



Conservancy Field Notes: June 2020

Updates from Resident Board of Trustees

The mission of the Conservancy is “viable, long-term use of the land, integrating farming, recreation, conservation and education to enhance the quality of life for the residents of Willowsford...”

Willowsford Neighbors,

Happy summer! After a very trying spring, a new season is upon us. As we work to serve as your Conservancy resident board members, we welcome this new season, too, and all that it offers here in our community. Of course, this is a summer like no other with very few summer camps, more teleworking – some of us while juggling parenting - and perhaps no summer getaways.

As this summer season begins, please continue to take advantage of the natural surroundings here in Willowsford, especially our trails (watch for ticks, though!), campgrounds and outdoor event sites. Our trails and open space offer great settings for outdoor exercise and recreation, connection with nature, tranquility and peace of mind. Conservancy staff are working to assure the trails and amenities are cleared, safe and ready for resident use. If you haven't already, visit our website [HERE](#) for the codes to download the trail app onto your phone. The app provides both maps and interpretation/information for family time outdoors. You can also reserve an outdoor venue on our website [HERE](#).

We held a board of trustees meeting last week. Below are highlights from that meeting. Other items, like deer management, were addressed in-depth in last week's Conservancy email.



LET'S TALK TRASH

Conservancy staff reported work orders have increased this spring, mostly due to trees. However, there are increasing reports of builder-, guest- and resident-generated debris in our open spaces, and the land stewardship team is spending more time picking up trash in open space. Please, leave no trace on our trails, in open space and in other Willowsford areas. Pack out what you pack in, even if it's "just" a wrapper or water bottle. Remember to also secure yard items and trash cans at home. On windy days, trash and yard items can easily blow into open space. Encourage family and neighbors to volunteer, turning a trail stroll into a brief nature cleanup walk. If there are significant amounts of trash that need to be removed from Conservancy land, please contact info@willowsfordconservancy.org.



MORE WAYS TO CONNECT ON FACEBOOK

As you may have read in the Conservancy's weekly email, there's now a Facebook Page for the Conservancy (in addition to the Farm, the Developer/Builder and the many private groups). We invite you to join the conversation and follow update [HERE!](#)

Also, there's a new private group for native plant lovers in Willowsford thanks, in part, to Claudette's leadership. Click [HERE](#) to request to join the private group.



RESIDENT COMMENT PERIOD AT BOARD MEETINGS

Following the model of the HOA board, the Conservancy board adopted guidelines for resident comment and agenda items for future meetings beginning with the Sept. 15 meeting:

- Residents may request to speak at the beginning of a board meeting. Speaking time is limited to three minutes per person and residents are asked to submit a copy of the written notes to the board. Speaking requests must be submitted at least 48 hours before the scheduled meeting time.
- If future meetings require the use of Zoom, then written questions submitted during Zoom calls will be answered after the meeting by board members or staff as appropriate.
- Residents are encouraged to reach out to the Conservancy resident board members with comments, questions and agenda items, or to submit the information to info@willowsfordconservancy.org. Proposed agenda items must be submitted at least two weeks in advance of the meeting date for board consideration.

We hope these guidelines help provide everyone with a chance to speak at a meeting, so the board can address issues on your mind. Just be sure to research or ask Conservancy or HOA staff if the issue you want to address is Conservancy or HOA related.



FARM SHARES

As you may know, the farm sold out of community-supported agriculture shares for the first time this year even after another 50 shares were added! Huge shout out to Ashley and Collin on their great work. Many of you are enjoying zucchini, garlic scapes, herbs, with tomatoes, peppers, with more to come this season. The farm stand in The Grange will remain closed for the remainder of the season, but you can still purchase items online [HERE](#) as each week's harvest provides.

Regards,

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