

Focus on Bryan Park

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The Newsletter of The Friends of Bryan Park - Dedicated to the Preservation and Improvement of Bryan Park

Azalea Garden Pond Restoration Begins

The centerpiece of the Azalea Garden, this pond was built in the early 60s, in an area which probably was a small spring. For the past 60 years, the fountain used potable City water 24/7, 8 months per year, all draining into nearby creeks. **Friends of Bryan Park (FoBP)** felt this was a waste of a precious resource, so in 2018 we asked Parks and Recreation to operate the fountain only while the Gardens were blooming and open for public drive-throughs (April to mid-May).

Then we discussed the installation of a solar-powered recirculating pump, to reduce algae and duckweed growth, thus improving pond health. Last year we determined that the area would need more power than solar could provide. In December, FoBP and the Park Manager met with Dominion Power, to get an estimated cost for burying a power line to the Pond, carrying enough voltage to allow for future facilities, such as a gazebo. The Parks and Rec Department agreed to the concept, and FoBP felt the project estimate, \$24,500, was within reach....

When the Farmers Market suddenly moved into the Garden area in early 2020, we jump-started the restoration project. FoBP has hired SOLitude Lake Management to consult; the firm is highly-regarded, also managing a large pond nearby.

Step one called for removing the duckweed and algae. SOLitude started with an eco-safe chemical to clear the pond scum, a name often used. Thankfully, the application did not harm the turtles and frogs! Next, the pond water chemistry was analyzed, which will allow us to reestablish the optimal aquatic environment.

This Winter and Spring we hope to bring power to the pond, then wire the recirculating pump for the fountain-jet, followed by the installation of bubblers by late Spring.

Hopefully, we'll have it all renovated by the spring. We expect that the 'white noise' from the fountain should mask highway noise and make the area more attractive ! GrowRVA will add picnic tables, we'll add benches and additional landscaping, making it a magnet for park users. Plus, we'll improve the pond habitat with better sunning platforms for turtles (imagine tropical islands) and ramps for frogs, and other attractive features. We invite your involvement and support.



Pond Scum before treatment



Pond after treatment



TEXT A DONATION TO OUR POND RESTORATION PROGRAM:

– enter 44321, then enter BRYANPARK !

To assist with funding the project, the **FoBP** and the City launched a fundraising program through **GIVE LIVELY**, a platform for non-profits that enables direct text donations. Our goal is \$25,000. Fortunately, we recently received a large donation from a Bryan family member which will immediately bring our fundraising within \$5,000 of our goal ! We want to encourage friends and neighbors to consider larger gifts, which could be recognized with historic benches, memorial trees, and more.

For larger tax-deductible giving opportunities, please contact us directly through our website (www.friendsofbryanpark.org)

If you love Bryan Park, text 44321 to make a tax-deductible donation.

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South of the James Farmers' Market moves to Bryan Park - will stay open through Winter !

The South of the James Farmers' Market, located in Forest Hill Park for more than a decade, experienced growing objections from the neighborhood, and public safety concerns about social distancing this spring due to COVID-19 regulations.

Richmond's Parks Department, tasked with finding an alternative location, realized that Bryan Park's Azalea Gardens loop roads would offer a much better location. The area was underutilized; there were no neighbors to inconvenience; and the paved roads with adjacent grassy areas would be better for vendors and visitors than the gravel lot in Forest Hill Park. Additional advantages included better regional access roads, two entrance roads serving the Park, the nearby Shelter #3 parking lot, options for biking into the park, and the natural beauty of the gardens would be ideal for the vendors and attractive for shoppers and visitors to spend more time in. Plus, more visitors would discover the many attractions of Bryan Park and possibly support the **Friends of Bryan Park's** park improvements.

GrowRVA's owners, Doug and Karen Grisevich, are very impressed with their new location, and they, like many, have fallen in love with Bryan Park. **FoBP** set up an information and outreach table among the vendors during the summer, and many admitted that they had never been in Bryan Park – new converts!

GrowRVA has received permission to extend its market activities into the Winter of 2021, so please plan to do your Holiday shopping there: foods, sweets and beverages, decorations, craft items and great gifts! Remember, buying from local vendors and farmers sustains and reinvests in small businesses, ensuring the availability of finding fresh and healthy foods, locally made and baked, and new and niche products, such as arts and crafts goods, kombucha and coffees, food trucks and dog-treats!



Hot coffee, food trucks and picnic tables await your visit

The Market is open Saturdays from 7:30A -8:30A for pre-orders, which are picked-up by car only, using the Bellevue Ave entrance. The Market then opens to pedestrian customers from 9 – 11:45 AM, with entrance from Hermitage Road. Follow signs or head to soccer fields, park on the left and walk over to the Azalea loop.



80 plus vendors set up for Saturday morning

Masks and social distancing are required, but plan to meet some friends there, to wander and explore, enjoy the hot drinks, food trucks and ala carte, and find a picnic table! The perfect way to start a Saturday!

For more information on the market (including vendors) go to their website; growrva.com.

Bryan Park Update

Hello, friends and neighbors. This is an update from Friends of Bryan Park, the non-profit volunteer group that works with the City's Parks and Recreation Department to improve Joseph Bryan Park, help with funding support, is active with cleaning the Park's active and natural areas, and promotes Nature education and exploration. We also work with other park user-groups, such as the Richmond Audubon Club, Bluebird Trail Builders, the Virginia Master Naturalists, to restore the Park's native habitats.

We have not produced a newsletter for in a long time, so we want to bring you up-to-date on various Bryan Park activities and projects.

As some of you know, the park suffered extensive damage from late night vandalism in early 2019. The most significant damage occurred in the **Stone Camp House** above the sledding hill, the **bathrooms by Shelter #1**, and in the **'Keepers House (Gatekeepers House)**. Friends of Bryan Park urged the City to replace the 1950s restrooms with a state-of-the-art pre-fabricated restroom, which they will install in February! Currently, engineers are designing the foundation pad to which the unit will be connected. We hope to have the structure open by spring.

Also, in March of '19, the City closed the **Nature Center** (the former Shelter # 2), for lack of a Certificate of Occupancy. Unfortunately, this resulted in the cessation of the regular education programs we had been offering continually for 5 years. Building inspectors required Parks and Rec to draw new plans for the retrofitted building. We hope the building will reopen next spring or Summer, for programs and community use, home-schoolers and day-camping.

You may recall the adage of trouble coming in threes. In mid-summer last year, the **water line** serving the Nature Center failed. With the heat and drought, this could have crippled the Native Plant and Pollinator gardens thriving there, sustained by the Riverine Virginia Master Naturalists. Fortunately, FoBP trucked water there every week and the dedicated VMNs hand-watered the beds to keep everything alive. A new water line is being engineered to reconnect water to the Nature Center and the long-shuttered rest rooms nearby. We hope to see both reopen by Spring or Summer 2021.

Fortunately, there is plenty of good news in Bryan Park as well. Citizen's use of Bryan Park continues to grow, and because of the quarantine, we have seen more families walking, picnicking and playing together. We also saw a big increase in walkers during all hours: individuals, small groups, and families – and the dog-walkers never let up!

To provide additional educational opportunities while the schools were closed, we reached out to parents, children and home-schoolers with two educational **Nature Bingo** game cards (see page 10 ; we printed more of our **Self-guided History Walking Tour** pamphlet and our **Tree Identification** booklet (*See our FoBP website to download all these materials !*)

Plus, the steady growth of the **Farmers Market** in the **Azalea Gardens** continues to draw larger numbers: 2,000 to 4,000 people each Saturday (9 AM to 12 Noon). With the careful reopening of the Park's soccer fields in September, the park is full to the brim! The parking lots are full, and many are parking on the grass (not legal) or in distant parts of the park. Disc golf play is busier than ever, with more people fishing, more people riding the trails in the woods, and more people with binoculars and cameras. If some of you had concerns about their personal safety in Bryan Park a few years ago, there is no need for worry these days – the Park is filled with wholesome activities!



Photo by Stacy H

Bryan Park Update (Cont'd from pg.3)

Many other park maintenance and improvements proceed without much fanfare. We donated \$6,000 to rehabilitate the greenhouse behind the 'Keepers House'. It was built by the City in the late 2000s, but it was mainly a shell which had fallen into disrepair. FoBP added an automatic overhead sprinkler system, replaced the heaters and exhaust fans, and contributed a shade cloth to moderate the heat during the summer. We have encouraged the City's Community Gardening program to use the facility, and we have given a nice starter endowment to them for germinating tables, plants and flowers, and outreach into underserved neighborhoods. *Special thanks to the Franciscos, the Millers, and an anonymous group for their generous support !*

Disc Golfers continue to play in Bryan Park from dawn to dusk, and in October, children's soccer league practice resumes on weekdays, tournament games are held on Saturdays, and the adult Central Virginia Soccer Association (which paid for and built the fields in the late 1990's) competes on Sundays.



Greenhouse after irrigation installed; fans, heaters and sunscreen up and running.



Beaming volunteers near the Nature Center, in other park floodplains, and around the ponds remove dozens of bags of trash and from our waterways. .

mask and social distance! There is also a NEW self-serve trash pick-up station near Shelter # 1, with pick-up sticks, gloves and trash bags for your use. Teach your kids good habits or help clean the environment while enjoying our trails and waterways, and cleaning the Chesapeake Bay! You WILL feel better afterwards!

FoBP still does its regular watershed clean-ups, collecting contractor-sized bags full of Styrofoam, bottles, cans, plastic bags, fast-food packaging, and much more. You should resolve to join one of our clean-ups to see how careless and wasteful many are – and yes, we



Anything that floats gets swept-up by stormwater, and heads for the Bay. Bryan Parks vegetated floodplains snag the trash and make clean up easy, and FUN, believe it or not! .



Many bags of trash, several tires and a broken shopping cart all hear for the landfill.

If you love the Park, you should give back to the park!



Students from JTCC Prof Emswiler's environment class regularly volunteer with our clean-ups. Marvel at Lindsey's boldness and sense of balance !

Many Honor Adolf White, Godfather of Park's Purple Martin Colony

Purple Martins (*Progne subis*) are amazing birds. They are large, socially-oriented swallows, they like living in aerial apartments, they eat insects that swarm around ponds, and make a 7,000 mile migration twice each year. They also captivate a certain kind of bird-watcher, dubbed 'purple maniacs' ...perhaps because they can be studied as individuals and families, leaving and returning each year, each to their own homes.

Bryan Park has been home to three Purple Martin colonies since 2011, when a retired Richmond schoolteacher, Adolph White, installed the high-rise condos for them by Lower Young's Pond. You may have seen him, an dignified and gregarious man, tending to the houses, playing recordings of Purple Martin 'morning songs' to attract them to move in, and taking notes as they arrive every spring like clockwork. They are his passion.

But Mr White is an amazing person too. He grew up in rural Surry County; he spent as much time as possible in the outdoors; he studied nature, loved to draw it and paint its wildlife, and wrote stories and illustrated them. He loved to read and was a good student – he was awarded a full scholarship to VA Union University; then became a teacher of English and French, most of those years with the Richmond City Schools.



Adolph White holds Friend of Nature Award



Adolph (second row in white shirt) with his family

He says his gift for languages enables him to understand bird song, especially that of purple martins. He has taught birders, naturalists, and curious citizens about their unusual lives; artistically illustrated their life cycles, social structures, and migration adventures, and never tired of listening to their community news and gossip. In recent years, purple martin populations have been significantly reduced by loss of habitat (ie development) . In fact, many Purple Martineers say that the fate of the birds is in the hands of their landlords. If Birders and park groups will provide special housing for them, with screens protecting the homes from predators, and barriers on the poles to stop climbing critters, the birds will move in, if lured by Purple Martin birdsong, and return every year.

This year, with COVID restrictions and those of us over 65 being at-risk, Adolph White has decided to step back from his weekly involvement with the Purple Martins. There are some purple maniacs who are interested in maintaining the colony in Bryan Park, but we need to find folks who will be as committed and as passionate as Adolph was. We'll be seeking them out while the birds are wintering in the Brazilian rainforests.

A surprise celebration for Adolph has held on Sunday, August 2nd 2020, after the Richmond Audubon Society's monthly first Sunday birding walk. Adolph, his family, and many friends gathered at the Princeton Creek picnic area to see him presented with a **Friend of Nature** award, honoring his "dedication to and care of Purple Martins", his "using his creativity to educate folks of all ages about the charming birds", and "applaud his lifelong love of the earth's wonders".

Stories were told, gifts were given, and Adolph was showered with love. He was emotional and grateful, and spoke of his love for the birds and the many fine people he has met over the decades who share his passion for the purple birds. Refreshments, sweets, and Purple Martin mementos and presents were exchanged – even a *Gone to the Birds* T-shirt from the original Purple Martin festivals in Shockoe Bottom 2008-2012. Family and friends took pictures, and promised to meet again, hopefully without masks, when the purple martins return to Bryan park – between March 15th and April 1st. Congratulations and best wishes, Adolph !



Purple Martins and homes

For more info, pls go to purplemartin.org

VCU Urban Planning Class Develops Vision Master Plan for Bryan Park

In the Spring of 2019, nine Graduate School Planning students, under the direction of Prof. James Smithers, came to Bryan Park to evaluate the Park's strengths, opportunities, and make "outside the box" recommendations for its future.

They brought in new eyes and were encouraged to reach for the sky, with the understanding that some of their concepts might take decades to implement, and some would never happen – but why not dream big?

They created a plan of five Goals and Objectives:

1. Improve and Standardize Signage & wayfinding in Park
2. Protect and Elevate Park's Natural Resources
3. Emphasize & Interpret Park History; develop a memorial to Gabriel Prosser; identify the Young's Spring area and begin an annual commemoration event around August 30th.
4. Improve Passive Amenities - Improve access to **Nature Center**; renovate **Azalea Gardens** by restoring the pond; orient bed revitalization around that, and create other gathering spaces in park.
5. Add Active Amenities - Install a slash pad near playground, improve trails and pathways in Park (especially between **Camp House** and **Soccer** fields); install a fitness course or a walking trail; and start a community garden.



Citizens explore detailed drawings of the Bryan Park Vision Master Plan

The VCU class also made recommendations for a wide range of specific park improvements, such as Improving the mainentrance to Bryan Park, converting the Shelter # 3 parking lot to manage stormwater run-off, clean the discharge and plant trees to reduce the heat island effect, improve the appearance of the facility, and soften a hardscape!

The students also noticed that the main entrance for many City residents is by the Bellevue Bridge, which is unattractive and unwelcoming. They suggested some conceptual improvements ...





Sign View Bellevue Entrance

Landscaping, lighting, a bike lane and a better sidewalk would help access and safety. A prominent entrance sign, or colorful flags or banners, would make the main entrance more inviting! Wouldn't this be a huge improvement, for the park and for the farmers market?

The students were very interested in the history pertaining to **Gabriel Prosser's** planning his insurrection at **Young's Spring**, in the northeast corner of Bryan Park. Several of their class sketched a possible monument to be constructed nearby.

Many other interesting ideas are presented in the Plan. Most include graphic illustrations the students developed, and many are thought-provoking. Which ones do you like the best? Which should be priorities for funding?

Their entire Vision Plan can be downloaded from our website:
<https://friendsofbryanpark.org/pages/whats-new-at-bryan-park.php>

Keep Virginia Beautiful Awards Park Recycling Grant

This summer, Friends of Bryan Park was awarded a grant from Keep Virginia Beautiful, to start a pilot Recycling program. Hopefully, you have seen the tall blue recycling bins – there are now 5 in the park. We have already seen a big change in the quantity of bottles and cans previously trashed. Now, we are collecting about 350 bottles and cans per week, finding only



5 Recycling bins purchased for use in the Park

moderate amounts of trash mixed in. If we can encourage more people to recycle, and put all their trash in the trash cans, we will have a much greener park, and happier park users!

And immense thanks are due to the **River City Disc Golfers** for volunteering to take over the recycling program! Help do them and do the

Park a huge favor: put all the recyclables in the blue bins, and please, place all your trash in the trash cans, not in whatever bin is nearby. Show that you are smarter and want to make Bryan Park a leader in efficient environmental sustainability.



River City Disc Golfer Beth collecting cans from recycling bin – this Lady has True Grit! Don't you want to help keep Bryan Park clean and green?

Riverine Va Master Naturalists Restoring Native Habitats

The Riverine Chapter of the Virginia Master Naturalists are unstoppable! During the Winter and Spring, they cleared the upper pond riparian buffer of invasive vines and created two new native planting areas: Gabriel's Prairie and a stand of sassafras just west of the Jordans' Branch Bridge. Their next work area is clearing the thickets growing northwest of the bridge and replanting it with natives. They welcome gardeners and volunteers!

The **Riverines** are committed to two other major initiatives in the Park: regular stream and floodplain cleanups, which is a monthly event organized and led by **FoBP**. Regularly scheduled for the last Saturday of each month, it will resume in early 2021, if we are comfortable with maintaining social distances and other Covid protocols.



Riverines in front of cleaned up riparian buffer at Upper Pond



Getting rid of the vines that harm the trees

The **Riverines** have also been attacking the park's invasives for the past decade with **FoBP**, corporate volunteers and our **RVA goats**! The Park has been invaded by many types of invasive plants: trees, shrubs, vines and brambles. Last summer, we discovered a two acre area in one of the Park's forests being devoured by kudzu, "aka: the vine that ate the South", a Japanese climbing vine which grows a foot per day. We are sending our goats in to make a dent in the problem area, but we will need to work there for several more years to eventually eliminate it and be sure it won't return.



A Fowlers Toad LOVES living in in one of the Park's native plant bed -- photo by Riverine Jean Hollings



Milkweed: A symbiotic relationship with Monarch butterflys

FoBP and the **Riverines** are launching a Native Resources restoration Task Force, much like the one started in the James River Park system to eradicate invasive plants. We will map a general inventory of where the most aggressive invasives are, after which we will approach our eradication efforts methodically. We will keep you posted on this program !

Last Minute News Flash – 150 native plants just donated to Bryan Park’s Gabriel’sPrairie

Beth Farmer, the owner of Garden Gate Landscape and Design LLC, has run a well-known and highly regarded Native Plant Nursery in Bowling Green for the past 11 years. She has always been the first choice for unusual native trees and shrubs, pollinator plants, grasses and sedges, and she has been a constant fountain of knowledge about natives, rare plants, and optimal growing conditions.



This year, she decided to close her business, and many are sad to see her go. This past month, she contacted our Riverines and donated 150 native plants to be planted in Bryan Park. They immediately thought of the sunny banks of the upper pond, where Gabriel’s Prairie is taking shape!

A dozen Riverines worked very hard, finding the perfect spots for them. Surely, there will be an explosion of glorious plants and blossoms in the next growing season!

Thank you Beth, from our hearts, for this very generous and beautiful gift. We wish you the very best health, and abundant sunshine in your retirement and future adventures!



Bryan Park’s Natural Weed-Eaters – RVA Goats



Photo by Mark Gormus – Times Dispatch

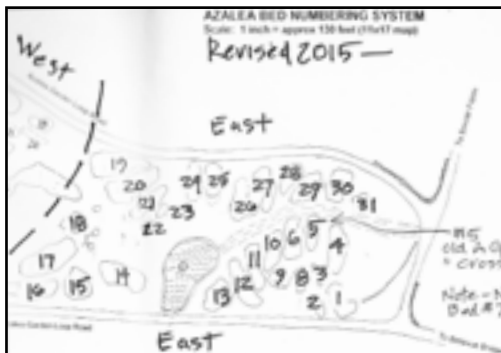
This summer, Friends of Bryan Park hired RVA Goats to eat invasive plants and vines in the Azalea Gardens and in our kudzu patch, to the west of the azalea gardens triangle. We also had them eating in beds near the Farmers Market, so our younger guests could see how cute and friendly they all are.



Photo By Kristi Orcutt

Hopefully, by next year, social distancing won’t be such an imperative concern, and we can re-open the petting zoo.

Azalea Gardens Needs Volunteers



We also have a very friendly group of 6 or 8 gardeners who are cleaning the azalea beds again. We have are focused on revitalizing the beds in the **Azalea Garden Pond** vicinity. Seventeen acres of azalea beds is too much for even an army to maintain. Not only are most of the azaleas 60-plus years old, but our climate is hotter and dryer, the irrigation system is unsalvageable, and the invasives are relentless. So, let’s refocus our efforts around the Pond, and adopt the beds in just the eastern section of the park. Join us to clean the 31 beds around the fountain pond, and enjoy being outdoors and gardening.

Interested in helping? Please see our website!

President's Corner

John Zeugner, AICP



These past three years have brought important changes to Bryan Park; in 2017, Chris Frelke was hired as the new Director of Parks and Recreation, and Parks employee Dan Bremner was moved into Bryan Park as its Supervisor in mid-2018, both great things for Bryan Park.

The extensive vandalism in early 2019 threw us all off last year. 2019 was the 25th Anniversary of the founding of Friends of Bryan Park, a good reason for celebrating. But with the bathrooms demolished, the Camp House trashed, the Nature Center closed and the water service to it broken, the Board decided to get back to work instead. We'll celebrate when all four projects are completed, and we can eat ice cream without wearing masks!

I also want to highlight some of our accomplishments over the past 25 years:

- In 1994, Richmond's city manager wanted to build a golf course in Bryan Park. Most City and County residents wanted the 266 acres to remain open and accessible, with its forests and historic structures intact. FoBP developed a competing plan, based on recreation for all ages. President Chuck Epes found the Central Va Soccer Assn (CVSA) willing to raise the \$450,000 to build the complex. It opened in 1998, and it is a huge hit with players and families. Also early on, FoBP convinced the Parks Dept to close off the back parts of the Park with the yellow gates, to create a large vehicle-free zone and curtail the cruising, drinking and illicit behavior that ruined the Park for use by families.
- In 1999, another major threat arose. VDOT, wanting to reduce accidents on I-95 south at the I-95 1-64 West split, proposed tearing down the Bellevue Bridge, the main means of access to the Park for City residents. This proposed construction project would also have obliterated 5 acres of the Azalea Gardens southeastern end to build a fly-over from southbound I-95, UP AND OVER the "spaghetti bowl", to merge with I-64 heading east, adjacent to the rail-road yards. The City had already signed off on the removal of Bellevue Bridge! Friends of Bryan Park sounded the alarm and worked with VDOT for 20 months to find a better solution. Every time you use that Bridge, or enjoy the intact east end of the Azalea Gardens, thank the Friends that it is still there!
- In 1996, FoBP raised \$25,000 to build the Park's first playground. We also wrote the Parks Self Guided Walking History tour.
- In 2003, FoBP placed Bryan Park on the state and federal National Register of Historic places and we published its Illustrated History of Joseph Bryan Park.
- FoBP fought two hostile attempts to move the Mounted Police squad into Bryan Park, in violation of the Bryan Family's deed of gift. The horses would have stayed behind a secure compound at the Nature Center, miles from where they are needed, in downtown, Browns Island, Capitol Square, etc.
- In 2005 FoBP received a \$27,500 grant to help build bathrooms for the soccer complex. Sadly, other funding fell through. This will now help rehab the Nature Center restrooms
- In 2010, FoBP organized a Centennial Celebration of the Park, with a day full of music, exhibits and food, and we buried a time capsule. We also revived our one-man play about Gabriel's attempted insurrection, which played for several weeks that summer.
- In 2012, FoBP worked with the City to convert Shelter 2 into the Nature Center for environmental education; it opened in 2014. The Va Master Naturalists have been restoring the natural native habitats there for the past six years.
- In 2015, FoBP acquired 6.5 acres of forested property in Henrico County, adjacent to the Nature Center which was planned for development as 34 pre-fab townhouses. We feared unruly activity and fires in the park after dark, and the disintegration of the Park's Nature Preserve. We placed a conservation easement on the property in 2017 to ensure a permanent wooded buffer on the Park's northwestern area, next to Cadmus Printing.
- FoBP regularly replants and beautifies various public areas of the park and continues to work in the Azalea gardens.

Lastly, NONE of this would be possible without the dedicated and highly motivated **Friends of Bryan Park Board of Directors**, and our many volunteers! Thank you ALL !

Dogs in Bryan Park

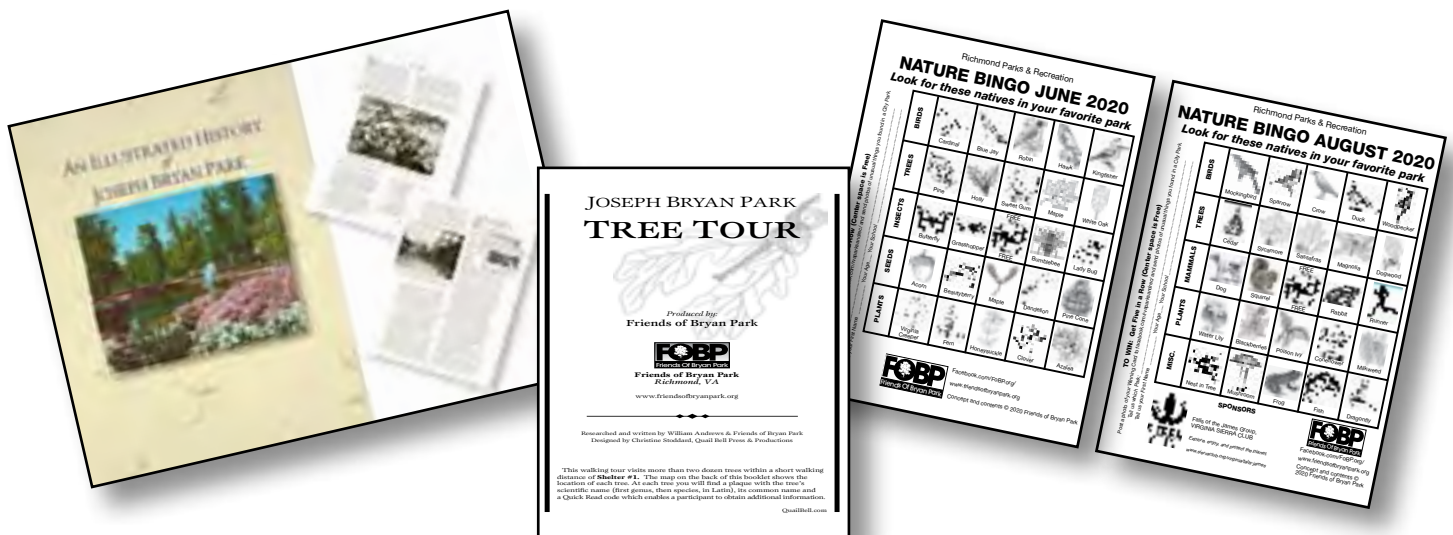
There are three City Ordinances pertaining to dogs in Bryan Park:

1. All dogs in the Park MUST be on a leash AT ALL TIMES. WE experience several dog fights in the Park per year, caused by off-leash dogs. Often, at least one person and/or dog is hurt, and it is traumatizing to everyone involved. Why spoil the wonderful experience of walking in the park with your best buddies and have to worry about unruly and dangerous dogs? Why risk a law suit or City fines? Be a good citizen and a good pet-owner and keep your furry friends on a leash. **Don't forget that the Northside Dog Park is less than two miles away, located at the end of Forest Lawn Dr. behind Henderson Middle School. It is listed in the top 5 dog parks in RVA, and it has a fenced in, off-leash area for all dogs, and a separate, enclosed area for smaller dogs and puppies. The park is open to neutered/spayed dogs with responsible owners. Feel free to bring your canine friends and enjoy free runs, fair play, and socializing.**
2. NO dogs are allowed in the Azalea Gardens and NO dogs are permitted on the Soccer Fields. With all the other wide-open areas, why let your dog urinate and or defecate where children and adults play and roll on the ground? In the Azalea Gardens, if your dog does its business, our Azalea Garden volunteers are working with their hands or are on hands and knees, just where your dog has gone. These volunteers are maintaining the park you take for granted! You should be ashamed.
3. ALL pet owners must pick up after their pets. Not only is pet waste a health hazard on the ground, but with rain it runs off into our waterways, promotes the growth of e coli bacteria, and is toxic to people and animals. We have doggie-bag stations in the park, and you can always bring your own bags! "Picking up" after your pet is a responsibility of dog ownership and the law. Don't be surprised if you get a citation, and possibly community service for your offense.

Don't be a neanderthal ! Do the right thing !

If you love the park, keep it safe and keep it clean!

FoBP provides many educational materials for learning about Bryan Park and its wildlife, habitats and ecology. For more information please visit www.FriendsOfBryanPark.org



Please visit our website to get more involved with other projects and areas in Bryan Park. Visit our Facebook page, Friends of Bryan Park for current information on our activities and projects.

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