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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.

### 2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## SWINGING BRIDGE RE-OPENS

Former Friends of Baker Park Board Member Richard Lind Recognized



Joined by about 100 neighbors, civic leaders, Frederick city staff members, and elected officials, Mayor Randy McClement led a ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 19, 2012, to reopen Frederick's rebuilt Swinging Bridge. The *Frederick News-Post* noted that:

- The bridge was originally built in 1885
- Cables and rods were replaced in 1928
- It was condemned in 2001 and closed in 2002
- It is only iron suspension bridge in Frederick County

The Gazette reported that "repairs on the 100-foot bridge that spans Carroll Creek and connects Baker Park to Carroll

Parkway at the intersection of the parkway and North Jefferson Street were estimated at \$365,000 in 2008 when it was removed, so the city opted to do the work with in-house staff. The final project cost about \$190,000 — a little more than half of the estimate."

The Gazette also noted, "Originally built in 1885, the bridge cost the city \$685 to build, according to information from the Maryland Archives website."

The Gazette also noted, "Marc Stachowski, Frederick's deputy director of public works, credited former mayor Jeff Holtzinger, who served from 2005 to 2009, with choosing to repair the broken-down bridge instead of removing it. The bridge was closed and torn down in 2008 because of structural issues, and work began on a new bridge, which has been built to match the original structure. The job included thousands of parts and welds, and uses a South American hardwood that's expected to last 50 years for the footpaths. When the bridge was removed completely in March 2008, the city expected to reopen it that summer. But work replicating the original parts took longer than expected, and a permit from the Maryland Department of the Environment took a year to obtain."

Former Friends of Baker Park Board Member Richard Lind was also cited for his technical leadership in the restoration of the bridge. According to the Gazette, "Richard Lind, a former engineer for the city who retired in 2004, . . . said he inspected the bridge at the time it closed, and made measurements of many of the pieces to help replace them. In recognition of his help, Stachowski gave him both a piece of the original bridge material and the new material as a keepsake."

"The Friends of Baker Park are delighted by this reopening," stated President Kathy Fay, who added, "Not only is this an important pedestrian walkway that connects the Parkway School and Carroll Creek neighborhood with the park, but it is also a historic structure and a significant resource to Baker Park and the City of Frederick." The Friends of Baker Park are working on a planting design for the bridge as well as discussing support for installation of signage about the bridge.

## Buy A Pair of Patagonia Shoes At Trail House from Oct 20 – Nov 19 HELP THE FRIENDS OF BAKER PARK



Friends of Baker Park has been invited by Clyde and Gerry Hicks of The Trail House to partner with them and the Patagonia

Company in a program which pledges a portion of corporate profits to local organizations engaged in environmentally sound practices.

*1% For the Planet* exists to build and support an alliance of businesses financially committed to creating a healthy world. Friends of Baker Park has recently been approved to receive donations through this program and thus joins over 3,000 nonprofits doing great work to help the planet.

Patagonia, one of the *1% For the Planet* companies has promised to send us \$10 for every pair of their shoes sold at the Trail House from October 20 through November 19. We are also qualified to receive other donations from companies and individuals who support our work.

Trail House will be holding a sale from October 20 through November 3, so stop in then to treat yourself to a pair of Patagonia shoes as you help Friends of Baker Park clean up Culler Lake!

## THANK YOU TO MORGAN KELLER

Friends of Baker Park would like to give a huge thank you to Matt Trendell and Morgan Keller for the time and expertise they shared with us in preparing our grant application to the Chesapeake Bay Trust. Their generous willingness to partner by providing “in-kind” support has been invaluable and is greatly appreciated!

## From the President

If you have been reading our newsletters you know that Friends of Baker Park has been actively involved in our newest and most ambitious project yet, the Culler Lake Renaissance, a renovation of the lake itself and the area of Baker Park surrounding it. For many months we have been presenting the conceptual plan to government officials and civic organizations and have met with enthusiasm as well as thoughtful suggestions that may be incorporated into the plan as we go forward. The master plan includes refurbishment of pathways, landscaping and fountain, and construction of a pavilion and ice skating feature, while preserving the natural environment.

Our first order of business, however, is construction of a storm water mitigation system to permanently clean up the water. Culler Lake has been a de facto storm water management pond since it was built as part of a public works project in the 1930s. This means that storm drains from the 66 acres north of the lake have been dumping directly into it and thus into Carroll Creek, the Monocacy River, and the Chesapeake Bay. The water has not been cleaned since the mid-1980s and its quality will only continue to deteriorate if a permanent solution is not implemented.

We just submitted a grant application to the Chesapeake Bay Trust for funds to create an engineering plan for a storm water mitigation system. Representatives of the Trust met with us at the lake and were very encouraging so we have every hope that our application will be looked on favorably. In preparing the application we were fortunate to have the expertise of Matt Trendell of Morgan Keller, Zack Kershner of Frederick City Engineering Department, and Shannon Moore of the Frederick county Office of Sustainability & Environmental Resources, all of whom gave us invaluable time and technical advice.

We provided the Trust with letters of support for the project from Frederick Mayor Randy McClement, Director of Parks and Recreation Roelkey Myers, County Manager of the Office of Sustainability and Environmental Resources Shannon Moore, and Friends' groups both upstream and downstream from Culler Lake, Friends of Carroll Creek and Friends of Waterford Park.

So keep fingers crossed - I hope to be able to report good news in our next newsletter! If you would like us to present the master plan for the lake to your group, please contact me at 301-694-9686.

## Membership

**It's Not Too Late to Renew, Join, or Give a Gift of Membership!**

## Membership Form

Name: _____		Email _____	
Address _____		Telephone _____	
City _____	Sate _____	Zip _____	
Membership Status: <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal    Date: _____			
Membership Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> Family \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> Business \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime \$350			
FEELING GENEROUS?			

Consider giving toward our general fund to help Friends of Baker Park \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete, detach and mail to FOBP, PO Box 4146, Frederick, MD 21701

Be sure to give us your email address - we promise it will go no further!

## Donation Opportunities for Baker Park

This is a meaningful way to honor loved ones and contribute to help Baker Park remain beautiful and accessible to Frederick residents and visitors.

**Benches** 6ft-\$2500 or 8ft-\$3000 including plaque

Contact Nancy Cline 301-662 8076

**Trees** \$200-400

Contact Denise Gouin 301-694-3149

**Picnic Pavilions** \$4125 including plaque

Contact Denise Gouin 301-694-3149

### General Donation Fund

Checks payable to Friends of Baker Park, Box 4146, Frederick, MD 21705

### GIFT PLANNING & MAJOR GIFTS

If you or a loved one is interested in planning a major gift to Friends of Baker Park please contact our President, Kathy Fay. Gift planning is a great way to defer your gift and offers potential savings on income and estate taxes. It can be as simple as designating Friends of Baker Park in a will or trust.

## Fall Donations

### BENCHES

In honor of W. Jerome Offutt, Esquire:

Donated by The Family Heritage  
Trust Company

In honor of Peggy Ririe:

Donated by Hamp and Donna Tisdale

Donated by Cynthia and Alan Kehr

In honor of Lore S. Houghton and  
Alfred Schrider:

Donated by Karen Schrider Dutton

### TREES

In honor of Richard H. Brehm III:

Donated by Peter Brehm



*Pictured: Edwin and Mary Cornish who donated a bench as a gift to their children and Peter Brehm with a tree donated in honor of his father.*

## Membership

**Tax Deductible:** Yes, your yearly membership dues and any additional donations are tax deductible.

**Membership Upgrade:** You can upgrade your membership to a Lifetime Membership (\$350.00) any time. If you own a business, consider a Business Membership (\$50.00).

**Gift of Membership:** Do your friends or loved ones love non-traditional gifts! This holiday, consider giving a gift of membership – a unique gift that lasts all year! Individual membership is \$10.00, Family is \$25.00, Business is \$50.00 and Lifetime Membership is \$350.00.

If you have questions, or are currently a member and need to update your contact information, please feel free to contact Patty Kettlestrings at [jpkstrings@comcast.net](mailto:jpkstrings@comcast.net).

## MEMBERSHIP AND GIVING NOTES

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We would like to thank our existing members for their continued support of Friends of Baker Park. A few of you have opted to upgrade your memberships. Additionally, several members have donated above and beyond their annual dues. These additional funds go a long way to helping us implement special projects and we appreciate your generosity!

### BUSINESS MEMBER

Beverly Byron

Gregg & Kathleen Horner

### GENERAL FUND DONATIONS

Leon & June Borden

Clarence F. Smith

Kathy Kinsey

Dorinne Armstrong

Nancy Bittle

James Reese

Susan Chapman

Green Walled Garden Club

Garden Club of Frederick

### FALL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our annual membership drive is underway! Board members and volunteers will be distributing newsletters throughout the Baker Park area to households that are not current members. You can help us increase our membership by sharing your newsletter with any friends or neighbors that you think might be interested in joining our organization. They can take a peek at our website – [www.friendsofbakerpark.org](http://www.friendsofbakerpark.org). Thanks!

*As part of our Fall Membership Campaign we hand distribute newsletters to non-members throughout the community surrounding Baker Park. If you would like to help out, please contact Patty Kettlestrings at [jpkstrings@comcast.net](mailto:jpkstrings@comcast.net).*



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## HELP WANTED FOR HOLIDAY PARK DECORATING

**Saturday, November 24th • 9:00 a.m.**

Join fellow members for our annual light post decorating. We'll meet behind the tennis courts on 2nd Street. Please bring your holiday spirit and a ladder and wire clippers if possible! We'll provide the hot chocolate, coffee, snacks, greens for hanging and red bows to top them off! Please call Jennifer Grove at 301-788-1887 or email her at [Jennifer@SoldOnFrederick.com](mailto:Jennifer@SoldOnFrederick.com) with any questions.



### **INTERESTED IN JOINING US ON THE LAKE PROJECT?**

We will be putting together an advisory group to help us as we go forward with the Culler Lake Renaissance. Please let us know if you would like to participate by calling Kathy Fay at 301-694-9686.

### **BOARD MEMBERS: GOODBYE, THANK YOU & WELCOME!**

We want to express our thanks to the Board members who have left us in the past year: Jennifer Grove, Dawn Irwin, Richard Lind, and Aubrie Nagy. Their contributions and commitment to the community are appreciated and we will miss them!

At the same time, we are delighted to announce our two new Board members, Roberta McNamara and Michael Paskowsky, both of whom bring expertise and dedication and will be valuable contributors to our mission. Welcome!