



A Year of Reflection, Planning, and Growth

AS WE REFLECT on the past year, the Montgomery Parks Foundation is proud to share the progress, partnerships, and planning that have strengthened our mission and prepared us for the years ahead. Our parks are vital to the health, happiness, and well-being of Montgomery County residents, and thanks to your generous support, they continue to flourish.

In 2024, the Foundation embarked on an intensive strategic planning process—our most comprehensive to date. With input from community members, donors, partners, and park users, we charted a bold course for the future. The Foundation's strategic goals reflect our commitment to equity, sustainability, and innovation, and they will guide our work as we expand our impact and deepen our support for Montgomery Parks.

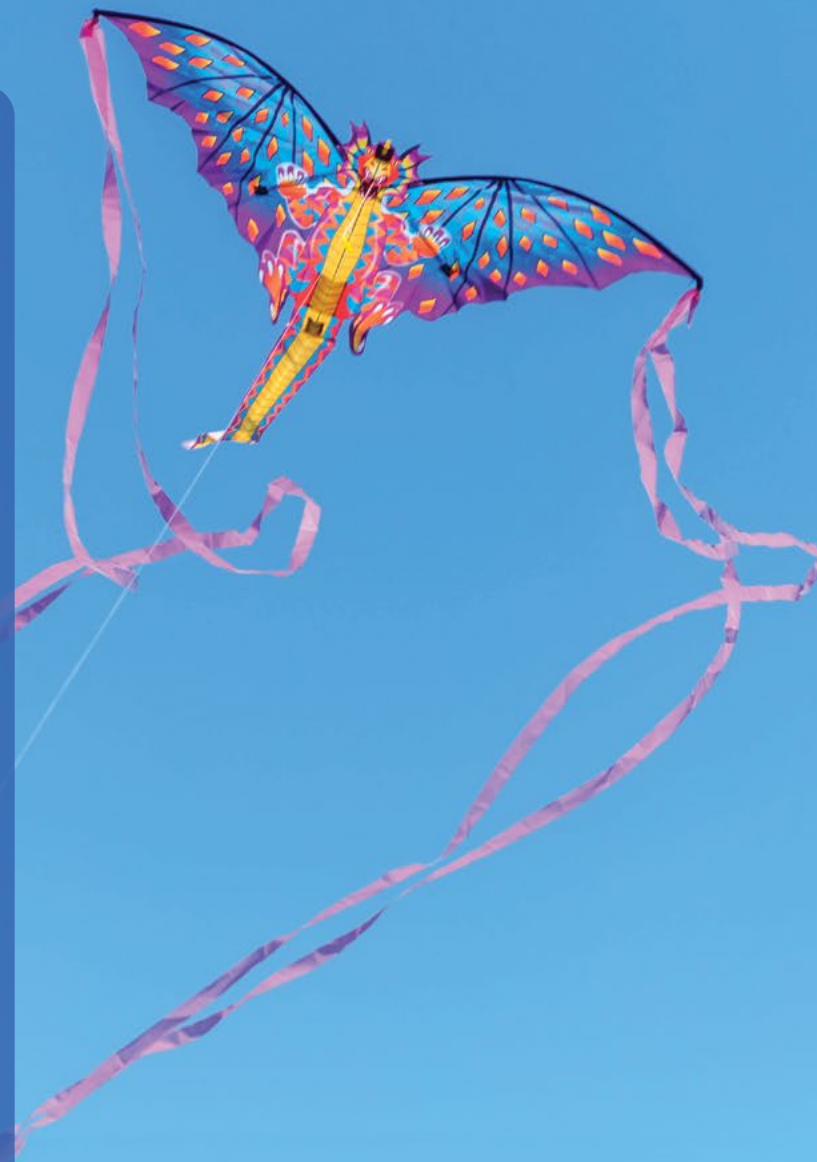
As we move forward with purpose and vision, we invite you to join us in celebrating our shared accomplishments and in building a thriving future for Montgomery County's parks. Thank you for being part of this journey.

With gratitude,

Katie Rictor
Executive Director,
Montgomery Parks Foundation



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Thanks to You, 2024 Was a Remarkable Year for Our Parks

In 2024, the Montgomery Parks Foundation awarded several impactful grants that brought unique projects and special programming to life—initiatives that continue to make our park system one-of-a-kind. Here are just a few highlights from this past year that you helped make a reality:



CELEBRATING WALK MARYLAND DAY WITH ALL EXPLORERS

Last October, the Foundation, in partnership with the Parks Department, sponsored the All Explorer Walk at South Germantown Recreational Park in celebration of Walk Maryland Day. The event invited seniors to get moving, spend time outdoors, and enjoy a day full of fun and community. The Foundation is proud to support programs like this that promote wellness, connection, and joy.

AN ADVENTURE WITH MARI MARIPOSA: PARKS AND THE LIBRARY COME TOGETHER!

The Montgomery Parks Foundation was thrilled to be chosen by Montgomery County Public Libraries as the charitable beneficiary of the 2024 Summer Reading Challenge! With this year's theme of "Adventure," our partnership was a natural fit. Together, we inspired young readers to explore nature while supporting a great cause—preserving park history, improving accessibility, and keeping our parks beautiful.



FIRESIDE HARMONY: THE MAYDALE CLASSROOM COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

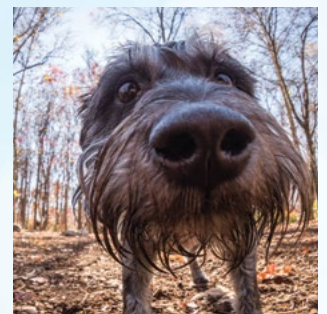
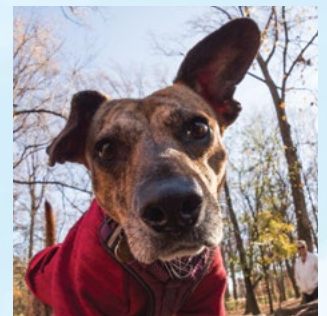
On a crisp November day in Colesville, neighbors and friends came together for the annual Maydale Classroom Community Celebration. This event was made possible by the Friends of Maydale Conservation Park, whose dedication to conservation, education, and recreation keeps the park vibrant and accessible.

Always happy to facilitate their work, the Foundation administered the funds raised by the Friends to ensure that attendees of all ages and abilities could enjoy live music, a toasty campfire with gooey s'mores, and freshly pressed apple cider. This seamless collaboration—combining the grassroots passion of the Friends with the Foundation's fiscal oversight—turns goodwill into fully realized programs. Over time, that partnership not only creates richer experiences for the community but also safeguards Maydale's natural treasures for generations to come.



LEAVING A LEGACY: ONE DONOR'S GIFT TO OUR FURRY FRIENDS

Last year, H. Marc Watzman, M.D., a member of the Oak Club Legacy Society, left a gift dedicated to the much-beloved Cabin John Dog Park. As a frequent visitor to the park, he recognized the need for ongoing enhancements and maintenance to ensure this cherished community space remains in top condition. This meaningful gift leaves a lasting legacy, supporting a vibrant community hub where dogs and their humans can thrive together for years to come.





TEAMING UP FOR A TRASH-FREE FUTURE

Keeping litter, tires, and plastic bags out of our streams is a full-time job—and one we couldn't do alone. That's why we partnered with the Volunteer Services Office to help secure a \$45,000 grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust. These funds played a critical role in achieving impressive results over the past year, including a major reduction in trash across our waterways. We're deeply grateful to the individuals, community groups, and all the volunteers who are investing in the health of our watershed, ecosystems, and neighborhoods.

THE PARK POLICE K-9 UNIT HAS A NEW TOOL IN ITS TOOLBOX: A GOPRO CAMERA!

While GoPros are often associated with extreme sports, the Park Police have found a more practical use for this technology. The device allows trainers and handlers to review training sessions from multiple angles, providing new perspectives to refine techniques and improve specific aspects of canine training exercises. They are especially grateful to Barbara Cidre, a generous donor, who recognized how funding this technology could benefit the department. Additionally, Ms. Cidre donated funds for a freezer that enables the Park Police to keep their training treats fresh for these impressive canines.



Financials

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024

REVENUE

Contributions	\$707,299
Contributed nonfinancial assets	\$439,570
Investment income	\$106,560
Net assets released from restrictions	
Total Revenue	\$1,253,429

EXPENSES

Program expenses	893,215
<i>Supporting services:</i>	
Management and general	\$198,879
Fundraising	\$194,958
Total Expenses	\$1,287,052

Changes in Net Assets (\$33,623)

Net Assets - Beginning of Year \$2,331,474

Net Assets - End of Year \$2,297,851

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By the Numbers



\$707,299

Contributions Received



\$760,000

Support provided to Parks



17 Projects completed for Parks

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