

Middlebury Park and Recreation Department

Volunteer Projects

2010

A. Krider Garden

1. Design, plant and maintain a rose garden in an existing planting area. The goal is to find some Krider Nursery variety roses and especially the thorn less “Festival” rose.
2. Develop, write and publish a history of Krider Garden written including pictures. **In progress by Friends of Parks organization**
3. Adopt a garden within Krider Garden. Please contact the Park and Recreation Manager for details.
4. The swings in the arbor and the pergola need repainted. These could be independent projects or two work sessions where the preparation was done in one session and the painting done in another.
5. As part of the 75th anniversary of Krider Garden.
 - Develop a brochure that includes a map of the park with descriptions of structures, gardens and things to see and do.
6. The Friends of the Middlebury Parks will sponsor community work days on May 1st and September 11th, (9 AM to noon) to do cleaning, raking and general maintenance. We welcome any volunteers in addition to the Friends members. Dates to be announced.

B. Greenway

1. Improve the gravel path to the fishing pier by adding more gravel, repairing areas eroded, raking smooth to make ready for spring 2010.
2. Plant ground cover around the large tree next to the trail to improve the appearance of the area.
3. Clean debris in the river that has collected next to the pilings under the trestle bridge
4. Maintain the area east of the pavilion by cutting brush and weeds throughout the season. Long term plan to implement mass plantings of perennial grasses, flowers and shrubs. Create a path outlined in large rock through the entire planting area.

5. Maintain the approaches to the trestle bridge throughout the growing season.
 - Cut out/spray thistles
 - Keep vegetation trimmed back
6. The Blue Bird Trail – along Railroad street section of Greenway and in Pine Tree area north of Bristol Street
 - Clean out bird houses in early spring and maintain throughout the year and provide any necessary repair.
7. Bird Garden – Clean debris in the spring, plant additional shrubs and perennials and maintain throughout the season.
8. The wooden benches along the Greenway would benefit from a cleaning and applying a wood preservative.
9. Assist in planting additional new and appropriate perennials in the Bird Garden.
10. Assist with the educational program “Build your own Rain Garden” on June 5th at the pavilion.

C. East Park

1. Tear out concrete and gravel next to the Century 21 realty office building, replace with ground cover, stepping stones and a rock formed bench.
2. Plant 2 – 4 mature trees on south side of playground to offer shade areas.

D. Troyer Park

1. Pour a concrete pad for the picnic table and bike rack.

E. Riverbend Park

1. Maintain and develop trails
 - Clear trails of fallen trees and branches
 - Spread mulch on upland trails
 - Add gravel/fill on lowland trails where necessary
2. Pick up trash throughout the park.
3. Conduct a bio assay throughout the park to help prepare the Park Dept’ to apply for future grants.
4. Assist in developing a vegetative swale from the pond to the river.
5. Assist in planting areas along the riverbank and pond with native plants to stabilize the banks

6. Assist with constructing a new trail and raised boardwalk from Riverbend Park to the Villas of Riverbend Park.
7. Assist with the River Fest Day on June 26, 2010 (9AM to 2PM). This is a family fun day that includes learning activities.
8. The basketball courts need court line repainted and the baskets need new heavy duty nets.
9. Lead groups in the annual Christmas Bird Count – January 2, 2011.
10. Participate in a community work day on April 24th (9AM to 11AM) to remove Garlic Mustard an invasive plant species from the park This will be part of our Earth Day celebration..
11. Participate in the community work day on September 25th (9AM to 11AM) to remove invasive shrubs from the park
12. Participate in a community work day on October 23rd (9AM to 11AM) to remove invasive shrubs from the park.
13. Assist in a work day to construct a second sand volleyball court.
14. Assist in developing a “Blue Way” from Riverbend to the trestle bridge on the Greenway. This will make the river navigable for canoes and kayaks. **Mark Salee will lead this project.**
15. Build steps next to the river platform leading to the river
16. In the coming months we will develop a comprehensive strategic plan for long term development of Riverbend Park. This will include applying for financial assistance through grants from various sources. Additional team members on this project would be appreciated. **In progress by special work group.**

F. Memorial Park

1. Assist in landscaping around the Band Shelter.
2. Paint the Band Shelter
3. Assist the Friends of Middlebury Parks in painting the gazebo after the repairs are completed in the spring of 2010.

G. Park Office and Shop

- We have begun constructing a storage /meeting room above the office. A Community Service worker has the room enclosed and dry walled the room. We now need to improve the ceiling, paint walls and install flooring. **Tom Kauffman to provide plan to proceed**
- We would appreciate a donation or a gift for 10-12 chairs for this room.
- We plan to develop a native prairie in the open area in front of the shop and behind the recycling bins. Assist with the planning, preparation and planting of the prairie .Dates to be announced

H. Writing and Photography Projects

1. Further develop and maintain the Park pages of the Town's web site
2. Develop a photo record of the 2010 Quilt Garden - from planting the garden, to a blooming garden. Also document some selected events in the Quilt garden area.
3. Assist with the communications regarding the 75th year anniversary of Krider Garden throughout 2010.

I. General Projects

1. Refurbish trash receptacles and picnic tables that have been damaged.
In progress by Tom and Wilma
2. Build/purchase/erect appropriate bird/nest houses in some parks.
3. Design. Construct and install Memorial Tree in the Town Hall. This is to place plaques recognizing people/organizations that make donations to the park Department.**2010 Eagle Scout Tom Novak project.**
4. After the Pumpkinvine Trail is completed behind the Dairy Queen, assist in constructing a bridge across the Mather ditch to provide access from the Town Hall parking lot to the Pumpkinvine Trail.

***Projects with volunteers committed or projects completed are noted as such in bold type**

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