

Friends of Lafayette-Pointer Park

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Dear Neighbors,

We know that many of you frequent Lafayette-Pointer Park with its wonderful nine acres of green space, especially during these trying times when we have all been looking for outdoor spaces for children and adults to enjoy safely.

Our Park's border gardens along Broad Branch Road, Quesda Street and 33rd Street have been planted and maintained over the past twenty plus years by some of your neighbors and the gardens were exceptionally beautiful this year. The good news is that the beds are doing well, the bad news is that many of the volunteer gardeners who have carefully tended them over the years are aging and can no longer keep up with the work required to keep them clean, weeded, mulched, and looking beautiful!

FOLP, "Friends of Lafayette-Pointer Park," usually raises funds through an annual mailing, which we did not do during COVID, and through occasional postings on our neighborhood list serves. All funds raised by FOLP go towards maintenance and beautification of the park gardens and grounds. We are asking you today, as friends, neighbors, and Lafayette-Pointer Park goers, to consider going online [<https://thefolp.org/>] to make a donation through *PayPal* or *mailing a check*, and perhaps even volunteering to help with garden support. Your support will help us continue to maintain the beautiful landscaping as well as some of the other needs in the park.

Regretfully, we have been unable to host our regular "FOLP Cleanup Days" due to COVID restrictions; however, we hope to be able to schedule one soon. Clean Up Day is a fun family event for all ages. We welcome Scout groups, students needing service hours, etc. to help us on cleanup day or year-round work in the gardens. Maintaining our beloved Park takes a community effort and we appreciate your help and support.

We will also be looking for new FOLP Board members over the next few months. If you are interested in working to help maintain your Park, please go to the FOLP website and volunteer to serve. Thank you.

The FOLP Board: Elizabeth Engel, Patty Myler, Jeff Stoiber, Tad Stewart, Dennis Smyth, Keith Jones, Judy Goodman, Laura Phinizy, Anslie Stokes and Jane Kratovil