman's extraordinary commitment and contributions, providing an inspiring reflection on his lasting impact on the park's success.
- o This article honors his legacy and raises awareness of the individuals who have shaped the park's history.

#### Black History Spotlight - Genieve Cooper:

- Stacey Cruise contributed an article on Genieve Cooper's historical significance to the committee's recurring column in the council's upcoming newsletter.
- o The article highlights Cooper's remarkable story, tracing her family's land ownership from 1910 until 1987.
- This piece highlights the importance of preserving and sharing diverse narratives about Cromwell Valley Park's history.

#### **Purpose and Impact:**

- Historical Awareness: Both articles contribute to the committee's mission of celebrating and preserving the rich history of Cromwell Valley Park.
- Community Engagement: By spotlighting significant figures, the committee fosters deeper appreciation and connection among the park's visitors and supporters.
- Inclusivity: Including diverse stories ensures the park's history reflects all who have contributed.

Event Overview: The Women of the Valley - A Round Table on Leadership, Legacy, and Conservation

**Date:** Friday, April 4, 2025 **Time:** 6:30–8:00 PM

Location: Sherwood House Meeting Room, Cromwell Valley Park

Admission: \$10.00 (Registration required)

#### Purpose of the Event:

In celebration of Women's History, Night Out With Nature and the Cromwell Valley History and Cultural Heritage Committee are hosting *The Women of the Valley*, a special roundtable discussion. This event will honor exceptional women from the past and present who have contributed significantly to Cromwell Valley Park's leadership, preservation, and future.

#### **Event Objectives:**

- **Recognition:** Celebrate the leadership and legacy of women who have shaped the park's history and conservation efforts.
- **Community Engagement:** Inspire attendees through stories of vision and dedication from panelists and build community involvement in the park's ongoing mission.
- Education: Share insights into conservation, history, and community building through an engaging discussion and audience Q&A.

#### **Key Features:**

- 1. **Engaging Panel Discussion:** Honorees will discuss their leadership experiences, conservation efforts, and the impact of their work on Cromwell Valley Park.
- 2. Interactive Q&A Session: Attendees can ask questions and learn from the panelists' expertise.

#### **Target Audience:**

Community members, conservation enthusiasts, local leaders, and supporters of Cromwell Valley Park.

#### Logistics and Planning:

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- Event Admission: \$10.00 per attendee (registration required).
- Venue: Sherwood House Meeting Room, Cromwell Valley Park.
- Capacity: 40 attendees.
- Promotion: Event flyers, social media posts, email invitations, and press releases. Anticipated

#### **Outcomes:**

• Increased awareness of Cromwell Valley Park's history and conservation mission. • Strengthened community connections and support for future park initiatives. • Inspiration for attendees through the stories of women leaders in conservation and community building.

#### **Next Steps:**

- Finalize panelist confirmations and prepare promotional materials.
- Coordinate with volunteers for event setup and logistics.
- Manage the registration process.

This inaugural event (hope to be annual) honors women's contributions to Cromwell Valley Park.

## BUDGET - Women of the Valley Roundtable, allocating funds for desserts, paper goods, programs, bouquets, and an honorarium:

40 paid guests @ \$10.00 = \$400

- 1. Honorarium
  - Honorarium for 2 Panelists: \$200
- 2. Desserts ( Donated or Sponsored)
  - 1. Cupcakes
    - o 50 cupcakes (assorted flavors): \$1.50 each
    - Total: \$75
  - 2. Cookies
    - $\circ$  50 cookies (assorted): \$0.50 each
    - o Total: **\$25**

#### **Desserts Subtotal: \$100**

- 3. Paper Goods (Purple, green, and white)
  - 1. Plates (dessert size)
    - o 2 packs of 50 plates: \$5 per pack
    - o Total: **\$10**
  - 2. Napkins
    - o 2 packs of 50: \$4 per pack
    - o Total: \$8
  - 3. Cups (for beverages)
    - o 2 packs of 50: \$6 per pack
    - o Total: **\$12**

#### Paper Goods Subtotal: \$30

- 4. Programs
  - Printing 50 Programs
    - Estimated cost per program: \$1.24
    - o Total: **\$62**
- 5. Bouquets
  - 5 Small Bouquets (local florist or DIY) (Donation)
    - Estimated cost per bouquet: \$10 each
    - o Total: \$50

#### **TotalBudget**

- 1. Honorarium: \$200
- 2. **Desserts:**\$100



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3. PaperGoods:\$304. Programs:\$625. Bouquets:\$50

GrandTotal:\$400 DonationGoal-\$150

### Save the Date

Join Night Out With Nature and the Cromwell Valley Park Council History and Cultural Heritage Committee for:

### The Women of the Valley:

An Inspiring Round Table Discussion on Leadership, Legacy, and Conservation



Date: Friday, April 4, 2025 Time: 6:30-8:00 PM At the Sherwood House

PARK

Admission: \$10.00 Dessert Served



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### **NEW BUSINESS: 2025 Meeting Calendar (vote to approve)**

All meetings will be held in the Sherwood House and via Google Meet unless otherwise indicated

Meeting Date	Time	Class of Meeting
Monday, January 13	6:00 p.m.	Executive Board (open to public)
Monday, February 10	6:00 p.m.	Executive Board (closed)
Monday, March 10	6:00 p.m.	Annual Meeting (open to public)
Monday, April 14	6:00 p.m.	Executive Board (open to public)
Monday, May 12	6:00 p.m.	Executive Board (open to public)
Monday, June 9	6:00 p.m.	Executive Board (open to public)
Monday, July 14	6:00 p.m.	Executive Board (open to public)
Monday, August 11	6:00 p.m.	Executive Board (open to public)
Monday, September 8	6:00 p.m.	General Meeting (open to public)
*Tuesday, October 14	6:00 p.m.	Executive Board (open to public)
Monday, November 10	6:00 p.m.	Executive Board (closed)
Monday, December 8	6:00 p.m.	Executive Board (closed - off-site?)

<sup>\*</sup> Park office closed for Federal holiday



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### **NEW BUSINESS: Nominating Committee/Elections**

#### DRAFT - January 3, 2025

The annual meeting is the time for the election of officers and directors of the Executive Board of the Park Council, to be effective April 14, 2025. If any CVPC member has attended two or more meetings during the past twelve-month period, they are eligible to vote at the meeting.

Following is the Nominating Committee Report of the slate of officers and directors nominated for election for the period April 2025 through March 2027. Terms in office comply with the cycle of elections stated in the CVPC Bylaws.

#### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:**

The Nominating Committee of the Cromwell Valley Park Council, chaired by CVPC member Raymond Reed, submits the following slate of officers and directors for the coming term. The election will take place at Cromwell Valley Park Council's Annual General Membership meeting scheduled for Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6:00 pm at Sherwood House. The meeting will also be conducted via a web platform. **Nominations from the floor will be accepted during the annual meeting**.

SLATE OF CANDIDATES – Please note terms of Office in right-hand column. Candidates in \*BOLD are to be voted upon at the election.

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President	Mia Walsh	<b>Term April 2025 – March 2027</b>
Vice President	Joe Rector	Term April 2024 – March 2026
Treasurer	Deb Lee	Term April 2025 – March 2027
Secretary	Rachel Allshouse	Term April 2024 – March 2026

**DIRECTORS** 

Director	OPEN	Term April 2025 – March 2027
Director	Carl Gold	Term April 2024 – March 2026
Director	Stacey Cruise (?)	<b>Term April 2025 – March 2027</b>
Director	Bill Curtis	Term April 2024 – March 2026

At the April 2025 meeting, the following Standing Committee Chairpersons will be voted upon. These positions have no term limitations and are voted upon annually.

Building and Grounds	Rick Childs	History and Culture	Stacey Cruise
Communications	Mia Walsh	Membership	Kim Shapiro
		(not standing committee)	
Finance	Rick Childs	Programs & Events	Kelly Emerson
Fundraising	Mia Walsh	Volunteers	Pat Novak
Governance	Carl Gold ??		
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Respectfully Submitted, Raymond Reed



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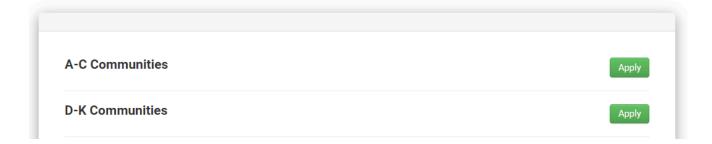
### **Background Check Procedure:**

1) Go to this website:

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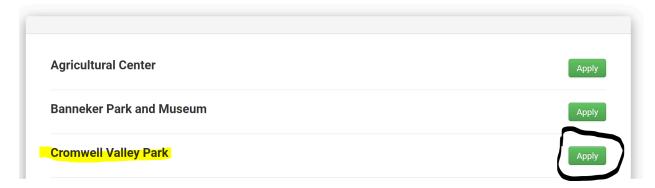
2) Choose A-C Communities:





3) Choose Cromwell Valley Park:





4) Follow prompts until completed.

Approved list may be found at:

https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/files/departments/recreation-and-parks/documents/rosterreport.pdf



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# Executive Board Roster As of 4/1//24

OFFICERS	Name	Email Address	Term
President	Abe Yoffe	President@cromwellvalleypark.org	April 2023 – March 2025
Vice President	Joe Rector	vicepresident@cromwellvallypark.o	April 2024 – March 2026
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Treasurer	Mia Walsh	treasurer@cromwellvallevpark.org	April 2023 – March 2025
Secretary	Rachel	secretary@cromwellvalleypark.org	April 2024 – March 2026
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DIRECTORS -	- Members	s at Large	
Director	Carl Gold	cgold@carlgoldlaw.com	April 2024 – March 2026
Director	Bill Curtis	curtiswbc@gmail.com	April 2024 – March 2026
Director	Deb Lee	urspiders2@verizon.net	April 2023 – March 2025
Director	Stacey Cruise	staceycruise@gmail.com	April 2023 – March 2025
STANDING CO	OMMITTEI	E CHAIRPERSONS	
Finance			Current membership year – voted annually *
Building and Grounds	Rick Childs	rikchilds@aol.com	٨
Programs &	Kelly	emersonkel@yahoo.com	٨
Events	Emerson		
Communications	Mia Walsh	mia@cromwellvalleypark.org	Λ
Volunteers	Pat Novak	pnovak8525@aol.com	Λ
Fundraising	Mia Walsh	mia@cromwellvalleypark.org	Λ
Governance	Carl Gold	cgold@carlgoldlaw.com	Λ
LEASEHOLD	ER REPRES	SENTATIVE	
Talmar	Kate Joyce	katejoyce@talmar.org	

#### **Section 1 - Members**

The Executive Board will consist of the Officers, Directors, Leaseholder representatives, and the Chairpersons of the Standing Committees.

#### \*Section 4 - Chairpersons

All standing committee chairpersons shall be elected by the current Executive Board to serve for the current membership year. The elections shall take place at the Executive Board Meeting subsequent to the Annual Meeting. If a standing committee chair position is vacant due to resignation or termination, the President shall appoint a chairperson to fill the remainder of the vacant term.

President, Treasurer – elected in odd-numbered years / two directors in odd-numbered years Officers, Directors, Leaseholder Representatives and Chairpersons of the Standing Committees