



The **Cromwell Valley Park Council** is a volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to the stewardship of Cromwell Valley Park as a public space for passive recreation and educational programs. The CVPC works in cooperation with The Baltimore County Department of Recreation & Parks and other entities to maintain and protect the **natural environment and historic structures** in the Park. The Cromwell Valley Park Council is approved and affiliated with the Board of Recreation and Parks of Baltimore County. The CVPC operates as a local volunteer organization with elected officers and directors and working committees. Its purpose is to represent the users of the Park to Baltimore County and other government, civic, and community organizations. It was formed in 2006 by members of various groups, including leaseholders within the Park who were interested in the use of the Park and its future. Our responsibilities include promoting and expanding the education programming, passive recreation, historical interpretation, and agricultural land use.



Thank you, donors!

Great things happen at CVP because of donors, grants and the generosity of our community. Here are some of the things we are thankful for in 2017. Please see a complete list of donors at the end of this report.

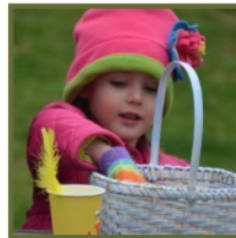
1 France-Merrick Foundation
After years of planning, lobbying, designing and building, the stabilization effort of the three historic lime kilns has been completed. The informational panels, detailing the kilns over the centuries, have been installed and the landscaping and hardscaping surrounding the area is stunning. The France-Merrick Foundation has been an integral donor in this process and we look forward to recognizing them during the ribbon-cutting ceremony, along with public officials and other generous donors.

2 Preservation Alliance of Baltimore County grants
The "old lady" needed a facelift. With a \$2,500 grant from the Preservation Alliance of Baltimore County and Preservation Maryland, the Sherwood House main entrance received a fresh coat of paint, repair of some deteriorating woodwork and entrance walkway repairs. Now, the house may be considered again a "grand dame"! The Preservation Alliance also recently donated \$1,000 for the restoration of family films of the Sherwood family, which include significant historical footage from the 1920's, including footage in Cuba, West Indies and Europe. Thank you, PABC!

3 Individual / Corporate Donations
We often receive monetary and in-kind donations from individuals throughout the year and we are grateful for all of the support we receive from our friends. Significant individual donations were received from the **Haramundanis Family**, to be used for the Lime Kilns Stabilization project; **Dr. Kenneth McQuage** directed to our Park's general activities; and multiple donors to the **Lillian D. Jenifer Memorial Fund**. The **Friends of Cromwell Valley** also gave a significant year-end donation in December 2017 as they have disbanded their non-profit entity and gave the account balance to the park. **Baltimore Road Runners' Club** continues to donate generously after holding events at our location.

Big events @ CVP

EASTER EGG HUNT: On Saturday, April 8, 2017, Cromwell Valley Park hosted the annual Easter Egg Hunt with an attendance of 450 families who searched for candy filled eggs, dyed hard boiled eggs, made a "Chick—a-Bunny" candy cup and visited with the 4H Rabbit club.



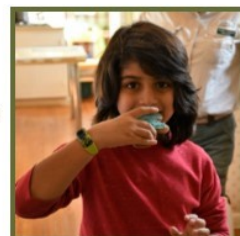
PRIMITIVE TECHNOLOGY WEEKEND: From Saturday May 6 to Sunday May 7, the Primitive Technology weekend provided activities for 350 participants in the areas of bow and arrow shooting, learning the basics of native pottery, dying with fish ochre, building a wigwam, wickiup or a hunting shelter or turning an animal's skin into soft and sturdy buckskin and becoming educated about Experimental Archeology linking the past and the present food preparation.



FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL On Saturday, October 14th, the Willow Grove area of Cromwell Valley Park entertained 900 visitors with a variety of pastimes from rope making, pony rides, earth oven cooking, Native American activities, blacksmith demo and local crafters and artisans enhanced by music provided by local musicians.



HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE Saturday, December 2, we had 300 visitors to the Sherwood House for merriment, crafts and good eats. While Santa and Mrs. Claus were chatting with families, other visitors sampled our venison chili made from scratch with homemade cornbread and mulled cider from Weber's Cider Mill and crafted bird feeders, strung popcorn and cranberries for tree decorations, created amazing wreaths, and decorated cookies.



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PLEASE CONSIDER US DURING YOUR ANNUAL GIVING!

Thank you!

Cromwell Valley Park Council, Inc. Annual Report 2017



Message from the President

Mia Potthast Walsh

As I finish my first year as the new President of Cromwell Valley Park Council, I am thrilled to recall so many of our successes that occurred in 2017. Being recognized by *Baltimore Magazine* in the Best of Baltimore issue was simply a formal recognition of what we already knew! Cromwell Valley Park has something to offer everyone—a fantastic way to enjoy all FOUR seasons of nature, which Maryland is fortunate to experience.

As someone who has enjoyed hiking in the park since the early 90's, I am always surprised at the pleasure I get from seeing new things each time I walk along the trails. As a

passionate photographer, hopefully you have seen some of my pictures on our new Instagram page (@cromwell_valley_park), Twitter (@CromwellValleyP), as well as our established Facebook site. Please

remember to tag us in your social media posts and use our hashtag #cromwellvalleypark.

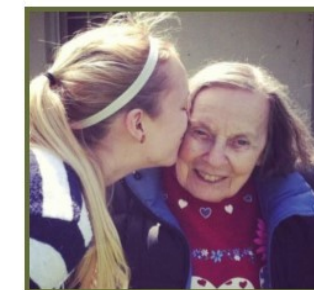
With over 5,000 visitors attending our programs, educational sites, school field trips and 460 acres of fields, forests and trails, we can't say thank you enough to our dedicated volunteers and staff members for making Cromwell Valley Park a place for all to enjoy.

In this report, please note the special recognition to our donors, without whom many of the things you experience would not be possible. THANK YOU!



hiking #1

The Barrans-Baldwin Trail of Cromwell Valley Park received the lead mention in the "Top Places to Hike" article in *Baltimore Magazine's* May 2017 OUTDOORS issue. Noting our local and natural history, farming, wildlife and songbirds, it encouraged readers to breathe the fresh air and hop in our trail system! Come for a hike today!



Lillian D. Jenifer 1929-2017

in memoriam

Founding member of the Campaign to Save Cromwell Valley, Lillian Jenifer, passed away on May 19th, 2017. Integral in preserving the land which is now Cromwell Valley Park, Lillian was a grassroots supporter and activist in the preservation of the valley's land, architecture and history. Rest in peace, dear friend.

Statement of Financial Position—December 31, 2017

ASSETS:	
Checking / Savings	\$101,425.88
Investments—CD's	\$ 46,096.06
Petty Cash	\$ 1,259.45
TOTAL ASSETS:	\$148,781.39
LIABILITIES & EQUITY:	
Equity—Restricted	\$ 89,783.62
Equity—Unrestricted	\$ 65,265.01
Net Deficit	(\$ 6,267.24)
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 148,781.39

RESTRICTED FUNDS DETAIL:	
Deady Funds	\$ 200.00
Fort Garrison Funds	\$ 5,118.71
France-Merrick Lime Kiln	\$ 75,659.53
Friends of Sherwood	\$ 4,858.32
Koininia (Butterfly)	\$ 746.80
Summer Camp Funds	\$ 366.91
Towson Rotary Trail	\$ 2,000.00
Weed Warrior Funds	\$ 833.35
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	\$ 89,783.62

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS DETAIL:	
Friends of Cromwell Valley	\$ 3,789.26
Jenifer Family Memorial	\$ 1,232.52
Other	\$ 60,243.23





Your Board of Directors (l-r) Director, John Canoles; Director, Bill Curtis; Secretary, Kim Shapiro; Director, Kristin McFaul; Treasurer, Earle Pratt; Director, Kelly Emerson. (continued next page)



Your Board of Directors (l-r) Building and Grounds & Finance Committee Chair, Rick Childs; Programs Chair, Sharon Childs; President, Mia Walsh; Vice President, Pat Novak.



Donations to CVPC

The Cromwell Valley Park Council is a non-profit organization that runs in conjunction with Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks to make Cromwell Valley Park an inviting space for our community members of all ages. Though the Park staff salaries and some operating expenses are covered by the County's budget, much additional funding is required to run our programs, camps, exhibits and daily activities which make our park worthy of its "BEST RURAL PARK" status!

It is with great honor that we have received donations from many of our members and community partners in 2017—without your help, the jewel of the Towson / Parkville area would be less shiny! Cromwell Valley Park Council, Inc. is deeply grateful to the donors listed in our 2017 Annual Report.

\$ 2,500 +
Friends of Cromwell Valley
(aka Historic Long Island Farm Inc.)
McQuage, Kenneth

\$ 1,000 - \$2,499
*Donofrio, Deb & Chuck
*Emerson, Kelly & Pratt, Earle
Haramundanis, Sergei
*Novak, Patricia
*Walsh, Brian & Mia

\$250—\$999
Baltimore Road Runners' Club, Inc.
Blue Steel (Jason Clarke)
Exelon (Jason Barker)
Gunpowder Valley Conservancy
Haramundanis, Katherine
Kingman, Pat W.
Muller, Jerri & Denis

\$100—\$249
Anonymous
Byrnes, Hon. & Mrs. J. Norris
Davis, Ron & Laurie
Deady
Duffy, Catherine
Gammie, James
Giltinan, Timothy & Lynn
Gunther, Rusty & Linda
Hanley, Shannon
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\$100—\$249 (cont.)
Martel, Ned
Network for Good
Parks, Ronald
Penczek, Alan
Scott, Dr. Allan
Sloat, Don
South, Amanda & Daniel
Supik, Patricia
Tice, Helen
Trout, III, Jerry

// Giving to the park financially is my way of thanking the volunteers and staff for allowing me to bring my children out to enjoy an amazing natural setting just minutes from our house!" TLG

\$ 50—\$99
August, Jeannine
Boland, Bill & Barbara
Childs, Rick & Sharon
Claffey, Cynthia
Dorsey, Susan & Jeff
Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland
Gibson, Bruce & Margaret
Grizzard, Thom & Claire
Halten Garden Club
Loyola Blakefield Education
McCann, Eva & John
Monaghan, Michelle
Morris, Martha & Robert
Parker, Carol S.
Pomfret, James & Gretchen
Ransone, Joyce & Finney
Shapiro, Kim
Walker, Justin

Donations to CVPC

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\$25—\$49
Curtis, Bill
Doss, Effie
Garber, Kristina
Johnson, Darlene
Kadow, Kathy & Bernie
LaPerle, Amy
Lehman, Tony
Litsinger, Bill & Ellen Jo
McDevitt, Maggie
Naft, Andrea & Joseph
Nickles, Robert
O'Farrell, Dan
Slawson, Lynn & Hugh
Talley, Linda
Traut
Ziegler, Carole
Zoschg, Theresa



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\$24 and under

Avallone, Natalie & Clare
Beezley, Ann
Carlisle
Coats, Jessica
Corddry, Mary
Craig, Larry & Anne
D'Agati, Don
Dauses, Ken & Linda
Davis, Susan & Tim
Deeb, Charity
DiLaura, Alice
Dog Food Truck Day
Dravis, Nancy
Epstein, Gloria
Ferebee, Hathaway
Fick, Laura, Devon & Rowan
Harman, Wayne R.
Hogeland, Patricia & Norman
Hutson, Jim & Ann
Kelly, James & Patricia
Kirwan, Dolores
Klima, Donald
Knuth, Mimi & Jim
Konradi, Amanda
Krus, Gail
Lambros, Peggy
Lang, Marcia
Lilly, Linda
Manning, Chris & Jane
McBee
Mell, Donna & Ben
Milburn
Monet, Pierre V.
Myers, Paula

\$24 and under (cont.)

Neikirk, Lori & Ted
Palmer, Anne
Perry, Robert & Elizabeth
Raynor, Deborah
Robertson
Runyeon, Sandra
Rutigliano, Marian C.
Sheridan, Mary
Simpson, Thomas & Beverly
Sisk
Slide, Dave & Judy
Smith
Somers, Timothy
Stag
Stevens, Joyce A.
Syed / Khan
Taylor, Debra
Ulrich
Voelker, Paul
Vollerthum, Renee
Walsh, Roseann
Walter
Winter, Beverly
Zeller, Tina & Mark

Please remember Cromwell Valley Park Council in your year-end giving.

2017 donors contributed in honor of a deceased loved-one, during Giving Tuesday, along with their program registration or membership renewal and through corporate matching gift programs.

We offer credit card donations through our on-line website, Paypal transfer, or a good old-fashioned check!

Consider a gift of time by volunteering if you

Donors listed in this report contributed to Cromwell Valley Park Council, Inc. between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017. Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy. However, please report any discrepancies to the President at president@cromwellvalleypark.org.

