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Spring 2014

Dear Neighbor,

Hopefully you're enjoying this well-deserved spring weather! Our Park is greening up and looking beautiful, we're so lucky to have this 35 acre treasure of fields, wooded paths, and a pond right in our neighborhood.

The Friends of Menotomy Rocks Park has been tasked with maintaining the health and beauty of this wonderful resource. There are several major projects we plan to undertake and fund this year, the main ones being:

~ **Replacing the non-functioning electrical line.** Electricity is needed to run the pond aerator pump, skating lights, and irrigation system. We are working with the Town to have a new line installed, and have offered to help financially underwrite this project.

~ **Tree Maintenance.** As we have in the past, we will be hiring local company Arbor Care to prune trees for safety and tree health.

~ **Pond Maintenance.** Aquatic Control Technology has maintained the health of Hills Pond over the years, and we will again be employing them to treat the water as necessary. They will also install the aerator pump once the electricity has been restored.

There are other stewardship projects we will also be spearheading and/or funding:

~ Working with the Town to ensure the catchment basin is on a regular cleaning schedule

~ Working with the Town to repair the pathway erosion

~ Working with the Town to grade the swampy strip of land to the left of the Jason Street path

~ Having the pond water tested

~ Attempting to control the poison ivy

~ Organizing ongoing invasive plant removal work sessions

~ Fixing the soil erosion harming the Jason Street gate

The Friends are pleased to be offering sponsorships to the following events that contribute to the overall enjoyment of our Park:

~ *Art Rocks Menotomy*; a temporary sculpture exhibition featuring installations by local artists, on view from May 4 through May 26, 2014. Thanks to Adria Arch for this fantastic program!

~ *Tai Chi*; free classes at the Park Saturday mornings, May 3 – June 21

~ *Shakespeare in the Park*; on July 15 at 5PM. The New Rep summer troupe will perform “A Midsummer Night’s Dream”

~ *Spooky Walk*, an Arlington tradition, will be happening again this October.

The Friends count on contributions from our friends and neighbors to fund these projects, and as outlined in this letter, there are substantial but necessary undertakings planned for this year. We hope you can assist our efforts with a donation; please use the enclosed reply card, or you can donate using PayPal on our website: [FriendsOfMenotomy.org](http://FriendsOfMenotomy.org).

The Friends are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, and your donation is fully tax-deductible.

We welcome your donations, your suggestions, and your volunteerism. Please join us in maintaining the wonderful resource that is Menotomy Rocks Park.

**Also, please join us for our annual meeting, which will be held at the Jason Street gate on Saturday May 31 at 4PM.** We will review our year and discuss upcoming projects, and we welcome your input!

Thanks,

Judy Weinberg

*Judy Weinberg*

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