

# CROMWELL VALLEY PARK

# Down on the Farm

## Spring, 2010

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- Educational Programs •Seasonal Programs
- Community Supported Agriculture
- Community Service Projects
- Bird Watching •Habitat Restoration
- Hiking Trails •Summer Day Camp



### GET INVOLVED!

### The Cromwell Valley Park Council NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Council has a big job at the Park, not only as a resource to the Park Staff and the County in helping to establish priorities and providing funding for programs, but also in the hands-on work of planning and staffing events and providing volunteer help for the programs themselves.

Much of this work is accomplished through committees that are defined in the Council bylaws. Standing Committees include Programs, Finance, Volunteers, Buildings and Grounds, and Communications. It is important that these working groups and the Board itself have new blood and new insight to keep our organization fresh and productive.

We are constantly looking for ways to improve our ability to serve our community through programs and events, and that means finding better ways to reach out and attract others to help in these efforts.

If you think you might be interested in the work that these committees do, or If you, yourself, are looking for fulfilling volunteer opportunities, consider coming out to the Park. Call the Park Office at 410.887.2503 Monday through Friday between 9 AM & 2PM. Variety abounds!



## Schedule of Events

### BECOME A MEMBER OF THE CROMWELL VALLEY PARK COUNCIL AND ENJOY MONEY SAVING BENEFITS ON DESIGNATED PROGRAMS

See page 7 for application form

**Saturday, March 6 at 10:30 AM to 12 PM**

**Maple Sugarin'** - Maple trees have been "tapped" for hundreds of years to produce syrup and sugar for our tables. Join us to "tap" a tree and learn when and how the sap can be boiled into syrup for our pancakes and waffles. Ages 5+ with a parent. Reservations required. \$2 members/\$4 non-members. *Willow Grove Farm Nature Ed. Center*



**Saturday, March 6 at 1 PM to 2 PM**

**Family Storytime-*Reptiles Are My Life*, by Megan McDonald.** Finally! A storytime designed for both parents & kids. Enjoy listening to this story & interact with a live animal. Use teamwork in a game & work together on a craft. Ages 4-7 with parent. Siblings welcomed! Reservations required. \$2 members/\$4 non-members. *Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center*



**Wednesday's, Starting March 10 at 4 PM to 5:30 PM**

Calling all 4th thru 6th graders!

### JOIN THE AFTER SCHOOL HAWK CLUB!

We will meet on Wednesday's March 10 & 24, April 7 & 21, May 5 & 19 at 4 to 5:30 PM. Give your child the opportunity to expand their imaginations and knowledge as they explore the wonders of nature while learning what we can do to help protect our Earth. Make sure your child dresses for the weather and is wearing shoes to hike in. This is a drop off program - parents are not required to attend. \$15 members/\$20 non-members. *Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center*



## Registration Information

Reservations are required for all programs, unless otherwise specified. Payment must be made within 5 business days of your reservation, or the reservation will be yielded to the waiting list. All payments are donations and non-refundable unless CVP cancels the program. To make your reservations, please call the Park Office: 410.887.2503, TDD: 410.877.5319, or Email us at [info@cromwellvalleypark.org](mailto:info@cromwellvalleypark.org). All programs & events are rain or shine unless a rain date is specified. Program leaders will call registered participants ONLY in the event of cancellation at least 1 hour before program start. **Make checks payable to: Cromwell Valley Park Council (CVPC). Mailing Address: Cromwell Valley Park, 2002 Cromwell Bridge Road, Baltimore, MD 21234.** These programs are designed for individuals & families. They are not designed to provide childcare. Therefore, parents should discuss attendance expectations with their children. Park staff cannot detain youth wishing to leave at any time. If you would like to arrange a program for a group or an organization, please contact the Park Office between 9 AM & 2 PM. Children under 13 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Should you require special accommodations (i.e., language interpreter, large print, etc.) please give as much notice as possible by calling the Park Office, or the Therapeutic Office at 410.887.5370.

# Schedule of Events Continued

**Saturday, March 13 at 10 AM to 12 PM**



**Cromwell Rocks** - Enjoy a hands-on program exploring our quarries & lime kilns & learn how geology influenced the history & development of Cromwell Valley. Ages 7 to Adult. Reservations required. \$2 members/\$4 non-members. *Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center*

**Saturday, March 13 at 1 PM to 2 PM**

**Family Storytime - Rabbits & Raindrops by Jim Arnosky**

Finally! A storytime designed for both parents & kids. Enjoy listening to this story & interact with a live animal. Use teamwork in a challenge or game & work together on a craft. Ages 4-7 with parent. Siblings welcomed! Reservations required. \$2 members/\$4 non-members. *Willow Grove Nature Education Center*



**Wednesday's, Starting March 17 at 4 PM to 5:30 PM**  
**Calling all 1st thru 3rd graders!**

**JOIN THE AFTER SCHOOL F.O.X. CLUB!**

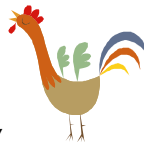
We will meet on Wednesday's March 17 & 31, April 14 & 28, May 12 & 26 from 4 to 5:30 PM at the Willow Grove Farm. We will explore a different nature or farm theme with a brief lesson, hands-on games or crafts & outdoor exploration. Parents are welcome to share in the fun & exploration, but not required to attend. The children should dress for the weather, including sturdy shoes. \$15 members/\$20 non-members.



*Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center*

**Saturday, March 20 at 2 PM to 4 PM**

**Spring Chickens** - Come down on the farm to learn about the new EGGciting addition to the Park CSA, the chickens! Meet & greet the chickens, play games to learn more about their behavior, how their role helps aid in keeping the CSA a sustainable organic farm & even get to dissect an egg! All ages. Reservations required. \$2 members/\$4 non-members. *Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center*



**Saturday, March 20 at 7:30 to 9 PM**

**Wet and Wild** - The froggies are a-callin'! Come for a night hike to learn the who, what, when, where and why of frog calls & their spring reproduction. Ages 6+ with a parent. Reservations required. \$2 members/\$4 non-members. *Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center*



**Monday, March 22 at 9 AM**  
**Summer Camp Lottery Day**  
**See page 11 for more details**

**Starting Friday, March 26 at 10 AM to 12 PM**

**Homeschool Garden Club** - How does your garden grow? You'll learn how in this hands-on class on the basics of vegetable & native plant gardening from the ground up. Raise your own cool weather crops & earn 30 minutes of service learning hours each session. We'll meet on alternate Friday's - March 26 & April 9, 23 & May 7, 21. Homeschoolers age 10 to 18. Registration required \$20 members/ \$25 non-members for 5 sessions. *Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center*



**Saturday, March 27 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM**  
**Animal Encounter: Reptiles** - Join us for an up-close look at some native & exotic species of reptiles. We'll learn about these often misunderstood creatures & how amazing they really are. All ages. Reservations required. \$2 members/\$4 non-members. *Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center*



**Saturday, April 3 at 10 AM to 12 PM**  
**Easter Egg Hunt**  
**See page 4 for more details.**



**Saturday, April 10 at 10 AM to 12 PM**  
**Trail Day** - Groups & individuals are invited to work with the CVP Trail Club to maintain & improve trails in the Park. Help clear trails & prevent erosion to keep our trails in tip top condition. Ages 13+. Reservations NOT required. *Sherwood Farm*

**Starting Saturday, April 10 at 10 AM to 11 AM**  
**Nature, Mom & Me Comes to Saturday's!**



Sign up for all 4 classes & share with your child the joy, excitement & sense of wonder that comes with exploring our natural world. We will meet on April 10 & 24, May 22 & June 5. Each class you & your pre-schooler will investigate a different nature or farm topic through hands-on activities, stories, crafts & hikes. Ages 3-6. Reservations required. \$12 members/\$15 non-members. *Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center*

**Starting Wednesday, April 14 at 10 AM to 11 AM**

**Nature Mom & Me Wednesday's!** - Sign up for all 6 classes & share with your child the joy, excitement & sense of wonder that comes with exploring our natural world. We will meet on April 14, 21, 28 & May 5, 12, 19. Each week you & your pre-schooler will investigate a different nature or farm topic through hands-on activities, stories, crafts & hikes. Ages 3-6. Reservations required. \$15 members/\$20 non-members. *Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center*



**Saturday, April 17 at 9:30 AM**

**Children's Garden Club Begins!**

Meets twice monthly for ages 5 to 13.

**See page 4 for more details.**

*Children's Garden at Willow Grove Farm*



**Saturday, April 17 at 10 AM to 4 PM**

**Daffodil Festival** - TALMAR Gardens will host it's first ever Daffodil Festival here at CVP. Enjoy live music, food, face painting, nature crafts & more. **See page 9 for more info.** \$5 per car donation. *TALMAR Horticultural Center at Eck Farm*



**Sunday, April 18 at 10 AM to 5 PM**  
**Rain date - Sunday, May 25**



**Art in the Park** - The Cromwell Valley Park Council is pleased to sponsor this show and sale featuring artwork by local and regional artisans working in a variety of media. **See page 5 for more details.** Reservations NOT required. All ages. \$5 per car parking donation. *Sherwood Farm*

# Schedule of Events Continued

**Saturday, April 24 at 11 AM to 12:30 PM**



**Earth Day Celebration** – Come out to the Park & celebrate Earth Day's 40th Anniversary! We'll enjoy our day with some Earth-friendly activities, a scavenger hunt, and a Nature Walk through the Park. All ages. \$2 members/\$4 non-members. Reservations required. *Willow Grove Picnic Area*

**Saturday, May 1 at 10 AM to 11:30 AM**

**Soup's On!** – Join us in the kitchen at the Willow Grove Nature Education Center to share recipes & techniques for making tasty, nutritious soups from scratch, just like "mom's". Ages 18+. Reservations required. \$3 members/\$5 non-members. *Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center*



**Friday, May 7 at 5 PM to Saturday, May 8 at 10 AM**

**Spring Family Campout** – Introduce your family to the camping experience close to home. Will include a night hike and evening campfire. Families should provide their own camping gear BUT, if you need a tent, we may have one for your use. Please BYO supper & breakfast will be provided. Reservations required. **RAINDATE** May 8 to May 9. \$15 per family members/\$20 non-members. *Willow Grove Farm*



**Saturday, May 8 at 9 AM to 11AM**

**Nature Hike for Educators** – Need more understanding to bring nature and habitat projects to your classroom? Bring your questions & join an experienced naturalist for a hike to understand the Park habitats in spring. Adults, especially educators. Reservations required. **FREE!** *Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center*



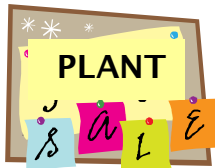
**Saturday, May 8 at 10 AM to 11:30 AM**

**Mother's Day Animal Mommies & Babies** – Some hatch from eggs, some stay close in pouches, some follow Mom in a line, & some go exploring. Join a naturalist to learn about mothers & babies in nature. Make a card & special surprise for mom. Ages 3+. Reservations required. \$2 members/\$4 non-members. *Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center*



**Saturday, May 8 and Sunday, May 9 at 9 AM to 3 PM**

**PLANT SALE!** – Cromwell Valley C.S.A. (CVCSA) & Therapeutic Alternatives of Maryland (TALMAR) share a common home in Baltimore County's Cromwell Valley Park. This Mother's Day weekend the two non-profit organizations will be sharing something else: a fund raising plant sale. **The CSA will be selling a diverse selection of fun & exciting organic heirloom vegetable seedlings. TALMAR will be selling a rainbow of annual flowers and perennial plants and fascinating herb varieties such as chocolate basil.** Stop by the sale for all your spring needs & support two local organic growers! *Sherwood Barn*



**Saturday, May 15 at 11:30 AM to 1 PM**



**Family Storytime & Picnic** - *We're Going on a Picnic*, by Pat Hutchins. Families pack your picnic blankets & a lunch & come to the Park to join other families for games, crafts & picnic. Ages 3+. Reservations required. \$2 members/\$4 non-members. *Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center*

**Wednesday, May 26 at 6:30 PM**

**Sustainable Food Series Begins** - Help us explore the big picture of a shorter food chain. Part 1 of a 4 part course that the CSA will conduct spanning the growing & planting successions of the farm. The course will explore the socioeconomic, environmental & nutritional importance of eating locally, organically & seasonally. Please contact the CSA directly for more details & to reserve your spot at [info@cvcsa.org](mailto:info@cvcsa.org) *Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center*



**Saturday, May 29 at 8 PM to 9 :30 PM**

**Animal Encounter: Nocturnal Animals & Night Hike** - We sleep during the darkness of the night...but not all creatures do. Come & meet some nocturnal animals up close & learn about all their special features. We'll then explore CVP with all our senses at night by going on a hike. Ages 6+. Reservations required. \$2 members/\$4 non-members. *Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center*



**Saturday, June 12 at 10 AM to 12 PM**

**Compost Critters** - Like Insects? Come sort thru our compost to discover the festival of creepy crawlies responsible for turning garden waste & kitchen scraps into useful compost. Learn how compost is made & take a few minutes to help turn, feed & use our compost. Ages 5+. Reservations required. \$2 members/\$4 non-members. *Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center*



**Sunday, June 13 at 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

**The Pumpkin Princess County Ball**  
Cromwell Valley Park Council presents this *Chocolate Chip Cookie Children's Theatre* production. **See page 5 for more details.** *Willow Grove Farm*



**Saturday, June 19 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM**

**Native Americans of Maryland** - Bring Dad out this Father's Day weekend & join us for a program on Native Americans who inhabited Maryland. You'll learn about the many cultural traits of MD tribes & afterwards venture outside so you can try your hand at some Native American tool usage & games! Ages 6+. Reservations required. \$2 members/\$4 non-members. *Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center*



**Saturday Morning Bird Walks**

Join a park volunteer from 8 AM – 10 AM for bird walks on  
March 6th & 20th, April 3rd & 17th,  
May 1st & 15th & 29th  
Call 410.887.2503 for details.  
**Meet at the Willow Grove Farm  
Gravel Parking Lot**



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In case of questionable weather – call the Park office after 9 a.m. ON EVENT DAY for details.  
RESERVATIONS ARE NOT REQUIRED - NO ADULTS ALLOWED IN THE EGG HUNT AREAS

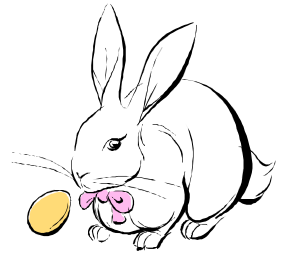


## JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL CVP COUNCIL SPONSORED EASTER EGG HUNT

**Saturday, April 3**

**10 AM - 12 PM**

***Sherwood Farm***



**Make an Easter Bonnet/Hat**

**Visit with the Easter Bunny**

**4-H Rabbit Club Presentation**

**Jelly Bean Counting Contest**

**Family Games**

### Egg Hunt Times

**Ages 3 - 4 10:30 AM**

**Ages 5 - 6 10:45 AM**

**Ages 7 - 8 11:00 AM**

**Ages 9 - 10 11:15 AM**

## CHILDREN'S GARDENING CLUB of Cromwell Valley Park For Ages 5 to 13

Play in the dirt, sip mint tea in the sunflower house, grow & pop your own popcorn, hop around the pond with the frogs, take bouquets home for Mom and make zucchini muffins. Grow vegetables, flowers, & herbs while exploring the natural world of our garden. Join us to play, learn, craft, and eat tasty foods you grow yourself.



**We meet on the 1st & 3rd Saturday's  
of each month  
in the Children's Garden located  
at the Willow Grove Farm  
April 17th thru October 16th.  
Ages 5-7 meet 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
Ages 8-13 meet 10:15 AM - 11:45 AM  
\$25 CVPC members/\$35 non-members**



For more information, or to reserve your space for this unique & exciting program, please call the Park Office at 410.887.2503, or E-mail us at [info@cromwellvalleypark.org](mailto:info@cromwellvalleypark.org)  
Please download a registration form from our website at [www.cromwellvalleypark.org](http://www.cromwellvalleypark.org) and mail in with your payment.

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**Sunday April 18, 2010**

**10 am to 5 pm**

**Raindate April 25**



**Pottery • Metalwork • Small Press Books • Jewelry Design • Fiber Design**

**FINE ART, FINE CRAFTS, LITERARY & MUSIC**

**Woodworking • Mixed Media • Photography • Drawing • Painting • Glasswork**

**Sherwood House at Cromwell Valley Park  
202 Cromwell Bridge Road, Baltimore, Maryland**

**ART MUSIC POETRY FOOD WINE CLASSIC CARS**

**Five dollar parking donation**

**For more information contact [towsonartscollective@gmail.com](mailto:towsonartscollective@gmail.com) or check [www.towsonartscollective.org](http://www.towsonartscollective.org)**



**SUNDAY, JUNE 13th at 6 PM to 7:30 PM  
Come Join Us At The Willow Grove Farm for**

**“The Pumpkin Princess Country Ball”  
& Safety Program**



The Cromwell Valley Park Council invites children of all ages to celebrate the fifth season of the THE CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE CHILDREN'S THEATRE at Cromwell Valley Park. To mark the occasion, *Thirst -n- Howl Musical Productions* will present this new inter-active musical evening with the Pumpkin King & Queen & their royal court, offering lots of singing, dancing, storytelling, laughing & audience participation. Music will feature new songs that support the nature theme of the Park, a special new one titled the Chocolate Chip Cookie Stomp and an old favorite our young audiences especially enjoy. Starting at 5 PM, the performers will be on hand to assist concert goers in making crowns to wear to the Country Ball!

The 2010 season of the THE CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE CHILDREN'S THEATRE will be held at the Willow Grove Farm. As part of the safety program, the CVPC, in cooperation with the Baltimore County Police Department, will provide each child with a free ID card. Beginning at 5 PM, if requested by a parent, a BCPD Officer will assist in adding the child's fingerprints to the card. Gates open at 5 PM. Reservations are NOT required. A \$5 dollar donation per car is requested. Please call the Park Office at 410.887.2503 for further information.  
*Willow Grove Farm*

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## Children's Garden Volunteers Needed in 2010! IF YOU CAN HOLD A HOSE, YOU CAN HELP US OUT!



You can be a part of our 2010 Garden Crew and support our **beautiful & bountiful garden that is used to raise produce for our local food bank and teach school groups and the general public about gardening in concert with nature.** There's room for everyone: students who need community service hours; seniors who want to spend some time outdoors; scouts, corporations, church and community groups; families and individuals who want to make a difference in their community while volunteering in their "backyard". **Call Justine Schaeffer at 410.887.3014 to reserve your place in the sun and get your hands dirty this year for a good cause.**

### Drop in Gardening.

Join us for one or several mornings of maintaining the Children's Garden. **Perfect for groups and individuals who want to help just one or a few times.** Garden gloves and tools will be provided, but if you have your own favorites bring them. Sturdy shoes, water, sun screen and a hat suggested. Service hours available.

**9 AM - 12 PM Thursday, April 1 & Friday, April 16**

**9 AM - 12 PM Saturdays:**

**March 20, April 17, May 15, June 19**

### Adopt-a-Garden.

Looking for a continuing outdoor, hands-on, worthwhile, flexible volunteer experience? You or your group can adopt one of our small plots within the Children's Garden. Your job would be to visit your area 2-4 times each month, from April through October, and provide routine maintenance: weeding, watering, mulching. **You can come when the Park is open - sunrise to sunset.** Sign up for: Rainbow Garden, Native Plant Garden, an Education Bed, a Food Bank bed, Three Sisters Garden, Pumpkin Patch, or Sunflower Garden. Service hours available. Brief orientation and training provided.

### Where can I help?

**You tell us when you can come,** and we'll tell you what you can do to help each day when you arrive. This option works well for people who can commit to a more-or-less regularly scheduled volunteer time. It's great for high school students who want to earn service learning hours needed for graduation. For example, we've had a student work every Wednesday after school for 2 hours; and another who worked every Tuesday morning during the summer. Brief orientation and training provided.

## March Annual Meeting

The Cromwell Valley Park Council annual meeting will be held at Sherwood House on **Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm** We will be electing a new Vice-President and Secretary as well as 2 Directors' positions. We will also be offering for approval our new proposed Council bylaws to the membership.



## Shining Star Award

Pat Novak was recognized for her many contributions to the Park at Baltimore County's Shining Star Awards presentation in December. We are very fortunate to have Pat as a volunteer at the Park. She seems to have endless stores of energy for the causes she takes up in the interest of the Park and conservation in general. Pat serves as the Council Secretary and is a productive member of a number of the Council committees, including the Green Team and the Communications Committee. She is also active in Friends of Sherwood.



## New Council Bylaws up for Membership Vote

The Cromwell Valley Park Council has now been in existence for nearly four years. That time has taught us much about how our organization might do a better job administering to the needs of the Park and its resident organizations and visitors. Our revised bylaws reflect this learning. For example:

- ◆ direct representation of leaseholders (currently TALMAR and CSA)
- ◆ meeting structure designed to improve the value for general membership participation
- ◆ more appropriate fiscal calendar year, etc.

These revised bylaws have been approved by the Baltimore County Board of Recreation & Parks and will now be offered for approval to the Council at the March membership meeting.

## Meeting Schedule

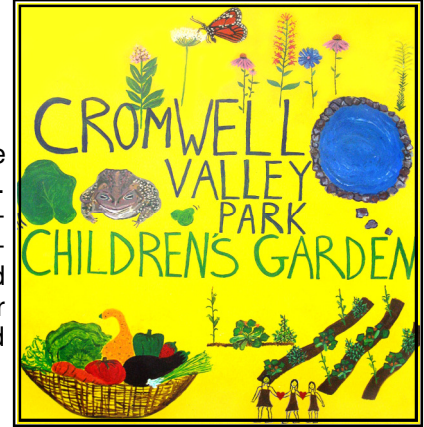
Cromwell Valley Park Council meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of odd-numbered months. These are held at Sherwood House at 7 pm.

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## THANK YOU Volunteers in the Children's Garden 2009

Our Children's Garden supports the myriad of educational and interpretive programs in the park relating to agriculture, nature/conservation and history. The Garden was a tremendous success this year, both beautiful and bountiful, because of the hundreds of hours of volunteer help that was spent planning, tilling, planting, weeding, mowing, mulching and watering. We would like to recognize the following groups and individuals who contributed to our very successful growing season and helped teach hundreds of children and families about local produce and native plants.

Thank you all!



**UNTV37 Washington, D.C. News Bureau**  
**GMA Academy**  
**Kiwanis Club of Loch Raven**  
**AmeriCorps**  
**Girl Scout Troop 772**  
**Girl Scout Troop 173**

**Sharon and Rick Childs**  
**Jim Kelly**  
**Pat Novak**  
**Sue and Alan Lake**  
**Tom Ernst**

**Olivia, Laura and Debbie Sterling**  
**Anne and Ray Wedgeworth**

**Bobbee and Kelsey Pierre**  
**Maggie Lawder**  
**Trevor Suznick**  
**Amy Stumme**  
**Milan Silverman**  
**Justin Gracie**  
**Neville Hibbert**  
**Avalon Bonlie**  
**Derick Powers**  
**Jenny Ehrhardt**  
**Jessie Carper**  
**Debbie Kramer**  
**Michael Middleton**  
**Svetlana, Kathy and Bernie Kadow**

## CROMWELL VALLEY PARK COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Please make check payable to CVPC and return to :  
**Membership Committee**  
**2002 Cromwell Bridge Road, Baltimore, MD 21234**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please select your membership category:**

- Individual \$10
- Family \$15
- Senior Citizen, Individual 65+ \$8
- Senior Citizen, Couple 65+ \$12
- Full Time Student \$5

- Non-profit Organization \$25
- Contributing \$50
- Sustaining \$100
- Corporate \$250
- Patron \$500
- Life Member \$1000

Membership \_\_\_\_\_  
 Additional Tax-deductible contribution \_\_\_\_\_  
 TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

***Help us to continue to support &  
 enhance these Programs, Special Events  
 & Projects by becoming a  
 Member of our Council today!***

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## FRIENDS OF SHERWOOD HOUSE



We invite you to browse and check out books from the shelves of the *Arthur W. Sherwood Reading Room*. Located in the Sherwood House, the library offers books on natural history, gardening, plants, insects, biology and ecology for both children and adults. Call the Park Office at 410.887.2503 for hours.

Do you have any suggestions to enhance the Sherwood House? We invite you to our next meeting to share those ideas. Call the Park Office for more details about our next activity.

## CVP TRAIL CLUB



Do you enjoy hiking the trails at CVP? If so, consider being a member of our trail club and join us for our trail work day scheduled for April 10th from 10 AM until 12 PM. We will meet at the Sherwood House parking lot.

Groups & individuals are invited to work with the CVP Trail Club to maintain and improve trails in the Park. Help clear trails & prevent erosion to keep our trails in tip top condition. For more information, contact the Park Office Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 2 PM at 410.887.2503.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you're free between 9:30 AM and 2:30 PM during the week and enjoy children & the outdoors, you might like assisting with school field trips.

No experience necessary. We can use your help, whether it's once a week or month.

Come make some memories – it's fun and rewarding!



**SCHOOL GROUP VOLUNTEER TRAINING**  
**Tuesday, March 16 & Wednesday, March 17**  
**9:30 AM – 2:30 PM**  
**Willow Grove Nature Education Center**



Gear up for the spring field trip season. Training will include Insects, Habitat Exploration, Exploring Nature with the 5 Senses, and Spring Planting,. Get your sniffers primed, your joints loosened up, and your sense of wonder dusted off!  
 Call Allison Parizer at 410.887.3014 to register.  
 Lunch is provided!



## THE GREEN TEAM Contest Results & The Giving Tree



**Remember our Green I.Q. test from the last issue?**  
**Although we didn't have any winners,**  
**we thought you would like to know the**  
**surprising correct answers.**

1. The average person produces **4.5 pounds of trash** every day.
2. Americans dump **16 tons of sewage** into their waters every minute of every day.
3. About **84 %** of all household waste can be recycled.
4. Every ton of paper that is recycled saves **17 trees**.
5. Americans throw away **25 billion Styrofoam** coffee cups every year.
6. Americans throw away **2.5 million plastic** beverage bottles every hour
7. More than **one billion trees** are used to make disposable diapers every year.
8. A 1/32" faucet leak can waste up to **6000 gallons** of water a month.
9. Roughly **14 billion pounds** of trash are dumped into the ocean annually.
10. Each gallon of gasoline used by a car contributes about **19 pounds** of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

*These statistics are a good place to start making some "green" changes in your daily life.*

**GIVING TREE STILL NEEDS YOUR HELP!**  
**One of our major campaign fundraising efforts**  
**was cut short due to a snowy December &**  
**the cancellation of our Open House.**

The Green Team's Giving Tree fund raising project continues to need donations to purchase everything from microscopes to magnifying bug boxes to muffin pans, from cookware to cutting boards to can openers to colanders to cutlery to crayons to constellation guides, from soil testing kits to shovels to seeds to scissors from thermometers to trowels to terrariums to toasters to tree loppers in order to support and enhance our educational program with visiting schoolchildren to the Willow Grove Farm area of Cromwell Valley Park.

**You can find the Giving Tree**  
**in the lobby of the Sherwood House**  
**during the Park's Office hours of**  
**9 AM to 2 PM Monday through Friday.**

**For further information about joining the**  
**Cromwell Valley Park Green Team,**  
**please contact the Park Office**  
**by phone - 410.887.2503,**  
**or by E-mail at [info@cromwellvalleypark.org](mailto:info@cromwellvalleypark.org)**

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## What is Cromwell Valley Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)?

We are a small farming community located right here at Cromwell Valley Park. Our mission is to serve & educate a diverse community through small-scale community supported agriculture. Through the operation of our farm and related educational activities, we demonstrate and promote organic food production while providing fresh, local produce to our members.

This year we are growing produce for 125 shares and are offering a variety of farming related programs to the public. For more information about the CVCSA or share price and availability, **visit our website: [www.cvcsa.org](http://www.cvcsa.org)**.



Look for this logo on page 3 and enjoy the \$\$\$ saving benefits of being a CSA member for this & other future farm related programs!

## HABITAT RESTORATION TEAM

Quietly and slowly, parts of CVP are being transformed with the help of enthusiastic volunteers. The Habitat Restoration Team has been working for several years to remove the unwanted invasive nuisance plants, and to replant some areas with native plants suitable for this particular place. We want the wild areas of the Park to be as healthy and friendly to wildlife as possible after three centuries of industrial and agricultural activity and more recent suburbanization.



We have been greatly helped by groups from local schools and businesses; we always welcome groups who want to help. But the consistent work force is one that meets at the Sherwood House each month on the second Saturday at 9 AM and we work until 12 PM. We only cancel if there is too much rain and then the rain date is always the next day (Sunday).

Please join us. We provide tools, but you should wear appropriate clothing with long sleeves for working in the woods. There remains a lot to do. You will end the morning with the satisfaction of knowing you made a positive contribution to conserving the natural environment - and we guarantee a good workout!

**For more details call 410.887.2503.**

## ATTENTION DOG OWNERS!

Baltimore County Code Title 6 requires that, when off the owner's property,

**ALL DOGS MUST BE WALKED ON A LEASH.**

This law applies to **ALL** dog owners using **ALL** areas of the Park.

Be considerate of other Park users.

**Leash your pets and clean up after them!**



## TALMAR

### 2010 WEEKLY CUT FLOWER SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAM at Cromwell Valley Park

Why not support local agriculture by purchasing fresh cut flowers directly from a local grower? Now entering our 9th season, we offer **ORGANICALLY GROWN FLOWER SUBSCRIPTIONS!**

This is how our flower subscription program works. Starting **May 31st**, we will cut a variety of large bunches of field grown specialty cut flowers for you. The subscriber will visit our farm, or a local Farmers Market on the designated days to pick up their fresh flowers. Your bunches of flowers will consist of annuals, perennials and/or biennials: Zinnia, Sweet William, Campanula, Asters, Glads, Lilies and much more. Some bunches will be made of one or two types of flowers, others will consist of many different types of flowers. We will offer one color or mixed colors in the same bunch. The type of flowers will vary from one week to the next.

We guarantee satisfaction & Gift Certificates are available! **Call 410.825.2020** and leave message if you have any questions, or **visit our web site at [www.talmar.org](http://www.talmar.org)**. You may download an application on site. Thank you for supporting local agriculture and our *non-profit organization* as we also make use of the flowers, fields, and greenhouse as the natural environment to teach horticultural and vocational skills to individuals with disabilities as they learn organic farming and greenhouse growing techniques!

### THE DAFFODIL FESTIVAL

TALMAR Gardens, in collaboration with the Baltimore County Department of Recreation & Parks, will host its first ever Daffodil Festival in Cromwell Valley Park. Join us on Saturday, April 17 from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM and enjoy live music, food, face painting, nature crafts, small petting zoo, chickens and more. During this festival, tour our gardens and pick your own daffodils or select a pre-made bunches of flowers grown on site. The donation for admission is \$5.00 per car. All proceeds will benefit TALMAR's programs and assist individuals with disabilities. Vendors welcome for fee. For more information, please call 410-825-2020.

### CUT YOUR OWN FLOWERS ON SATURDAYS!

Starting June 5, our flower gardens are open to the community as a "cut your own" flowers day from 9 AM – 2 PM. We will furnish the pruners and the buckets. Bring the whole family! See butterflies and hummingbirds up close!

### WORKSHOPS

For the beginner to the advanced gardener will begin early this spring and will be taught by local master gardeners and experts in the field of both floriculture & horticulture. Go on line or request a brochure for additional information and to register for classes ranging from *The Language of Flowers: A Hands-On Workshop*, *Getting Started with Annuals*, *Gorgeous Container Gardens*, *Houseplant How-To's*, *Keeping your Garden Healthy - the Holistic Approach*, *Gardening with Arthritis*, *Living Wreath Making*, *Starting from Seed*, *Creating Spring Containers* and many more.

# CROMWELL VALLEY PARK COUNCIL



In honor of the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day,  
we remind you to **REDUCE, REUSE & RECYCLE!**

If you search below,  
you'll Find 18 words (listed at the bottom of the page) that will  
Help you recycle, too. Get a head start in doing your part!



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-ANSWERS-

Litter - Compost - Newspaper - Decay - Aluminum - Recycle - Organic  
Sunlight - Glass - Bacteria - Energy - Reuse - Responsible - Fertilize  
Plastic - Landfill - Collect - Garbage

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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**  
**CVP is now accepting applications for the following positions.**



**Field Trip Coordinator** - The Naturalist for this weekday position would provide programming for school field trips (pre-K through 6th grade) which take place during the normal school day. Applicants should exhibit strong "people skills", ability to recruit, train & schedule adult volunteers to assist with the programs. Salary range is \$11.48 to \$13.43 per hour.

**Seasonal Naturalist/Historian** - Plans and implements varied nature, environmental and agricultural programs throughout the Northeast region of Baltimore County. Includes 7 days of paid training in June. Salary range is \$9.21 to \$10.77 per hour.

**Summer Nature & Farming Camp Counselor** - Helps implement 7 one week day camp sessions for children. Activities include hiking, stream walks, Indian lore, crafts & gardening. Salary range is \$8.70 to \$10.19 per hour.

**Interested individuals call 410.887.2503 for an application.**

**PARK GATES CLOSED  
 SUNSET TO SUNRISE**



Cromwell Valley Park is open for public visitation 365 days a year from sunrise to sunset. The only after hours use of the Park is during staff led programming.

In order to enhance Park security, **the gates at Willow Grove Farm and Sherwood Farm will now be closed each evening at sunset and re-opened at sunrise.**

All CVP visitors should make sure that they leave the Park before the gates are closed. **Vehicles in the Park after sunset may be locked in overnight. Any persons in the Park after sunset may also be charged with trespassing.**

Everyone's co-operation with this new procedure will insure that CVP remains a safe and secure place for everyone in Baltimore County to enjoy.



## Cromwell Valley Park Summer Day Camp 2010



**One Week Sessions**

**Ages 5 – 7**  
 6/28 – 7/2  
 7/19 – 7/23  
 8/2 – 8/6

**Ages 8 – 10**  
 7/12 – 7/16  
 7/26 – 7/30  
 8/9 – 8/13

**Ages 11 – 13**  
 \*7/6,7,8,9\*

**Lottery Drawing for Camp Registration Will be Held on March 22nd at 9 AM.**

Any registrations received after March 21, will be processed on a first come, first serve basis. This program includes take home crafts, hiking, nature studies, stream walks and lots of fun! Children will meet and learn about animals, wild and domesticated, enjoy children's garden activities and receive an abundance of outdoor knowledge.

Activities are geared to each age group.

Program will run 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM Monday – Friday \*(except July 6,7,8,9 will run 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM)\*

**To register:** complete the pre-registration form below and return this page and your check to:  
 Cromwell Valley Park, 2002 Cromwell Bridge Road, Baltimore, MD 21234.  
 You will only be registered for one session.

**Cost: \$100.00 for CVPC members, \$120.00 for non-members, payable to CVPC.**  
**To receive refund of camper's registration monies, Park office must be notified at least 2 weeks before assigned camp session begins.**

Phone reservations **CAN NOT** be accepted. We welcome your phone inquiries for open spots, since openings fill up quickly. Upon receipt of payment, if your chosen week of camp is full, your payment will be returned.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Child's T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Which week would your child like to attend?  
**List in order of preference (you will only be scheduled for one week)**  
 A confirmation of week assigned will be mailed to you.

First Choice: \_\_\_\_\_ Second Choice: \_\_\_\_\_ Third Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cromwell Valley Park Council Member: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ (Please check one.)**



# WILLOW GROVE FARM NATURE EDUCATION CENTER OPENING ON SATURDAYS!



Beginning on Saturday March 6, 2010, the recently renovated Nature Education Center located at the Willow Grove Farm section of Cromwell Valley Park will be opening for public visitation during the hours of 10 AM & 4 PM. It will be open every Saturday, thereafter, except on April 3, when it will not be open until 1 PM while the Park hosts its annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Sherwood Farm from 10 AM to 12 PM. The public is invited to visit the Nature Education Center & view the native reptiles & amphibians housed there, visit the Children's Nature Resource Room, and enjoy the other exhibits at the Center.

Park staff and volunteers are still busy planning, developing, and constructing the displays at the Center, so it is still a work in progress. But we would encourage our County neighbors to stop by and see how we are working to develop the Center into a facility that highlights the Natural & Cultural History of Cromwell Valley Park.

## PARK BOUNDARIES

All park visitors are requested to be aware of the areas of Cromwell Valley Park that border on private property. Recently we have received reports of park users trespassing onto private property and using parts of Minebank Run that are privately owned. In particular, the stretch of Minebank Run near the lime kilns and the "log cabin," and the property on the east side of this stretch of stream are being used by the public. This area is privately owned and posted with "No Trespassing" and "Park Boundary" signs. Please be good neighbors to nearby landowners and keep out of Minebank Run and off adjacent property which is posted as private property.

Everyone's cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

## Cromwell Valley Park

Exit 29A off 695  
Sherwood Farm is located at  
2002 Cromwell Bridge Road  
Willow Grove Farm is located at  
2175 Cromwell Bridge Road

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