

Dear Council Members

Brookside Gardens is a vibrant part of Montgomery County that attracts visitors from all over the world to enjoy the plantings, the open space, the walking trails, the places of quiet reflection, the places to sit and rest. During co vid it has been a literal life saver for those almost imprisoned in their homes as a safe and beautiful outdoor space. On my visit there last week, Feb. 3, my friend and I watched a couple being married under the glistening crystals. Everytime I visit Brookside I am struck by the groups of families of all ethnicities and races enjoying its beauty and spaciousness.

We know that mental health is a huge issues these days and Brookside offers a place to find beauty, solace, comfort, companionship. It is one of the greatest resources in our county. Please continue its support.

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