

PARKS COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE BOARD
JUNE 2010

One member of the Park Committee has disagreements with the Boxwood Report and the Park Committee Report. A separate report from her would be welcome.

1. The Parks Committee's Report on The Boxwood Consultation which took place on May 23 is attached. This was a most useful exercise because the Village has lovely old English boxwood which suffered damage from last winter's snow storm and has had inadequate care in the past.

2. The Parks Committee requests a small separate budget of \$10,000 within the Village General Funds Budget category of Parks, Trees & Greenspace of \$335,800 for FY2011.

The projected budget for Parks, Trees & Greenspace FY2011 is the same amount as 2010 which was allocated as follows: \$289,000 for The Tree Program; with the remaining \$79,000 allocated to the Grounds Maintenance Contract, fence repairs, grass seed, irrigation and pest control contracts, and emergency phone and security camera contracts in the Buffer, utility payments for the water and electricity in the Buffer, and other small items.

Details of the \$10,000 request have not been worked out and will be presented to the Board in future. In general the funds would be used for:

\$5,000 Benches

\$1,000 - \$2,000 Professional Landscape Consultation

\$3,000 - \$4,000 Plantings and other amenities in the Parks

Benches: The Parks Survey which Susan Kilborn and Judy Elliott conducted last summer indicated that residents want more benches. They now cost almost \$1,000 each.

Professional Landscape Consultation: Because at this time the Village can not afford the landscape services of ED&W and other professional landscape architects that we have used in the past, we need professional consultation which is not expensive if drawings are not required.

Plantings: Replacing the bushes on the east side of the steps at the entrance to the Village Hall where the Daphnes died and other plantings in this area could eat up the whole amount for Plantings. Therefore the Parks Committee will request funds in the future for additional plant purchases as required.

3. Members of The Parks Committee and the Conservation Committee of the Garden Club of Chevy Chase have been working in the Rain Garden. Public Works has been of great assistance in moving plants, removing dead ones, and providing mulch. In fact, Public Works has been of great general assistance in all the Parks.

4. Susan Kilborn and Judy Elliott have consented to be co-chairs of the Parks Committee during the summer while I am out of town.