

FoBP Accomplishments 2005

- 18 large trees planted throughout park with City Urban Forester
- 500 small trees planted in reforestation area west of Azalea Gardens and additional plantings for I-95 noise buffer
- BP interior street-naming initiative launched with City departments
- Public Meeting with Councilman and City Dept. heads to discuss concerns in May.
- Worked with Friends of City Parks and Police to improve Parks Security.
- Participated in Mayor's Walk and Roll event, April 30th
- Collaborated on Stone House repair (Hurricane Isabel).
- Currently focusing on power restoration and bathroom repairs.
- Half of meadow mowed late February.
- Meadow kiosk area improved, exhibits updated
- Newsletter mailed in April
- Advocating for FEMA Repairs (Gaston)
- Constructed Boardwalk for wet areas on Jordans' Branch trail
- VCU Students Work Party in September – major clean up and lunch
- \$3,200 in memorial gifts contributed to the Helen Bryan Norman Memorial Grove.
- 12 Red Maples planted on Gatekeepers hill; benches and markers coming
- 911 phone reinstalled

Let Us Hear From You!

Your suggestions and comments about the park are important to FoBP. Please contact Bucci Zeugner at 288-5005 or email to bzeugner@comcast.net Also, provide your name and address if you would like to be added to our newsletter mailing list. For additional information on activities, issues, or other notes of interest please see www.friendsofbryanpark.org

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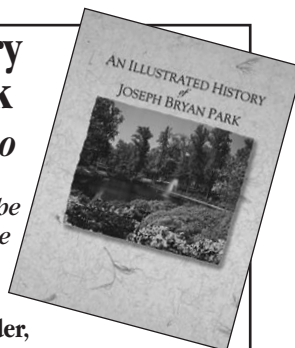
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City Wrapping Up Hurricane Repairs

Hurricane Isabel in 2003 took out almost 1000 trees in Bryan Park, and Gaston in 2004 caused extensive damage to the Park's bridges, dam, spillway, and floodplains.

Volunteers contributed more than 400 hours to clean debris, reset benches and picnic tables, and plant new trees (more than 1,500 in the area west of the Azalea Gardens and beside I-95, as a noise buffer and screen). The "TLC" Bryan Park needs !

The City managed most of the major repairs: restored the roof of stone house and is making progress on power and lighting; repaired the comfort station near the Gatekeeper's house; repaired the extensive erosion and rehabbed the retaining structures of the dam and the spillway (including some impressive cobble-stone restoration); is replicating the dam's bollards, and lest we forget, repaired Bryan Park Avenue. (Remember the mess?)

The City spent roughly \$62,600.00. \$33,000 was also spent to repair the Camp House building. Although the repairs took some time and "negotiation", the City is to be commended for sound engineering, good construction, and sensitivity to the historical nature of the structures.

Thank you City of Richmond, Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Urban Forestry and all the troops, for the full measure of repairs, for upgrading the appearance of the park's infrastructure, and for moving us all closer to maintaining higher standards in Bryan Park !



Two Big Work Parties in Park

"Better Together" Work Project, Saturday, March 25th 9am until... (Raindate April 1)

Volunteers from the Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church and neighborhood businesses are organizing clean-up and landscaping improvements at the Bryan Park Avenue entrance to the park, just west of Westlake Avenue, near the spillway between the upper and lower ponds.

Karen Azzarone, a church member and landscape designer (Garden Style Inc.) has recommended opening a handicap-accessible pedestrian entrance diagonal to the existing yellow gate, providing a paved walkway into the park. Benches, planting beds, shade trees, and possibly a small gazebo will significantly upgrade the appearance and user-friendliness of Bryan Parkway neighborhood's entrance to historic Bryan Park.

Donations are being solicited through the Friends of Bryan Park and are fully tax-deductible. Volunteer workers are also needed. For more information, visit www.friendsofbryanpark.org or contact Hatcher Baptist Church Associate Pastor Jay Butcher at 266-5640.

Arbor Day Run & Tree Planting Saturday, April 29th
Va Dept of Forestry, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, and others

This will be an exciting day for park runners and families who love the trees and wildlife around the ponds. We'll be starting with an Arbor Day 5K run in the back part of the park, which is isolated from vehicular traffic. This begins at 8am, is limited to 200 runners, and should be finished by 9am. Entry fee is \$15, and registration forms can be downloaded from the FoBP web site. Proceeds will go to planting trees in City spaces, such as public housing, community parks or centers, schools, a Southside park, etc. Following the race, we will have a public tree planting and establish several riparian planting zones around the southern shore of the Park's upper pond. This will include some big trees (possibly planted just before the event) and riparian seedlings to be planted by children and parents. We may also install some fencing to protect the planted buffer zones from beavers and mowers. We hope these activities will include a small ceremony, recognizing the City's commitment to urban forestry and tree planting, and a presentation of a Tree City USA flag to the City and FoBP.

Volunteers are needed to help with the race and to supervise the tree planting for the riparian buffer. Please contact Chuck Epes at epes.family@verizon.net or John Zeugner at 288-5005 or jjzeugner@comcast.net.

