## Woodcrest Villa Flower Factory, Nature Trail & Arboretum

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February 2021 Newsletter

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#### This Newsletter Is Dedicated To Those That Made Donations And Volunteered In 2020

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# **Arboretum Dedication** May 1, 2021

A Dedication Ceremony will be held May 1, 2021, to dedicate the Arboretum and Honor/Memory trees. We will announce details. We hope that those with trees & those involved in the arboretum will attend. We planted 2 trees in November of 2019, 2 trees in October of 2020, 3 trees in November of 2020, and will plant more trees in April of 2021.

Those wishing to make a donation for the Arboretum and Nature Trail may mail a check to:

> Dennis Good, Woodcrest Villa Trail Board 216 Vinca Place, Lancaster, PA 17601

### Thanks for the donations & volunteers

Thanks to the many residents, families, & staff who contributed to the projects carried out in 2020. These projects included the planting of 5 honor/memorial trees; improving the trail including planting grass & spreading wood chips; extending the nature trail to Pheasant Pointe; removing invasive plants & debris in the arboretum; raising flowers to make into arrangements to sell to raise funds for the MHC Benevolent Care Fund; installing tree identification signs; purchasing Lew's equipment storage shed; creating Meadowlark Victory-Over-COVID Garden; planting 200 flowering shrubs & small trees & 100 Daffodil bulbs; Lew & Gloria's plaque dedicating the trail; & other supplies as needed. Thanks to those that donated for the purchase of plants & materials. Thanks to Woodcrest for always being there to help when needed & providing encouragement. Special thanks to those that volunteer to maintain the trail; clear brush in the arboretum; plant trees, shrubs & bulbs; make sure the honor/memorial trees get watered when necessary; and raise flowers & arrange them.

## **Huge Thank You to Arboretum** & Nature Trail Volunteers



Besides maintaining the Nature Trail, the following volunteers have planted 200 flowering shrubs and trees and 100 daffodils in the Arboretum and along the Nature Trail.

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## Woodcrest Nature Trail To **Receive Tree Grant**

We are happy to report that the Chesapeake Bay Foundation has offered the Woodcrest Villa Nature Trail Committee free seedlings and other young plants for the Woodcrest Villa Nature Trail through their Keystone 10 Million Tree Project. We have selected 200 plants which will be provided to us in March to plant along the Nature Trail and in the forest nearby. They will be used to add interest to the trail and also replace invasive plants that have been removed. They are all native plants and include:

Arrowwood Viburnum Viburnum dentatum Blackhaw Viburnum Eastern Red Cedar Eastern Redbud Flowering Dogwood Grey Dogwood Pawpaw Persimmon Raspberry River Birch Serviceberry Silky Dogwood Silky "Pussy" Willow Spicebush

Viburnum prunifolium Juniperus virginiana Cercis canadensis Cornus florida Cornus racemosa Asimina triloba Diospyros virginiana Rubus idaeus Betula nigra Amelanchier laevis Cornus amomum Salix discolor Lindera benzoin

We have chosen plants that are considered deer resistant and tolerant of black walnut. Some are good for preventing erosion such as along Swarr Run.

Residents have already volunteered to help us plant them in late March or early April.

They should all be in place before the dedication of the Woodcrest Villa Arboretum on May 1st. Then, we expect some of the 7 Honor and Memorial Trees to be in bloom. We also hope that daffodils that were planted on the eastern edge near the woods will be in bloom. It could be a spectacular show that will only get better in future years.

Your Woodcrest Villa Nature Trail Committee.