

Bryan Park Disc Golf

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located just down the hill from the cars. Finally, I should remind everyone this disc golf course winds through areas of the park that are enjoyed by everyone. Joggers, hikers, dog walking, fishing, picnicking, etc.; all take place throughout the park, and these fairways are not the exclusive domain of the disc golfer. Most disc golfers are aware of this, as most courses are in public parks. It is not at all uncommon to wait if other people are walking through, or even skip a hole if picnics or other activities are going on in a certain area. Come out and enjoy the game, but be polite and respectful of others. The park is for everyone to enjoy.



Magnolia Trees Donated to BP

Long-time Friend of Bryan Park Joan Gates donated 3 magnolias to the park, which are part of a magnolia breeding program she has been involved with, using tree stock from Brook Hill and nursery help from Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens. One is a hybrid magnolia, and two are Umbrella magnolias.

The Umbrella magnolia (*Magnolia tripetala*) is a deciduous tree native to the southeastern United States in the Appalachian Mountains region. Umbrella magnolias have large shiny leaves 30-50 cm long, spreading from stout stems. In a natural setting the Umbrella magnolia can grow 15 m tall. The flowers are large, 15-25 cm diameter, with six to nine creamy-white petals and a large red style, which later develops into a red fruit 10 cm long, containing several red seeds.



Fifth Annual Richmond Vegetarian Festival held in Bryan Park

Saturday, June 23rd – Five thousand attend, have great time in Bryan Park's Azalea Gardens!

Eagle Scout Provides Four Fine Benches

Mr. John Henry, an Eagle Scout with Boy Scout Troop 400, based in St Paul's Church Downtown, contributed four handsome benches to Bryan Park during the winter. He researched the design, raised contributions for the materials, and enlisted friends to help install them around the lower pond. Not only are they solid & durable, but they offer great views of the pond and attract enthusiasts regularly. John is pictured standing, third from left. Great job, John!



Helen Bryan Norman Memorial Grove Dedication

Standing beside the granite memorial marker, Bryan Family and friends gather for the dedication on November 10th, 2006. The 12 red maples and circular benches all look great. Sincere thanks to all those who contributed so generously, and to the Friends who are watering them regularly.



Spring Clean-ups

Friends of Bryan Park held five cleanups in the late winter and spring, cleaning trash out of the Upham Brook and Jordans Branch flood plains, weeding and remulching the wildflower garden, and buying cobblestones for the "Better Together" garden.



FoBP gets Grant and Work Parties from HFC and Beneficial

This spring, FoBP was contacted by a group looking to get involved with a community service project. Representatives from Richmond area Household Financial Corporation were interested in coming into Bryan Park for team-building and volunteering opportunities.

Through their parent company, HSBC, a \$2,500 grant was awarded to FoBP, to support several work parties. For the first one, on Saturday, May 12th, a crew of 14 from the Richmond area HFC renovated and cleaned-up Shelter #3. The enthusiastic group cleaned, re-graveled and mulched the entire area, making it look brand new! A good picnic wrapped up the fine day. It is likely that several more work parties will be scheduled with these great teams.