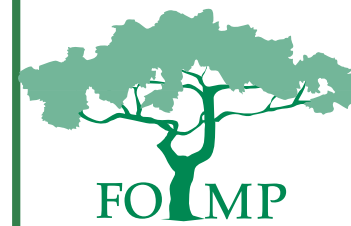




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Maintenance News

Maintaining the 24,980 plantings in Mitchell Park is a daunting task, but not an impossible one thanks to the loyal support of our Sheridan-Kalorama neighbors. Actually, make those 24,997 plantings, including 17 new trees just planted in the park October 23. The new trees include a Dawn Redwood—which can grow to 100 feet tall or more—and six Yoshino Cherry Trees (the same trees that flower along the Tidal Basin in March and April).

Casey Trees donated the trees and supervised their planting by 60 volunteers. In return, Friends of Mitchell Park agrees to perform maintenance for at least two years, including weekly watering, mulching, and weeding. The watering in particular is a big job, and we need volunteers to help. If you are interested, please contact Marty Scherr at Marty638@gmail.com or 202-986-2780.

Other important maintenance items over the next year include ensuring that the water fountains work; removing graffiti from the building and playground; repairing some of the

playground equipment; and making building repairs. Additionally, we are concerned about the condition of the recently renovated and seeded athletic field. According to the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), all seeded (i.e., grass) athletic fields are closed for the winter, and whenever they are wet and soggy; the rains and wetness makes the grass extremely vulnerable to damage. FOMP is not in a position to enforce the DPR regs, but we do ask your respect in this regard.

Anyone using the park is encouraged to let the maintenance committee know of other items in need of attention.

Maintenance is a year-round operation costing about \$45,000. The park is cleaned every two weeks during the spring, summer and fall. It also receives two major seasonal cleanups in the Fall and Spring. This year the Fall clean-up was performed just after Thanksgiving.

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Notice: DC Department of Parks and Rec - DPR Grass Athletic Fields Closed for Winter

WASHINGTON, DC – The DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)'s natural grass fields will be closed for the winter from December 1, 2010 through March 15, 2011. The winter weather creates poor field conditions and use of natural athletic fields in these conditions can cause long-term damage.

For more information, visit the DPR website, dpr.dc.gov.

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Notes from the President:

We had a very good summer and fall at Mitchell Park this year. The Field was reopened after having been closed for nine months during turf reconditioning and reseeding. The insect control project worked marvels. Our outreach events were well attended. Although winter is setting in, we are not dormant. Our dedication to the park requires us to remain attentive to all its needs.

Did you know that we have 24,997 controlled

plants? Part of our responsibilities is to nurture and bring them to maturity! Not always a simple endeavor.

In this year's end we thank you for supporting our efforts, for being there when we need you, and for enjoying the fruits (I should say, the blooms) of our work.

Do have a happy Holiday Season.
With appreciation, the Friends of Mitchell Park Team.

2010 Halloween Event

The Sheridan-Kalorama community turned out in record numbers to enjoy the Pre-Trick or Treat Party held at the Park on October 31st. The children were adorable in their costumes. Friends and neighbors got together and reconnected. The beautiful weather, great music, and fun activities added to the festivities.

This community event was organized by local residents and sponsored by the **Friends of Mitchell Park**. In addition, we give special thanks to **Jim Bell** who underwrote the event.

Most of all, the success of the event could only be assured by the efforts of the volunteers and organizers. Therefore, we wish to thank the following neighbors:

- **Alison Adkins** and her daughter, **Ansley**, added color with hairspray.
- **Emily Madan** donated and organized pumpkin decorating.
- **Audrey Nevitt, Barbara Meyers, Oobie**

Gleysteen and **Brent Goo** made delicious quiches and cakes. (Some of us wait for this annual event to enjoy their culinary skills.)

- **Angela Neunam** wowed us with another awesome haunted house. Children and grown-ups repeatedly toured thru the ghoulish setting. Lots of squeals and giggles were heard.
- **Lisa and David Schertler** once again donated the ever so popular moonbounce.
- **Paul Williams** and his band provided great music that we all swung to.
- Special kudos to **Girl Scout Troop #929** and their leader, **Nikki Farison**. Not only did they provide crafts and face painting, they also entertained us with a talent show.

For 2011, we are planning a broader community event. If you wish to chair or co-chair the event or have any ideas or suggestions, please contact Jeanett Yonemoto at FriendsOfMitchellPark@gmail.com.



Tango in the Park
Save the dates!
Sundays 5-7 PM
on May 1, May 15 & June 5
Have Fun Learning
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Thanks to Bobbie Brewster

Fundraising event nets \$24,220 toward the maintenance budget

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His Excellency Pierre Vimont welcomed supporters of Mitchell Park to the French Residence on Kalorama Road Monday evening, November 8. The event netted \$24,220 toward the \$45,000 annual maintenance budget for the park. A second event is planned for the Spring at a private residence on S Street to raise the balance of this year's maintenance fund. Stay tuned for details. Friends of Mitchell Park thanks the 151 friends who contributed to the November 8 event.

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