

Woodcrest Villa Nature Trail & Arboretum

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Woodcrest Villa Arboretum is Dedicated To Those Recognized with Trees

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Thanks to donors & volunteers

Thanks to the many residents, families, & staff who contributed to the projects carried out in 2023. These projects included installing the Dr. Samuel A. Rice Arboretum Bridge and planting the Lew Kauffman Black Gum Tree. improving the trail including removing invasive plants & spreading wood chips; repairing storm damage on

trail; mowing the edges of the arboretum to keep down invasive plants; purchasing mulch for the trail; & other supplies as needed. Thanks to Woodcrest for always being there to help when needed & providing encouragement. Special thanks volunteers who maintain the trail; clear brush in the arboretum; and make sure the honor & memorial trees get watered when necessary.

Thanks to Arboretum & Nature Trail Volunteers & Committee Members

Dean Baker	Ken Kreider
Emy Belser	John Lebo
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Members of the Nature Trail & Arboretum Committee at the Woodcrest Activities Fair from left: Jim McCoy, John Carpenter, John Lebo, Emy Belser, Charley Graybill, and Bruce Metzler.

Thanks for Donations

Thanks to those who donated for the Trail Crew to buy supplies for the Nature Trail & Arboretum such as saw blades for trimming, mulch for the trail, and service for the tractor.

Make donations out to:

Mennonite Home Communities

with the note:

WCV Nature Trail & Arboretum

Send all donations to:

David Suh, Treasurer
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Woodcrest's Landscape Crew Gets Sustainable Landscape Training Grant

Lancaster Clean Water Partners provided a grant to Woodcrest Villa for Sustainable Landscape Training for Woodcrest's landscape crew.

Sustainable landscaping, also known as eco-friendly or green landscaping, involves designing and maintaining the campus in ways that provide natural beauty while sustaining songbird populations and a healthy environment. This includes using more native plants that tolerate wet spells and have deep roots that don't mind dry spells. More use of groundcover plants reduces the expense and labor of replenishing an inert mulch every year and minimizing the use of chemical pesticides and fertilizers. Sustainable landscaping aims to create an aesthetically pleasing and functional campus while also promoting biodiversity and environmental health.



Linda Ferich (right) from Lancaster Conservancy & Community Wildlife Habitat explains the difference between native and Asian Beauty Berry. Unfortunately, the Asian varieties do not provide adequate nutrition to our native songbirds.



Upper photo: Elyse Jurgen (left) from Waxwing Ecoworks provides classroom training to the Woodcrest landscape crew as part of a 5-day training in Eco-friendly landscape practices.

Lower photo: Elyse Jurgen conducts the outdoor portion of the training where the crew learns how to apply the training to areas on the Woodcrest Villa campus.

