

GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT

January 18, 2012

Submitted by Roy Benner, Chairman, 01/14/2012 to Barbara Morgan

Accomplished tasks:

- 1) Repaired punched out window to servant's building Site #8 (repaired frame and applied plywood covering 1/5/12).
- 2) The Goshen Farm Sharing Garden is enclosed and measures about 145' x 60', but I incorrectly reported 57 plots whereas the correct number of garden plots is 54!
- 3) Girdled English Ivy on large tree just north of the Main House to reduce possible wind throw damage.

Needs Accomplishing:

1. Need to have the Gravely Mower Serviced (electrical problem - will not run) to be ready for early spring cutting. Left front tire has a leak, I will repair the tire.
2. Install rest of the wooden fence pickets on the south end of the "Goshen Farm Sharing Garden," when pickets become available.
3. Get the well pump working.
4. Install water line to Sharing Garden for installation of several frost-free hose bibs.
5. Install electric GFCI Outlet line in the Garden and on the exterior wall of the Main House.
6. Large tree near the servant's building, Site #8, should be removed. Removal also of another large vine covered tree located to the southwest end of the garden. Both removed for safety reasons.
7. Lots of small Tree of Heaven stumps to be removed in the front and north side areas of the Farm House yard.
8. Have spoken with a locksmith on best approach to locking gate but still allowing access to Sharing Garden Plot gardeners. Solution see #9 below.
9. Purchase a key pad system for the Radoff Lane entrance (and install) for main road gate to allow access for garden plot gardeners. Master Lock #MA176LH with over-ride key \$30.00. This is a four-number combination lock. The lock shackle will be welded to gate chain so it cannot be separated or lost.
10. Clean spring area, Site #6, of debris during cold weather, when the pond is frozen.

Needs Approval:

1. Move marker #8 several feet northwest out of very narrow pathway to allow better access for walking, grass cutting, and water & electric installation from the well to the Farm House and the Sharing Garden.
2. Possibly have Ana Lockett of The Landscaping Design Center (established in 1979) of Edgewater, Maryland design a House Garden Plan for GFPS (Donation). I met Ana Lockett while she was walking her two pups at Goshen Farm (she lives in Walnut Ridge). We have a meeting January 19th at the site. See their website - thelandscapecenter.com

New Business:

Membership/voting questions?

- a. As I read the GFPS By-Laws (Amended June 2010), some confusion arises when considering members and voting rights. There are two classes of membership, Individual and House Holds.
 - i. Membership counting:
 1. "For purposes of calculating total membership – Individual memberships shall count as one member, whereas, House Hold memberships shall count as three members."
 2. Since Becky and I (Roy) are married, we jointed the GFPS for the bargain price of \$35.00 or a savings of \$5.00 over two individual membership fees, yet we are counted as a 'House Hold' and thus will be counted as three members when considering total GFPS membership. This seems odd to me how this actually works.
 - ii. Membership Voting:
 1. But since we are married and we chose the \$5.00 saving approach to membership, when it comes to voting, we then likewise lose one of our two individual votes and are counted as merely one vote.
 2. This seems unfair to me.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

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Submitted by Becky Benner

The totals to date (January 15, 2012) include:

- Members who either joined or renewed in Fourth Quarter 2011 and whose memberships thus expire December 31, 2012
- Members who either joined or renewed since the November 2011 renewal letter was distributed.

Residents

Resident Individuals = 6

Resident Household = 24

Includes

1 Platinum Sponsor

1 Silver Sponsor

Non-Residents

Non-resident Individual = 4

Non-resident Household = 5

Grand Total

39 overall memberships

Since September 2011, Goshen Farm Preservation Society has received cash donations totaling \$1050.

SUGGESTIONS for ADDITIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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Site 1 Attachments

Staple information about the Goshen Farm (similar to the annual renewal letter but in bullet format), the Goshen Farm Preservation Society (GFPS), and a membership form to the [Goshen Farm Walking Trail Guide](#).

Advantage: Informational material may encourage individuals/families following the Goshen Farm Trail to become members.

Disadvantage: Papers may be tossed into the wind or discarded and become litter.

Site 1 Additional Tube

Attach a second tube to the Site 1 post and label "Goshen Farm Preservation Society." Information about the Goshen Farm (similar to the annual renewal letter but in bullet format), the GFPS, and a membership form would be inserted in this specific tube.

Advantage: Trail followers could peruse and join – or put back into the tube for the next trail user.

Disadvantage: Papers may be tossed into the wind or discarded and become litter.

“Back of the Property” Path

A little thought of but frequently used path is the one that terminates in the path connecting the Cape St. Claire Elementary School and the Walnut Ridge complex. There are many dog walkers and families who use this path.

Plant a post and attach a tube labeled "Goshen Farm Preservation Society." Information about the Goshen Farm (similar to the annual renewal letter but in bullet format), the GFPS, and a membership form would be inserted in this specific tube.

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Temporary “Bulletin Board” by the Goshen Farm Sharing Garden

The bulletin board could be used not just for membership materials but would announcements regarding:

- GFPS meetings, dates and times
- GFPS special events
- GRSG meetings, dates and times
- GRSG “Garden Shower” and other special events
- GRSG Rules and Regulations (encased in plastic page savers)
- Emergency information

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When the garden shed is completed, the bulletin board can be fastened to the side (or door[s]) or back wall and continue to provide “free advertising” about the GFPS and its mission. There are several types of plastic containers with hinged covers to keep out the elements.

Advantage: People visiting the Sharing Garden and wishing to rent a garden plot are required to have a membership in the GFPS.

Disadvantage: Vandals may tear the plastic holders off the board and/or destroy the bulletin board.

Sign by Cape St. Claire Road

When the Goshen Farm sign is installed at the end of Radoff Lane, a tube (love those tubes!) or more attractive container should also be installed. The contents would provide information about the Goshen Farm, the GFPS, and a membership form.

Advantage: Information about the Goshen Farm would be accessible by passerbys who wish information about whatever is at the end of the gravel road.

Disadvantage: Unknown

Eventually...

There are several historic, agricultural, and sight-seeing tours that encourage location participants. Once the Caretaker's Cottage has been renovated and the Goshen Farm House is accessible for tours, the GFPS could contact

- Four Rivers: The Heritage Area of Annapolis, London Town, and South County
- Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission's Southern Maryland Trails and request inclusion in the booklets and pamphlets.

The Trails currently has "The Turnbuckle Hop" which includes several locations in mid-Anne Arundel County. The Goshen Farm history and uniqueness of being a historic farm home from the 1700s fit nicely into this segment of the booklet.