

The Arlington Friends of Parks



CELEBRATING THE BEAUTY AROUND US

Arlington is a community rich in hundreds of acres of beautiful fee-free parks, recreational areas, and conservation lands. Caring for and maintaining Arlington's public parks and open spaces are critical components of Arlington's special character and quality of life.

With this goal in mind, a group of representatives from existing friends groups, land stewards groups, and other volunteer organizations met in the fall of 2006 to discuss common concerns about park maintenance and develop guidelines for sharing work among volunteers, Town employees, and contracted landscaping services.

Since then, this group has met regularly to address issues, share information and generate ideas for advocacy and fundraising to supplement Town budgets.

Arlington Friends of Parks brings together community members interested in the use, maintenance, and support of our public parks, playgrounds, and other open spaces.



OUR MISSION

One initiative of the group is to create a fund whose purpose is to raise money through voluntary, tax-deductible donations, which will be used to do the following:

- Supplement maintenance outside the Town's current scope of work;
- Fund special projects in our parks, playgrounds, and open spaces that might not otherwise be funded through the Town's limited budget and labor resources.

The funds raised through these private donations will be put into a separate

account designated to be used exclusively for our parks, playgrounds, and conservation lands.

Completed projects will be clearly identified and reported to the community on at least a yearly basis. The objective is *not* to reduce the Town's obligation to maintain our public lands but to provide additional funding that can enhance these properties through our collective efforts.



FUND DISTRIBUTION PROCESS

Arlington Friends of Parks will meet periodically to review available funds, discuss the needs of the parks throughout town, and make recommendations for projects to be completed with money from the fund. The Park and Recreation Commission will have final approval over use of the monies and the Director of Recreation will oversee the projects selected.





An annual accounting of the fund and its accomplishments will be required and reported to the Park and Recreation Commission, Arlington Friends of Parks group, and the public.

We invite volunteers from other parks and playgrounds not represented in this list to join us.



CONTRIBUTE

Yes, I would like to contribute toward enhancing and maintaining Arlington's parks, playgrounds and open spaces.

My donation in the amount of _____ is enclosed. *(Your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent provided by law.)*

Please send this form with your check payable to:

"Arlington Friends of Parks Fund"
C/O ARLINGTON RECREATION OFFICE
422 SUMMER ST.
ARLINGTON, MA 02476

Or visit www.town.arlington.ma.us and click on the Recreation link for additional contribution options



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Name

Address

City State Zip

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I would like to volunteer to join a "Friends" or "Land Stewards" group for

Name of property



MEMBERS OF THE ARLINGTON FRIENDS OF PARKS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING GROUPS:

- *Friends of Arlington's Great Meadows*
- *Friends of Robbins Farm Park*
- *Friends of Spy Pond Park*
- *Friends of Menotomy Rocks Park*
- *Friends of North Union*
- *Friends of Waldo Park*
- *Friends of Greeley Park at Stratton*
- *Open Space Committee*
- *Summer Street Neighborhood Assoc.*
- *Turkey Hill Land Stewards*
- *V2020 Environment Task Group (including Reservoir and Spy Pond Committees)*

